

PARISH NEWS

FROM FATHER'S DESK

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

New Patriarch

Glory be to God and thanks be to our bishops, we have a new Patriarch. His name is Irinei - Many, many years to him. His biography and picture included in the bulletin.

Hear ye, Hear ye – God parents/ Kumovi

This is a reminder to all the Godparents to check on their Godchildren: Are they going to Church, taking confession/comunion, are they living a Christian life... Please make sure you do this at least once a year - it is your responsability.

IS THERE ANYONE OUT THERE?

Is there anyone ... who can pay off our debt of \$625,000. or a good part of it? I know this is a silly question and probably no one will answer... but it doesn't hurt to ask.

Call me: 317-374-3414. I cannot promise you a special place in Heaven but I can promise that it will bring a great great relief to the whole community.

ALL SHOULD KNOW

The reason we have moved the Divine Liturgy to be the day before the Feasts of Synaxis of the Three Holy Hierarchs and Meeting of our Lord, is because the Wednesday and Friday the week before Great Lent as well as during Great Lent (except for Saturdays and Sundays as well as Annunciation) Divine Liturgy is not served. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy is not considered Liturgy but rather Vespers with the distribution of Communion.

House Blessing Schedule:

Tentative Schedule for BLESSING HOMES

--Between the 7th & 14th of February, blessing homes on the North, West, and Southwest of Indianapolis, as well as, Speedway, Camby, Mooresville, Greenwood, & Martinsville.

--Between the 21st & 28th of February, blessing homes on the South, East, and Northeast of Indianapolis; as well as, New Palestine & Greenfield.

--Between the 1st & 7th of March, blessing homes in Zionsville, Carmel, Westfield, Noblesville, Fishers, & McCordsville.

*** Brownsburg, Pittsboro, Clermont, Danville, Avon, Plainfield & Roachdale blessing homes during bad weather and/or another convenient time since they are close to my home.

*** Out of town homes, blessing on weekends, I'll call you a week in advance: Lafayette, Bloomington, Anderson, Muncie, Marion, Shelbyville, Pendleton, Terre Haute, Kokomo, Seymour, & Louisville, KY.

***If I didn't call you for a house blessing, forgive me, call me and I'll be glad to come at your convenience.

Guidelines to observe when the Priest comes to bless your home:

-A candle, an icon (or cross) and a bowl of water should all be placed on the table facing east.

-All, radios, TVs, stereos, etc., should be turned off.

All who are present in the house should come together at the table.

-Those who wish to join in responding to the service are encouraged to do so.

-The first names of the members of the household should be clearly printed on a piece of paper.

-The doors of all rooms should be opened.

-Pets should be restrained.

*** **Sunday of Orthodoxy** Liturgy will be celebrated at the Greek Church at 9:30 a.m. Bring an ICON with you, to hold during service.

*** **Please Note:** First and last week of Great Lent you can only reach me by paging me at 304-1974 If it's urgent.

PAN ORTHODOX LENTEN VESPERS

- February 28th

Holy Transfiguration –Crawfordsville - Fr. Joseph Gibson

-March 7th

Joy of All Who Sorrow

Fr. David Moretti

-March 14th

OUR Saint Nicholas Church

Fr. Anastasios Gounaris

-March 21st

St. John the Forerunner

Fr. Dragan Petrovic

FOLKLORE – Are you Interested?

We may be starting a Folklore group at our Church. If you are interested call the Church office and let us know. The idea is to get together once or twice a month, 3-5 months each year, learn (for those who are beginners) dancing as well as have fun (for those who already know the dances). Call us if you are interested, 471-8006 or email stnicholaschurchindy@comcast.net

ST. SAVA CELEBRATION

Glory be to God! We had 50 + children participating in this years St. Sava program and around 65 children present. The church was packed. We would like to thank the Kumovi Mirko, Marija, Nina & Dara Milivojac for a wonderful lunch and congratulate next years Kumovi Deacon Marko and Biljana Bojovic.

RECYCLE OLD CANDLES

Please bring in your old (non-scented) candles to church to be recycled into Church candles which are used for prayer.

2010 TRIP TO SERBIA (8/10 people already interested)

If you are interested in going to Serbia this summer Call Fr. Dragan: 317-374-3414.

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BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check. When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. *James 3:1-10*

SAYING OF THE MONTH

Today (birth of Christ) the Most Rich One became poor for our sake; let the rich man invite the poor to his table!

REF: Saint Kosmas Aitolos +1779

CHOIR NEWS

God willing, we'll be participating in the Sunday of Orthodoxy Liturgy at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. The Liturgy begins at 9:30 a.m.

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for the health of: Rada (Stanisic), Zana, Sabo, Mary (Mandich), Lee, Hugh (Grant), Zoya, Natasa, Tomislav, Jason, Paul & Tina (Stoyanovich), Kathryn (Ralic), Ronny, Borivoje, Sandy Hardy Brown, Jenny Newman.

***If you would like to add or delete a name on the list, please call the Church Office.

MEMORY ETERNAL

+Smilja - daughter of Fr. Dennis Pavicevich passed on to the Lord on January 9th of this year. Few years ago she was part of our Parish.

May God establish her soul where the saints repose and give her family strength to endure this temporary separation.

SHUT- INS: Phone call could be enough

We hear from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, when ever we visit/help/support one of our brethren we have done it to Him. Therefore let us not forget our shut-ins – they need us more than we know:

Paul Stoyanovich

Tina Stoyanovich

Boja Loncarevic

Mara Ogrizovic

To add/delete names or for more information on the shut-ins please call the Church office.

