

PARISH NEWS

FROM FATHER'S DESK

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

ECONOMIC CRISIS

Thanks be to God, regardless of all that is going on in the nation we as a Church are doing great. Only few of our families were affected but Glory be to God and good people are coming out of it fast. It is great to see how the faithful are helping each other and offering support.

Please, if you are in a position to employ call the Church office, we may have someone looking for a job – any job. Please, if you have anything to offer: job, car, furniture, donation – call the church office. Also if you have a need please call. Thank you. Remember: IN GOD WE TRUST!

SING CHRIST IS RISEN

We are not switching to congregational singing – we love our choir too much. However, we are (as a congregation) going to learn to sing the **Pascha Troparion** by Pascha (Easter) so that we can all sing it at the beginning of the Liturgy. This Troparion every orthodox Christian should know by heart. It is the foundation of our faith. It is the reason we are the religion of JOY for CHRIST IS RISEN! Every Sunday during Great Lent following the Divine Liturgy we will practice it for no more than 3-5 minutes and I'm confident we will all know it by April 19th.

TROPARION (English)

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

TROPARION (Church Slavonic)

Hristos voskrese iz mertvih, smertiju smert poprav, I suscimo vo grobjeih zivot darovav.

TO THE NEW P.C. / BOARD MEMBERS

Thank you for accepting such a responsibility. Someone has to do it and I'm grateful as well as thankful to God that it is you. May God reward you and yours with prosperity in this life and salvation in the life to come. Thank you.

FASTING?

Those who regularly Fast, joyous be your Lenten journey to the Resurrection of our Lord.

Those who have not Fasted in the past but are Orthodox Christian please start with Great Lent and if you are unable to do more (to begin with), fast the 1st and last week as well as Wednesdays and Fridays in between. Please make Fasting part of your life. It teaches discipline, cleanses the body and blesses the soul.

BLESSING HOMES

I have blessed 110 homes. Thank you for your welcome.

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

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.

TAKE OFF WORK/SCHOOL!

Surely you would miss school or work for the funeral of a loved one. Let us, then, stay by the side of our loving Lord on Holy Thursday and Holy Friday.

To excuse children from school these two days, please call the church office.

PAN-ORTHODOX LENT VESPERS 5:00 PM

"O Gladsome Light of the Holy glory of God the Father Immortal"

The Theme for this year: SAINTS AND SANCTITY

March 15th

Homily by the Very Rev. Dimitur Angelov

St. George Orthodox Church

4020 N. Sherman Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46226

March 22nd

Homily by Father Alexis Miller

Sts. Constantine and Helen

3237 W. 16th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46222

March 29th

Homily by Father David Wey

St. Thomas Orthodox Church, 914 W. Taylor, Kokomo, IN

April 5th

Homily by Very Reverend Athanasius Wilson

St. George Orthodox Church, 1900 S. 4th St., Terre Haute, IN

Each service will begin at 5:00 PM and will be followed by a Lenten fellowship reception provided by the host parish.

BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 50:12

SAYING OF THE MONTH

TEMPERANCE, MEEKNESS

Not only should we observe moderation with food, but we must also abstain from every other sin so that just as we fast with our stomach, we should fast with our tongue. Likewise,

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back the tears. I wish to thank you all, my fellow Parish Council members, the many friends Susan and I have made these past several years, the Kolo without whom we could NEVER succeed, and the many who have unequivocally accepted and offered love to me and Susan. But I especially want to thank those for whom our very survival as an active, vibrant parish is a fact: our founders and long-term stewards, Milo, Bogdan, Milos, Mane, Jovanko, Angie, Ephtemia, Sophie, Dorothy, Marija, Sveto, Stan, Teta Dorothy, Dorothy, Anitsa, Michaelo, Jackie, Mik, Terri and Jim and so many others I have failed to name but who are always there for Sveti Nikola, who have sacrificed so much and who, when newcomers like me show up on the scene, accept us, love us and invariably, are there to clean up the mess we make!

There is a new generation waiting in the wings to work with them and some day accepts the legacy and responsibilities of nurturing and preserving our Parish. We are blessed

Susan and I wish to thank you all for giving us the privilege of serving. Thank you for your friendship. Thank you for your support. Thank you for your love. And finally, and most importantly, thanks to Father Dragan for bringing us home to our faith.

Bob Ivancevich

ANNUAL MEETING

The meeting was held on February 22, 2009. An amazing turn out! Thanks to previous P.C. for their works, thanks to all for their presence and thank you to our sisters for lunch.

NEW PARISH COUNCIL/ BOARD

President –	Mirko Milivojac
Vice President –	Nick Babich
2 nd Vice President –	Mile Milovac
Treasurer -	Milan Milivojevic
Assistant Treasurer-	Jim Fields
Secretary -	Terri Fields
Assistant Secretary -	Kathy Milovac
Financial Secretary -	Dorothy Cross
Assistant Fin. Sec.-	Anica Stanjevich
Legal Advisor -	Ronald Salatich
Members at Large-	Rick Suder
	Greg Pسالich
	Bob Ivancevich
	George Grahovac
	Nedelijko Djukanovic
Head Tutor:	Milo Cvetkovich
Auditing Board:	Sevto Arsich
	Stana Edwards
	George Stanjevich
Nominating Committee:	Mane Bubalo
	Angie Devitt
	Judy Gajic

GREAT NEWS!!! STEWARDSHIP: accepted/confirmed by the membership

What is Stewardship?

