

# PARISH NEWS

## **FROM FATHER'S DESK**

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

### GREAT LENT, Piece of Cake – not really.

FAST (Cleaning of Body)

CONFESS (Cleaning of Soul)

COMMUNION (Food for Soul and Body)

PRAY (Communication with your Heavenly Father)

\*\*\* If you need peace and strength, this is the way to gain it.

### Have you ever attended all the services of Holy Week?

To be completely honest with you, the services during Great and Holy week are very long. Thus it's understood, if you can't be there for the whole service – but please don't let this be a reason not to come. Even in monasteries, the monks and nuns who cannot be there for the whole service, come and are there for as long as they can handle. Everything takes time getting used to. Please do come, it's a great blessing. Especially be there for Great and Holy Friday – our Lord suffered and died on that day. Let us be by HIS side as He is by ours.

### 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 can not promise you a special place in Heaven but I can promise that it will bring a great great great relief to the whole community.

### House Blessing Schedule:

#### Tentative Schedule for BLESSING HOMES

--Between the 1<sup>st</sup> & 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 & I was in your area, forgive me, call me and I'll be glad to come at your convince.

### Stewards.

If you are called to help in an area that you didn't volunteer for, please know, I may have volunteered you – don't be surprised. Simply decline or agree and then call me – I'll take the blame ☺. I've only done this to a few families for specific reasons. – call me.

## **PLEA FROM FR. DRAGAN & TERRI FIELDS**

Dear brothers and sisters, please take this to your heart. We need your help. Many folks come to me on Sundays after Liturgy for different needs. Half of it I try to take care of, the other half I send to Terri Fields – our Admin. Assist. Terri & I recently concluded that Sundays can be overwhelming and even very difficult for both of us. For myself, I can say I miss visiting with people after Liturgy. Thus I ask you to please bring your specific needs to Church during office hours and for me, also after Vesper Services - if you can patiently wait. Thanks for understanding.

## **OUR DEACON NEEDS A CAR**

We need a car in good working condition for our deacon Marko. He will mostly use it to visit the senior citizens and others of our parish.

## **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](mailto:stnicholaschurchindy@comcast.net)

## **2010 TRIP TO SERBIA**

Six people are going to Serbia this summer. Half are our parishioners and others close family of our parishioners. We are looking forward to a very nice time. We'll share the details when we come back and maybe next time you can go to. Pray for us. **If any one would like to send a donation, for us to distribute to the poor and needy of Serbia, please call Fr. Dragan 374-3414.**

## **BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH**

Hebrews 13:5

*Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

## **SAYING OF THE MONTH**

There is a sin which is always 'unto death' (1Jn 5:16): the sin for which we do not repent. For this sin even a saint's prayers will not be heard. - Saint Kosmas Aitolos +1779

## **CHOIR NEWS**

The Jovan Ducic Choir will be having a rehearsal on Sunday, February 28, after Divine Liturgy and on Thursday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m. We will be singing for Vesper services at our Church at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday evening, March 14. Please make every effort to attend.

## **PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Please pray for the health of:** Nikola, Rada (Stanisic), 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.

## **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

1-31-10: 81

2-14-10: 100

2-7-10: 65

2-21-10: 8 – Sunday of Orthodoxy

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## THANK YOU:

- Dave Rayman, Nick Cross, Stan Cvetkovich, Stefan Arsich & Bato Arsich for keeping the parking lot and sidewalks clear of snow.
- Nic & Cheryl Babic, Popadija Vesna, for Coffee hours in Feb. and to everyone that brought in food for Meatfare Sunday and Sunday of Orthodoxy.
- All those we did not mention.

## FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL:

New Parish Council/ Executive Board was elected at the Annual Meeting. Thus, we are waiting for our bishops Approval/Blessing. Looking forward to another good year. The swearing in of the Board will be one of the upcoming Sundays after Divine Liturgy, we hope you'll be there.

