

PARISH NEWS

WOULD YOU HELP PAY OFF OUR NEW HOME?

If you have donated already, we thank you and ask that you continue – if you have not – please, please do – we really need it.

FROM FATHER'S DESK

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

Glory to God the new Parish Council has been elected and approved by our bishop and therefore has a blessing to continue the good works for the betterment of our Parish. We thank them for accepting such a responsibility and using their talents for the maintenance of our Church, thus we pray that God grants them strength to endure and great blessings on them and their families. Mnogaja Ljeta!

Blessing of Homes

Blessing of homes has begun, only 40 homes have been blessed thus far - mainly due to the snow storms. Thank you for welcoming me into your homes. Please expect my call & Please make every effort to go along with my schedule. **Special Note:** If your home has not been blessed and I've already been in your area, please know I will be back.

Tentative Schedule for BLESSING HOMES

-Between the 26th of February & 10 of March, I'm blessing homes in Zionsville, Carmel, Westfield, Noblesville, Fishers & McCordsville. Maybe in the Northwest & Southwest of town.

-Between the 12th & 17th of March, I'm blessing homes in Danville, Avon, Plainfield, & Roachdale.

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

***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.

SERVICES DURING GREAT LENT

Please note that we have light Lenten meals after most of the services (Saturday evening vespers not included). These are pitch-in meals. If you are able, please bring something little.

PASCHA FLOWER DONATIONS

We are accepting cash donations for Pascha. A basket will be placed at the front of the church near the altar. The money collected will be used to decorate the Tomb and church with flowers. If you wish to donate an Easter Lily or potted plant, please see Alison Jensen at church or e-mail her alisondamjanovich@hotmail.com. Thank you.

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 (Mladenci). The retreat is in the evening and childcare will be provided. Following is the plan: We will begin with the reading of the Canon of St. Andrew at 6:00 PM. Following, we will have a Lenten candle light dinner. Our guests of honor to be announced. We will conclude with a brief talk and discussion.

PAN-ORTHODOX LENTEN VESPERS – 5:00 PM

The Theme for this year: FORGIVENESS

March 4th

Homily by Fr. Jerome Sanderson

At Ss. Constantine & Elena Orthodox Church
3237 W. 16th St. Indianapolis, IN (317) 638-4162

March 11th

Homily by Fr. Stephen Rhudy

At Joy of all who Sorrow Orthodox Church
1516 N. Delaware Ave, Indianapolis, IN (317) 637-1897

March 18th

Homily by Fr. David Wey

At St. John the Forerunner Orthodox Church
1427 S. Blaine Ave., Indianapolis, IN (317) 635-7596

March 25th

Homily by Fr. Joseph Gibson

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church
4636 W. Fall Creek Rd., Crawfordsville, IN (765) 359-0632

PETER GUILQUEST AT OUR CHURCH – Seminar

On the 10th of March at 10:00 AM at our church, Learning the Faith Study Group is meeting. The Lecturer is the most respected evangelist to the evangelists V. Rev. Peter Gillquist. The Cost for the seminar is \$25. or what ever you can afford (Lunch Included). If you plan to come please call our Church.

OUR GIFT TO SEMINARY STUDENTS

Every year we offer gifts to our seminary students of St. Sava Seminary in Libertyville, IL. This comes from the donations given towards the Community Christmas Card project. This years amount was the most we have ever received, thus we were able to give most. Following is what we offered to each student: 1.) A projector for the school 2.) \$40.00 Gift cert. To an Orthodox Christian Bookstore. 3.) \$40.00 gift cert. To Kohls and \$100.00 to a most deserving student.

The following letter was included in each envelope:

Our Dearest Seminararian:

We truly love you and appreciate the commitment you are making to serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray for your successful completion of studies and future service to our Lord, and the Church, which He established.

We offer you these modest gifts, as we celebrate and venerate the enlightener of the Serbian people and servant of God, St. Sava. Please pray for us. Your brothers and sisters in Christ of St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church

If you could have only been there to see their joy.

Wish list of items useful to the church:

Larger (more expensive) Items:

1. Sound system for the church. Estimated cost \$2,700.00
2. Playground for the children. (partially donated)
3. Church Bells
4. Crosses for Exterior Church Building
5. Permanent Church Sign at front of property. (Donated)
6. Tables and chairs for fellowship hall

If you can help in this regard, please call the church office.