- Stewardship is caretaking of property/means entrusted to one by God.
- Stewardship for the Church simply means asking everyone who is serious about their Church to take care of it as they would their own home. One considered a Steward is the one willing (to the best of their ability) to offer of their Time, Talent and Treasure.
- **Time/Talent?** Involvement in parish life like: fellowship events, K.S.S., Choir, Church School, Fish Fry's, Parish Council, Picnics, Prosfora making, Bake Sales,
- **Treasure?** Including your Church in your budget for the upcoming year. Most people give a percentage of their income. Tithing is biblical/traditional and the goal of many Christians. One is asked to promise a specific amount (as they are able) and offer it regularly.

What is the difference between Stewardship and Membership?

Membership/Dues: implies that if you give \$100.00, take Communion and Confession once a year, that is all you need to be a member in good standing. This does not call for family like activation but rather club like status.

Stewardship means ownership, in the sense that God entrusted this to you and it is your responsibility to take care of it. In order for one to take care of it one first must be spiritually sound – Regularly coming to Church, taking Confession and Communion, praying, fasting and so on. The call is for one community to become a large family (as we are) in Christ.

Please know that we are not going to immediately become masters at this. That which is great about it is that it regularly calls us to perfection.

*** The Stewardship program will kick off in September 2009 - God willing. Stay tuned for more information.

P.S. This will help our parish with volunteers, planning the budget & encouraging participation.

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

OUR GIFT TO SEMINARY STUDENTS

1. Large capacity washing machine.
2. 8 stipends

They were very grateful and we are very blessed to have seminarians praying for us – this is what we ask of them every time we offer them a gift.

TAMBURA GROUP:

For times and dates of weekly practices leave a message for Dylan Jensen at 471-8006 he will call you back.

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HOW MUCH PEOPLE GAVE TO CHURCH THIS PAST YEAR

“...God loves a cheerful giver. And there is no limit to the blessing which God can send you. He will make sure that you will always have all you need for yourselves in every possible circumstance and still have something to spare for all sorts of good works.”
(II Cor. 9:7-8)

Around \$50.00 a year	-	5 families
Around \$100.00 a year	-	19 families
Around \$500.00 a year	-	23 families
Around \$1,000.00 a year	-	21 families
Around \$2,000.00 a year	-	15 families
Around \$3,000.00 a year	-	8 families
Around \$4,000.00 a year	-	2 family
Around \$5,000.00 a year	-	3 families
Over \$6,000.00 a year	-	5 families

- * All those who gave: **Thank You.**
- * Those of you who are able to give more please do.
- * Those who didn't give let the above families be an example.

TAKE A BOX - GIVE \$50K TO CHURCH

Wouldn't you like to give your church \$50,000.00 – to pay off the mortgage? Yes, Fifty thousand dollars. You probably would, but you can't. Well you can. How? Take a yellow box (located in the Vestibule) home & put \$1.00 in there (yes a dollar a day) and within a year you'll do that. But how? **If all of us participate**, 150 boxes X \$365.00 a family = \$54,750.00.

THE TRICK IS – **ALL MUST PARTICIPATE**

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

FREE CAMP

If one has attended Sunday school at least 15 times in the school year our parish will pay for your one-week at New Gracanica camp.

CHOIR NEWS

Choir Rehearsal schedule 8:30 AM
Sunday March 15th and March 29th
New members are Welcome!!!

BULLETIN SPONSOR-

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If you would like to sponsor a bulletin please call the church office 471-8006

Note: In order to sponsor a bulletin, we are asking for a **donation of \$50.00** or what ever you can afford.

ARE YOU IN NEED OF:

- Car - Van with wheel chair lift * Call Church!

KOLO NEWS

FISH FRY DINNERS BEGIN MARCH 13TH

March – 20th

March - 28th

April - 3rd

April - 10th

We will have weekly specials prepared by our very talented chefs.

There is a sign up sheet near the kitchen door, please help wherever you can. And if you can't work please come and bring your family and friends. Of course as always we will need Lenten desserts for each fish fry.

***Next Kolo meeting April 5th following Divine Liturgy.

SUNDAY MARCH 8TH OUR CHURCH CLOSED

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SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

WE ARE ALL AT THE GREEK
ORTHODOX CHURCH (3500 W. 106TH
STREET, CARMEL, IN 46032)

PLEASE JOIN US FOR PAN
ORTHODOX LITURGY AT 9:30 AM

ОПРОСТИТЕ! ЦРКВА ЋЕ НАША
БИТИ ЗАТВОРЕНА МАРТА 8-ОГ
(НЕДЕЉА ПРАВОСЛАВЉА)

ОВОГА ДАНА У 9:30 ПРЕ ПОДНЕ,
СВИ ЋЕ СЕ ПРАВОСЛАВНИ
ОКУПИТИ У ГРЧКОЈ ЦРКВИ НА ГОРЕ
ПОМЕНУТОЈ АДРЕСИ

Please don't forget (especially those who are not going to go to the Greek Church) we will have Divine Liturgy at our Church the day before: Theodore's Saturday at 10:00 AM. Please Come.