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

☺= under 80

☺= over 80

☺= 80

☺☺= over 110

1-3-10: 78

1-17-10: 103

1-6-10: 360 Christmas Eve

1-24-10: 180 St. Sava

1-7-10: 90+ Christmas

1-10-10: 87

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Altar Server list is being reorganized. Call the Parish Priest if you would like your son to be a helper. The child should be 1st grade and older. During this time feel free to bring your child into the Altar to Serve. In your Stewardship Pledge Card there is a category for Altar Servers, we will use that to compile a list. Thank you for your help.

FOLLOW THE DAILY NEWS OF YOUR CHURCH FROM HOME

Our Parish Office Administrator (Terri Fields) will be posting daily news of our Church on our website. She is in on Tues. – Weds. - & Thurs. Follow St. Nicholas happenings daily.

Our Web site address is:

www.st-nicholas-indy.org

THANK YOU:

- Milovac family, Anna Selivanova for Coffee hours in Jan.
- All those we did not mention.

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL:

*Every thing is good, looking forward to the Annual Meeting. Lots of work was done this past year, thanks be to God and good people.

*** For a copy of the minutes from the PC mtg., please call the church office and we will send it to you.

ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The meeting will be held in our Church Fellowship hall on February 14th, 2010 – Forgiveness Sunday. Lunch will be served.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

All Stewards in good standing are being asked to please attend the Annual Meeting, which will be held on Sunday February 14, 2010 following Divine Liturgy.

Who is a Steward in good standing?

- A person who is a practicing Orthodox Christian (comes to Church regularly and partakes of the Sacraments of the Church).
- A person who supports their church through Treasure, Time &/or Talent.

PARISH NEWS

Parish Council Members for 2010/11

The hope is that all of the Parish Council Members will remain on the Council. In any case, we are always looking for more help. For your information, Parish Council Members are responsible for social and financial issues of our Church as well as maintaining the Church property. If you have been a Steward, in good standing of our church for at least one year and are interested in being a part of this wonderful group of volunteers for the coming year, please call the Church office 471-8006 or one of the Nominating Committee members, **Mane Bubalo, Judy Gajic or Angie Devitt**. The Parish Council each year is confirmed at the Annual Meeting and approved by our bishop. Your talents will be welcomed, appreciated and your works will be blessed. Thank you for your consideration.

50K BOXES

Did you bring your box in?

Thanks to all those who have already done this:

Sveto & Millie Arsich	Predrag Rankovich
Ken & Dorothy Schmok	Djukanovic Family
Tom & Dijana McGuire	Dorothy & Virgil Cross
Milo & Sofia Cvetkovich	Janet Nichols
Kovalenko Family	Jim & Terri Fields
Stan & Carol Cvetkovich	Ed & Dragica Kerr
Rick & Kim Suder	George & Betty Seat
Mark & Joyce Morgan	Eric Michael & Family
Diana Szelei	Fr. Dragan & Vesna
Doug & Jackie Balfour	Babic Nick & Cheryl
Ivancevich, Bob & Susan	Milovac Mile & Kathy
Dylan & Alison Jensen	Bresich Family
Karen Hilty & Dorothy Havrilak	Mary Stanjevic
Anica Stanjevic Foreman	Edwards Family
George & Stacy Stanjevic	Elizabeth Mace
Mirko & Marija Milivojac	Dn. Marko & Biljana
Milovan Djurovic	Grahovac Family
Jankovic Petar & Ivana	Stella Keys
Helen Marich	Dusan Marinkovic
Bogdan & Dorothy Milivojac	Mike & Kara Mozina
Milan & Donna Milivojevic	Rod. Radovanovic
Rados & Kristina Tanaskovic	Augustina Voss
Jordan & Ann Vukas	

P.S. If you are writing a check, in the memo space please note 50K box donation.

Also, if you can, please write a check instead of bringing in cash. It would help us greatly. Thank you

102 STEWARDS THUS FAR

Fill out your stewardship/pledge cards and bring/send them to Church ASAP. Also, don't forget to pick up your STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES – Church Office.

Additional Names:

Dragoja & Dragica Tomic
Anna Selivanova
Vera & Chuck Schuster
David & Branka Rayman-Rajkovic

PLEASE

Please call or write to us how we can improve on any of the stewardship material we have sent to you. This is new to all of us. Thanks

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS

February 7th is the beginning of the 2nd semester of Church School. Parents bring your children PLEASE.

*** We would like to welcome our new teacher, Augustina Voss. She will be teaching the older class, along with Betty Seat.

*** The murals in the Church school rooms are looking wonderful. Come up and see them.

YOUTH GROUP – SPECIAL MEETINGS

We're continuing with the bible study for youths the first Sunday of each month.

In addition to this **Fr. Dragan has been meeting with the Youth twice a month** just to chat and there's a lot to chat about at this age. Look at the Church Monthly Calendar for dates or call Fr. Dragan. Ages 12 – 18.

FISH FRY DINNERS BEGIN FEBRUARY 26TH

Help, Donate, Come and Bring your friends to the Famous Fish Fry – You wont regret it.

Our Family Pavilion

... is done. Thanks to all!!!

Additional donations towards the Pavilion:

- Susie and Paul Cekamis-Schoon

KOLO NEWS

Annual Meeting – March 7th.

Election of new officers.

* We now have hot water for tea during coffee hour, if you would like to donate your favorite kind of tea it would be appreciated. Thank you.

I HAVE – DO YOU NEED?

This space will be used to connect people that have things they would like to give away, with the people that need those same things. If you have items that you would like to give away for NO CHARGE or things which you need, please call the church office.

I'm GIVING AWAY:

- Allegro Zenitas VHS Hi/Fi Player (Call: 374-3414)

I NEED:

- Whistling Tea Pot (Call: 374-3414)

- Car, any car in good working condition (Call: 490-5379)