

PARISH NEWS

FROM FATHER'S DESK

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

Great Lent

When an Elder monk Tadej from Vitounica was asked what should a person do when under stress, his answer was simple "calm down". Great Lent does exactly that, it helps us calm down – that is if we choose to. Its always our choice. Again this year the church approaches us with the same question. Will you choose wisely and take on Great Lent in preparation for the suffering of our Lord as well as His Glorious Resurrection?

Please read the following:

We start our journey by asking forgiveness of each other the day before Lent begins (Forgiveness Sunday). From that point on it is all about fasting. What that means is we fast physically by at least not eating meat and dairy products and we fast spiritually by abstaining from sin and increasing our prayers and good deeds. That's all there is to it. For more information call me.

Lenten Vespers / Lecture at our Church –

When ? Sunday March 26th 5:00 PM. It is a Pan-Orthodox Event, but since it is at our Church it would be nice if we had as many of our folks as possible present – please come.

BLESSING OF HOMES

Blessing of homes has begun, 100 homes have been blessed thus far. Thank you for welcoming me into your homes. Please expect my call. **Special Note:** If your home has not been blessed and I've already gone through your area, please know I will be back.

Tentative Schedule for BLESSING HOMES

Mistake, sorry... I don't bless homes first and last week of Lent - -

In last month's bulletin it said: Between March 6th & March 11th I'm blessing homes in Danville, Avon, Plainfield & Roachdale.- This is the first week of Great Lent. In this area I will be blessing homes from March 13th to 19th. Thank you for understanding.

*** Brownsburg, Pittsboro & Clermont, I'm blessing homes during bad weather &/or another convenient time since they are close to my home.

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

*** Please make special arrangements to accept me into your home when I'm in the area & please make every effort NOT to reschedule unless you really have to. Thank you.

***Dear spiritual children and friends, when you pray please remember our bishop Longin and me (Fr. Dragan) in your daily prayers. Please know that we need it most.

RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES – MARCH 22ND

Come and find out why it is appropriate and traditional to have this retreat specifically on this day – 40 Martyrs Of Sebaste (Mladendi). The retreat is only 2 ½ hours in the evening and childcare is provided. Following is the plan: We will begin with the pre-sanctified Liturgy at 6:00 PM. At 7:00 PM we will have a life Lenten candle light dinner. Our quests of honor to be announced. From 7:30 PM to 8:00 PM Lecture on the following theme, "Married Life in the Past, Present and Future" and how it is associated with the 40 Martyrs of Sebaste. From

8:00 PM to 8:30 PM discussion – everyone involved. This is the first time we're doing this and I get the feeling – you don't want to miss it.

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for the health of:

Dorothy (Stankovich) Judy (Ivancevich), Tomislav, Natasa, Milutin, Diana & Corina Fischetti, Jason, Elena (Milovac), Hadad, Lazar (Prodic), Chester (Tasich), Paul & Tina (Stoyanovich), Kathryn (Ralic), Patty (Staletovich), Milan (Knezevic), and Angeline (Yefich), Jack (Mertz), Adam..

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

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

☉= under 80 ☉=over 80

☉=80 ☉☉= over 110

2-5-06 – 87 ☉ 2-12-06 – 107 ☉ 2-19-06 – 83 ☉

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY VESPERS

March 12, 2006 at 5:00 PM

St. George Orthodox Church - 4020 N. Sherman Dr. Indpls
(317) 547-9356

Homilist: Dr. George Bebawi

Professor of Church History and Patristics

The Combined Choir of Central Indiana under the direction of Max Murphy will lead responses.

A reception will follow the Vespers service

SUNDAY LENTEN VESPERS – 5:00 PM

Homily Theme Icon of Family Life

March 19th "Growing up in St. Basil the Great's Family"

Homily by Fr. Nabil Hanna, Pastor of St. George Orthodox Church

At Ss. Constantine & Elena Orthodox Church

3237 W. 16th St., Indianapolis (317) 638-4162

March 26th "Family Life: The Cross and Theosis"

Homily by Fr. Steven Bauman, Pastor of Joy of All Who Sorrow Orthodox Church

At Our Church – St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church

April 2nd "Contemporary Challenges to Marriage and Family Part 1"

Homily by Fr. Anthony Yazge, Pastor of St. George Orthodox Church, Terre Haute

At St. John the Forerunner Orthodox Church

1427 S. Blaine Ave, Indianapolis (317) 635-7596

April 9th "Contemporary Challenges to Marriage and Family Part II"

Homily by Mother Katherine, Abbess of St. Xenia Metochian

At St. Thomas Orthodox Church

914 W. Taylor, Kokomo (765) 457-5045

MEMORY ETERNAL TO:

+ Marija- Mother of Nada Popovic, passed away in the old country February 4, 2006. May God establish her soul where the saints repose and give the family strength to endure this temporary separation. VJECNAJA PAMJAT.

PARISH NEWS

CHOIR NEWS

Every year before Sunday of Orthodoxy Choir members of all Orthodox Churches come together & practice music, which they sing at the Pan-Orthodox Sunday of Orthodoxy service. Following is the rehearsal schedule for the last practice:

March 5 - -- 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM - St. John the Forerunner
1427 Blaine Ave.

KOLO NEWS – Lenten Cookbooks

Don't forget we have Lenten Cookbooks for sale at Church, over 200 recipes from our sisters, only \$8.00. Prepare for Lent.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

YOUTH (Ages 13-18)– Please call the church office (636-1404) if you are interested in participating. We are in the process of forming a Pan (All) Orthodox Youth Group of Central IN, which will meet once a month. The Youth directors of all Orthodox Churches in town have met twice already, working on getting our youth together on a regular basis.

