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FROM FATHER'S DESK

GREAT LENT BEGINS – 18TH OF MARCH

My dear brothers and sisters, Great Lent is approaching and this means a great change for us, both spiritually and physically. The Week before the beginning of lent is Cheesefare week preparing us physically, then the Forgiveness Sunday preparing us spiritually. These special times prepare us for the first week of Strict Fast that completely overcomes us and launches us of in to the world of spiritual, physical and psychological cleansing and uplifting. All this to help us completely be involved in the suffering and Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. What a wonderful faith we have. Glory and thanks to God. It is an obligation of every Baptized, Orthodox Christian to partake of the two most important sacraments of Holy Confession and Holy Communion during this special time of the year. For more information on any of the above mentioned please call me.

If you have never held fast before this is the good time to start. Begin by not eating meat and dairy/agg products till Pascha (Easter). At the same time enhance your prayers and decrease your daily sin. Then, and only then, will you be able to understand the suffering of our Lord and truly celebrate His Resurrection. May God bless you on your journey.

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY 2002

Every year the Orthodox People from all the Orthodox Churches in Central Indiana gather for the Celebration of the Sunday of Orthodoxy. We gather in prayer and stand united. This year celebration will be at The Romanian Orthodox Church in Indianapolis on 16th St. at 5:00 p.m. Please come and be part of this gathering of your brethren of the same faith. I look forward to having you join me during this celebration.

BLESSING OF HOMES

Please expect my call. I will be blessing homes till the end of April of the year 2002.

FYI

Almost two years ago a whole community of Protestant Christians from Indianapolis, with their Church and Pastors became part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. This is the church located on 16th Street and Delaware. On February 13th, 2002 another Community of Protestant Christians from Indianapolis, with their church and pastors were accepted as Catechumens and we are looking forward to having them be part of the Orthodox Church in the near future. This Church is located on Blaine St.. Please acknowledge them as such and pray for them.

NOTE: Kumovi for St. Sava Day for 2003 will be Mirko, Maria & Nina Milivojac.

NOTE: Beginning with the month of March our monthly bulletin will be only in English. The reason for this is because we have started a monthly bulletin in Serbian. This bulletin will be for these brothers and sisters who don't know how to speak English, as well as, for all those who like reading articles in Serbian. If you are one of them, and you have not received one, please give me a call.

THANK YOU to Jordanovich Family for donating a wooden display table to the church in memory of Milorad Petric.

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

☺= Under 80	☺=over 80		
☺=80	☺☺= over 110		
2/03/02	105	souls	☺
2/10/02	101	souls	☺
2/17/02	98	souls	☺
2/24/02	80	souls	☺

MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Membership Meeting was held on February 10,2002. All reports were presented and overall the year was a great success in the religious and secular aspects. The Building committee presented preliminary site plan and drawing for our new property. A budget should be established in the upcoming months. The newly elected Parish Council is as follows:

President	Rick Suder
1 st Vice Pres	Mark Babic
2 nd Vice Pres	Mirko Milivojac
Treasurer	Vera T. Schuster
Financial Sec.	Dorothy Cross
Asst. Fin.Sec	Belinda Sharkey
Secretary	Kathryn Ralich
Secretary	Jason Pasalich
Head Tutor	Milo Cvetkovich
Sunday School Pres	Betty Seat
Diocesan Rep	Steve Staletovich
Members at Large	Mike Rayman
	Bob Mandich
	Rudy Tanaskovich
	Greg Pasalich
	Bob Djordjevich
Auditing	Judy Gajic
	Maria Milivojac
	George Stanjevich

FROM FINACIAL SECRETARY

Membership Dues : Your church would appreciate if you could try to please pay your dues at the beginning of the year as it helps your church in many different ways. At the Annual Membership Meeting it was decided that we would offer a family

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membership for married couples for \$150. This **family membership** would entitle both members with a vote. Each couple should evaluate their position and contact either Dorothy Cross or Belinda Sharkey so they can note your intentions appropriately on our membership log.

Additionally, **annual donation statements** were sent out the week of 2/11. We apologize for the delay. If you did not receive yours or believe there is a mistake, please contact Steve/Katie Shaw or Dorothy Cross or Belinda Sharkey so that we may rectify the situation. We appreciated your continued patience and support.

CHOIR BOARD LISTING

President	Dara Todorovich
Vice President	Dorothy Cross
Treasurer	Judy Gajic
Secretary	Angie Devitt
Librarian	Sophia Fields
Auditing	Kara Mozina Belinda Sharkey Dorothy Milivojac

KOLO BOARD LISTING

President	Dorothy Milivojac
Vice President	Dorothy Cross
Treasurer	Stana Bennett
Financial Sec	Millie Arsich
Secretary	Maria Milivojac
Historian	Judy Gajic
Cheer	Kathryn Ralich
Auditing	Kara Mozina Belinda Sharkey Ann Foreman

SUNDAY SCHOOL MARCH ACTIVITY

March 9, the Sunday School will be hosting an event for the children.

Beginning at 9:00 am, 3/9/02, the children **up to age of 7** will meet at church and travel together to outing at the **Build-a-Bear Workshop**. The Sunday School will extend a \$10 certificate to each child.

Beginning at 11:00 am, 3/9/02, the **age group 8 and over** will meet at church and travel to an outing to **Ice-Skating Coliseum**.

Please bring your children so they can reconnect with their friends outside the classroom environment. For more information call Dawn Bresich at 773-9572.

We welcome Betty Seat to the position of Sunday School President. Her experience as a Certified Sunday School Teacher will be to the benefit of our curriculum. We look forward to her leadership and look forward to continued participation of our expanded Sunday School Staff. Teachers and helpers we appreciate your efforts in the religious education of our children

FISH FRY

Fish Fry Season is upon us. Please see the flyer for dates. We will be soliciting all members and parishioners for help during this fundraising project. We need help in the following areas, set up/clean up, kitchen – food prep; lenten baked goods, servers, refreshment tender, cash donations, & ticket sellers. Please see Dorothy Milivojac or a Parish Council Member to let us know when and how you can help.

PLEDGE COMMITTEE

The following represent those church family members who have committed to donate \$80-\$100 per month to defray the interest cost on our monthly land payment. Letters will be sent out to some of you requesting that you be a part of this effort. Should you have any questions or wish to participate, please contact Maria Milivojac 862-6692.

Fr. Dragan & Popadija Vesna Petrovic
Chuck & Vera Schuster
Mirko & Marija Milivojac
Rick & Kim Suder
Belinda Sharkey
Bogdan & Dorothy Milivojac
Milo & Sofia Cvetkovich
Bozidar & Angie Djordjevich
Steve Staletovich
Rudy & Kristina Tanaskovich
Edd & Dragica Kerr
Greg & Kimber Pasalich
Ann Foreman
George & Stacy Stanjevich
Todor & Maria Stanjevich
Bob & Heidi Mandich
George & Meritt Grknich
Dan, Carol & Violet Guenn

Anonymus out of town donor

BUILDING COMMITTEE

The building committee is looking for more members. Additionally, we would like to compile a list of parishioners and members who have a specific trade or special talent that we could call upon for advice or assistance. We want you to be a part of helping build our future home! Please contact Mirko Milivojac 862-6692.

NOTE: To join the fund raising comity call Bob Djordjevich- Chairman- 248-0934.

BULLETIN SPONSORS

As of printing we do not have a sponsor for the month of March. Should you wish to donate to upcoming bulletins, please see church secretary for your donations.