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NEW STUDY GROUPS

-- Women's Study Group established!

Contact person - Emily Iglendza, home: 844-6384

--Men's Study Group established!

Contact person Chris Karras, home: 575-1997

Grow Spiritually and learn more!

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Mar 4: Sam Bennett, Connor Schmok, Christopher Toth

Mar 11: Djordje Mikic, Petar Hood, Matthew Toth

March 18: Garret Isch, Brian Isch, Riley Isch

March 25: David Bresich, Nikola Rajovic, Stefan Arsich

April 1: Jordan England, Nicholas Jurich & Stevan Zoric

April 8 Pascha: All servers welcome

April 15: Alex Tanaskovich, Ben Staletovich, Alec Mandich,

**Any Altar server who cannot attend Church the day he is scheduled is to find a replacement and notify the church office at 471-8006.*

THANK YOU, FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT.

We want to send a BIG THANK YOU for all the kind words, prayers and generous donations given to our nephew Matt Davidson during a very stressful time. Your continued prayers are greatly appreciated. Thanks again, Perette and James Davidson and family.

GLORY BE TO GOD AND GOOD PEOPLE

On the day of the celebration of St. Sava we asked our people to contribute towards the building of the second floor to part of our fellowship hall. That day we had contributions made in the amount necessary to buy materials and realize the project. All of the labor has been donated by our good members being led by a master craftsman - truly - Stan (Stanoje) Cvetkovich. May God bless you and your families. May your names be written in Gods book of eternal memory. *It was an amazing scene - the old and the young working together with joy on their new home.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

ICON OF ST. NICHOLAS:

150 very special icons of St. Nicholas will be mounted on pieces of wood from our old Iconostas. A \$100 donation for each icon will go towards the needs of our Sunday school. Please see Alison Jensen or any of the teachers to order your icons.

****Lazarus Saturday (Parent/Children Day)

Activities both for children and parents. Come and enjoy the day. Children will learn about the Passion of Christ and His Glorious Resurrection; they will learn to sing the Troparion for Pascha and will do arts and crafts. Parents will listen in on the lectures and help out. The day will start with Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM on the 31st of March. The children will receive bells and go outside to bring the Vrbica into the church, which is blessed and distributed the next day, Palm Sunday.

COFFEE HOUR

The Sunday School Staff and children are organizing a lemonade stand and fresh pastries two weeks a month. The Children want to raise funds for Sunday school. **If anyone would like to sponsor a Sunday School Coffee Hour, please**

contact the church office at 471-8006, or talk to any of the Sunday-School staff. A donation of \$20 will cover the expenses for one coffee hour. We thank you in advance. The children are our future, but most of all, they are our present.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP

In the month of July, at the Monastery of New Gracanica in Illinois, Please sign your children up for it.

*Remember Children: Good Attendance = Free Camp

If you attended Sunday school at least 15 times during the Sunday School Year, one week of camp at New Gracanica is Free.

YOUTH (Ages 13-18)- Please come and/or call the church office (471-8006) if you are interested in participating. We have a Pan (All) Orthodox Youth Group of Central IN, which meets once a month.

NEWS: Call the Church office for the next meeting. It will be on one of the Sunday Eve's from 5-8 p.m. at one of the Orthodox Churches in Indianapolis.

TAMBURA GROUP

Regular practice: Wednesdays 7:30 pm. (Please note: the schedule changes during Great Lent)

If interested in joining, please call the church office 471-8006.

The director is Dylan Jensen.

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.

BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

"Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you"

Mark 5:19

SAYING OF THE MONTH

Correct faith does not benefit in anything when life is corrupted
St. John Chrysostom

BULLETIN SPONSOR- THANK YOU

Barbara Bachmura

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

THANK YOU

- To *Fabric Care Cleaning* for cleaning church vestments.
-To Nena Popovic for making a blanket for a baby girl Elizabeth Rybalko - baptized in the hospital, recently.

KOLO NEWS

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

LAST CHANCE FOR PHOTO DIRECTORY

IF you send your family or individual picture and \$10.00 to the Church office by March 15th you will be included. Thank you.