CHILDRENS CHOIR

Did you know that we have a Children's Choir & if your child is in Sunday school they are part of it? They sang part of the Liturgy on Christmas, they did a great job & their practices continue. They practice the first few minutes of Sunday school, their director is Kara Mozina. Do you want your child to be able to respond to Liturgy?

TAMBURA GROUP -

If interested, please call the church office 636-1404.
The Tambura group meets in the Church office after Divine Liturgy.
The director is Dylan Jensen.

FOLKLORE GROUP

If you are interested in joining this fun group call the church office.
The Folklore group meets in the largest room in Sunday school after Divine Liturgy. The Choreographer is Nedeljko Djukanovic.

Note:

If a child belongs to our church & is under the age of 13 he/she should be an active part of Sunday school in order to be part of Tambura/Folklore group. Special dispensation may apply.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP

In the month of July at the monastery of New Gracanica in Illinois, Please plan for it.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

March 5: Djordje Mikic, Petar Hood, Matthew Toth
March 12: David Bresich, Nikola Rajovic, Stefan Arsich
March 19: Jordan England, Matthew Thomas, Nathaniel Thomas
March 26: Mark Mozina, Marko Adams, George Steiner
April 2: Alex Tanaskovich, Ben Staletovich, Alec Mandich
April 9: Milos Mikic, Steven Stankovich, Matthew Vukas
April 16: Garret Isch, Brian Isch, Riley Isch
April 23: Pascha – all Altar Servers Welcome
April 30: Sam Bennett, Connor Schmok, Christopher Toth

* Altar Servers please remember: when you come into the Altar bow down to the Altar table & cross yourself 3 times. Also, whenever you

hear the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit – rise & cross yourselves. Thank you.

***Next meeting: To be announced.**

*Any Altar server who cannot attend Church the day he is scheduled is to find a replacement and notify the church office at 636-1404.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Alina Cari Krasic, Born December 28th 2005 – Congratulations and God's Blessings to her parents, Peter and Vivian

BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Please send us your favorite Bible Verses.

SAYING OF THE MONTH

Abba James said, 'Just as a lamp lights up a dark room, so the fear of God, when it penetrates the heart of a man illuminates him, teaching him all the virtues and commandments of God.'

From "The sayings of the Desert Fathers

SPECIAL PRAYER

Please pray for a recently departed 14-year old girl, Carina and especially her parents, Diane & Mike, they need our prayers for strength peace and understanding during this difficult time.

WOULD YOU HELP BUILD OUR NEW HOME

If you would like to help with the building of our new home please call the church office and let us know what type of work you would be interested in doing. We have started a volunteer list. Please, call the church office and include your name on the list.

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

***** Swearing in of the Parish Council will be announced in church when we get the blessing (approval) from our bishop.**

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

BULLETIN SPONSOR- THANK YOU

Congratulations to Robert (Bobby) Foreman on his engagement to Abigail Burt. Both are currently students at Indiana University in Bloomington and will be graduating in 2007.

Bulletin sponsor is Anica Stanjevich Foreman and family in honor of Bobby and Abby's engagement.

Note: In order to sponsor a bulletin, we are asking for a donation of \$200.00 or what ever you can afford.

BUMPER STICKER OF THE MONTH

Among other things..."Let love guide your life."

PARISH NEWS

ORTHODOX YOUNG ADULTS

Orthodox young Adults of Indiana has been formed. The hope is to unite all Orthodox young adults (ages 18-30) in Indiana together for learning, spiritual growth and fellowship.

For more information you can also call Hanna at: 317-750-7951.

BURNING CANDLES IN OUR HOMES

We burn candles in our homes for many reasons. Sometimes we burn candles for their fragrant smells. We may burn candles when the power goes out or to set a romantic mood. Such candles are available in a variety of stores.

Orthodox Christians have religious reasons for burning candles in their homes. Candles are used in daily prayer, for Slava, in house blessings, special feast days, etc. They remind us of Christ as the ever-lasting light, Who helps us see in the darkened (by sin) world. It is preferable and beneficial to get the candles used for religious purposes from church. First of all, church candles are blessed. Secondly, a purchase of candles from church is an offering to Church rather than economic support of a retail business.

It is not necessary to discard candles you are currently using. When it comes time to replace them, please replace them with the blessed candles from church. Thank You.

Mistake in our February Bulletin

Please note there was an error in our February calendar. The week following the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee is always free from fast. Orthodox Christians do not fast on Wednesday or Friday that week to remind us that rules are important to follow, but if in the process we become arrogant Christians we can loose the Kingdom of heaven (as the Pharisee). Thus our church asks us to break the fasting rule once a year and therefore realize that only God is perfect and we shouldn't brag about our Christian way of living. Humility before God is as important as fasting.

FISH FRIES – TAKE A SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

Take a Sentimental Journey: 2006
Lenten Fish Fries at
St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church

Good News = We will have Lenten Fish Fries at our Church Hall on March 17, 24, 31 and April 7 and 14th.

Bad News = We will have Lenten Fish Fries at our Church Hall on March 17, 24, 31 and April 7 and 14th.

~~How can this be both good and bad news?~~

Good because it gives us an opportunity to meet for a Lenten meal in fellowship.

Bad because, God willing, these will be the last fish fries held at our church on West 16th Street.

Plan to take a sentimental journey by joining us. Bring your friends. Remember our “old” home while honoring our plans for our “new” home.