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

## IT HELPS MORE THAN YOU KNOW

This year at the Annual Meeting it was decided to continue the \$1.00 A DAY as an Annual Donation Event. "This Donation once a year (for Church Slava) helps more than you can imagine."

Did you bring your 50K box in?

*Thanks to all those who have already done this:*

*Additional Names:*

Greg and Kimber Pasalich

Peter and Janet Maric

## Stewardship – R U Part of it

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.

**Important to know:** Please, Please, Please know, Stewardship is **NOT** about getting your money, it's about getting you. However, it would help the Executive Board tremendously if we wrote down how much we are able to contribute for the following year BUT if you don't feel comfortable doing that DON'T, as we said, we need you, please fill out the Pledge Card. Note From: Fr. Dragan.

## CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

**\*\*\*Lazarus Saturday (Parent/Children Day) March 27th**

Activities for Children and Parents. Come and enjoy the day. Children will learn about Great and Holy Week & make Prosfora. Parents can listen in and help out. The day will start with Divine Liturgy at 10AM. 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. Lunch will be served.

**We will have an Egg Hunt.** Bring the Children Please.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Nolan James McGuire – Born February 10, 2010. Congratulations and God's blessings to his parents Tom & Dijana McGuire

## 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.

## YOUTH AT WORK

\*\*\*Around 100 items was delivered to the Wheeler Mission for the hat and glove drive. Special thanks to Alex Schuster who org. it.

## KOLO NEWS

**ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>** – Sisters please try to attend this important meeting.

**Don't forget we need your help and Lenten desserts for the Fish Fries.**

### PASCHA (RED) EGG DYING

Our Sisters will be gathering on Great and Holy Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> following the Divine Liturgy to dye (red) Pascha eggs, if you would like to learn the art of this coloring process, please make plans to join us.

### PASCHA BUFFET

As is our tradition, after Divine Liturgy everyone comes to the fellowship hall to participate in a shared buffet lunch. WE encourage everyone to bring you favorite dish to share with your Church family. **Make sure we have a lot of meat and cheese dishes. A LOT!!!**

~~~~~When you start your spring cleaning don't forget we will be having a Rummage Sale again this year in June. Please save good unwanted items to bring for the sale.

## I HAVE – DO YOU NEED?

This space will be used to connect people that have things they would like to give away, with people that need those 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)
- TV (Call: 471-8006)

### I NEED:

- Whistling Tea Pot (Call: 374-3414)
- Car (Call: 490-5379)
- DVD Player (374-3414)

## IOCC

If you can and want to support humanitarian organizations please consider the IOCC. The IOCC has an outstanding record of stewardship. When you give to IOCC, you can give confidently knowing that IOCC is committed to maintaining low administrative costs so that more funds can go directly to helping people in need. Approximately 92% of IOCC's resources are spent on humanitarian relief and development programs with only 8% for fundraising and administrative costs. Plus, every dollar you give helps IOCC secure \$7 in support from governments, foundations and other sources.

[www.iocc.com](http://www.iocc.com) phone: 877-803-4622 email: [relief@iocc.org](mailto:relief@iocc.org)

## MONTHLY BULLETIN – PLEASE READ THIS

Please email or call the Church office if you want to stay on the mailing list for the Monthly Bulletin. If you responded earlier, please just confirm it by writing to us and letting us know that you would like to continue receiving the Bulletin. Unless we hear from you we will stop sending it. You'll be able to read the bulletin on our website: [www.st-nicholas-indy.org](http://www.st-nicholas-indy.org) Also, send us your email address, we are working on sending the bulletin out via email.

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## **DECISIONS OF THE TRI-ANNUAL CHURCH ASSEMBLY – SABOR, Canton OH 2009**

The following was to be shared at the Annual Meeting, but was not, simply because we forgot – sorry. Here it is:

### **DECISION – CA -1**

The following delegates were appointed to serve as the Secretaries of the Church Assembly: Fr. Nedeljko Lunich, Fr. Rodney Torbich, Fr. Ilija Balac and Fr. Dragan Petrovic.

### **DECISION – CA -2**

The following delegates were appointed to the Resolutions Committee: Fr. Rastko Trbuhovich, Fr. Rade Merick, Fr. Jovan Todorovich, Fr. Mihajlo Doder, Fr. Dragan Velesich and Fr. Milos Vesin.

### **DECISION – CA -3**

A motion by Fr. Malich was made that the Sabor renders a decision to ask Mutual of America to provide for rollover of IRS for priests to enter into pension plan that are not currently part of it. Fr. Blasko Paraklis seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

### **DECISION – CA – 4**

Father Malich made a motion that since it is mandatory for all priests to be members of the PENSION PLAN, paying 1/3 of the premium, and those who receive a salary below \$2,000.00 would pay ½ of the 1/3 premium, that the minimum income level of \$2,000.00 be changed to \$2,500.00 income level, and those priests who receive less than \$2,500.00 would then pay half of the mandatory 1/3 premium into the Pension plan. Fr. Rocknage seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **DECISION – CA – 5**

Brane Brankov made a motion, seconded by Fr. Jovan Todorovich to amend and include in the proposed changes in Article 8.1 the decisions regarding the restructuring of the Dioceses by the Holy Assembly of Bishops. Motion passed.

### **DECISION – CA – 6**

The motion made by the Central Church Council was seconded by Mr. Donald Kral to accept the proposed changes and revisions to the Constitution. Motion passed.

### **DECISION- CA - 7**

Mimo Papich moved and Fr. Dragoljub Malich seconded the motion for the acceptance of the Sabor Statements presented at the Sabor. Motion passed.

### **DECISION – CA - 8**

Motion was made by Sylvestar Gjurich and seconded by Donald Kral to raise the minimum salary for a starting priest from \$1,600.00 to \$2,200.00 per month.

### **DECISION – CA -9**

Motion was made by Fr. Dragan Filipovich, seconded by Sylvestar Gjurich that immigration costs be born by the Central Church Council for clergy asked to come here, whether they are here or are coming. Effective immediately. Motion passed.

### **DECISION – CA – 10**

Fr. Dragan Filipovich made a motion, seconded by Mimo Papich for creation of a special fund by the Central Church Council to provide retired clergy who cannot pay for medical needs. Motion passed.

(Taken from the “Excerpts from the Church Assembly – Sabor.” Submitted by V. Rev. Stavrophor Nedeljko Lunich)

## **SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK**

### **DON'T GO TO WORK OR SCHOOL - Please**

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 Especially on Great and Holy Friday (Strict Fast Day).

To excuse children from school this day, please call the church office.

## **PASCHA FLOWER DONATIONS**

We are accepting donations for Pascha / Easter. A basket has been placed at the front of the church near the altar. The money collected will be used to decorate the Tomb and church with flowers.

## **RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES – MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>**

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 Prayer at 6:00 PM. Following, we will have a Lenten dinner. Our guests of honor to be announced. We will conclude with a brief talk and discussion.

## **PAN ORTHODOX LENTEN VESPERS**

### **- February 28<sup>th</sup>**

Holy Transfiguration –  
Crawfordsville -

### **Homilist**

Fr. Joseph Gibson

### **-March 7<sup>th</sup>**

Joy of All Who Sorrow

Fr. David Moretti

### **-March 14<sup>th</sup>**

### **OUR Saint Nicholas Church**

Fr. Anastasios Gounaris

-March 21<sup>st</sup>

St. John the Forerunner

Fr. Dragan Petrovic

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

## **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) GAVE:

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| Less than \$300.00 a year | 56 families |
| Around \$500.00 a year    | 42 families |
| Around \$1,000.00 a year  | 30 families |
| Around \$2,000.00 a year  | 18 families |
| Around \$4,000.00 a year  | 14 families |
| Around \$6,000.00 a year  | 5 families  |
| Around \$8,000.00 a year  | 2 family    |
| Around \$10,000.00 a year | 2 family    |

\* More was given by the above families but it may have been cash without the name, these donations then go in to the general donation category.

\* 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.