

# PARISH NEWS

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## FROM FATHER'S DESK

### GREAT LENT

We are almost at the end of Great Lent, please plan when you and your family will partake of the Holy Sacraments- Confession and Holy Communion.

Note: The children under age of 7 who have been baptized Orthodox may partake of the Holy Communion without special preparation. All others please call me and I will be more than happy to guide you to the Holiest of the Holiest – Holy Communion.

### HOLY FRIDAY and PASCHA (EASTER):

As we approach one of the most solemn weeks – Holy week, it is important for all Orthodox Christians to plan to attend services this week. In order to partake in the joyous celebration of Pascha, we need to experience the pain and suffering that our Lord Jesus Christ endured (Holy Thursday/Friday/Holy Saturday). Please refer to the schedule of services included in this month's bulletin. Especially, attend services on Holy Thursday (evening), /Holy Friday (eveing) and Holy Saturday(eveing).

### ANOTHER ORTHODOX CHURCH IN TOWN:

I would like to inform that the Joy of All Those Who Sorrow Church Orthodox Church located 16<sup>th</sup> and Delaware was embraced and is now part of the one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

We are very happy to have new neighbors and new brothers and sisters in Christ our God.

### BLESSING OF HOMES:

I am still blessing homes. This will continue until Pascha, However if your home wasn't blessed by Easter, you may call me at anytime during the year to bless your home.

## FISH FRY

### 3 Down - 2 to go and YOUR CHURCH STILL NEEDS YOUR PARTICIPATION!

We have had tremendous turnout at our Fish Frays. We are breaking records in the number of dinners served and the food is outstanding. Check out the additions to the menu – Calamari & Shrimp. Thanks to all that have worked, baked, cleaned, donated money - because without you we wouldn't be able to efficiently execute these Lenten dinners.

## LAZARUS SATURDAY - APRIL 7

This is a special day for our children where we come to church and they receive bells and

participate in a procession around the church. Parents please bring your children to church on this wonderful day.

## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

### EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE CONTINUES! OUTSTANDING AND CONSISTENT MONTH

☺= under 80      ☺=over 80  
☺=80              ☺☺= over 100

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| 03/04/01 | 118 | souls | ☺☺ |
| 03/11/01 | 108 | souls | ☺☺ |
| 03/18/01 | 120 | souls | ☺☺ |
| 03/25/01 | 97  | souls | ☺  |

## KOLO UPDATE – PASCHA REMINDERS

### FLOWERS:

The kolo will be taking flower donations for Pascha as our yearly custom is to adorn Christ's tomb and our Sanctuary on this very festive day. Please see Judy Gajic to submit your donation.

### DYEING OF EASTER EGGS:

A few of our ladies will be getting together on April 14 following the Divine Liturgy to dye red Easter Eggs. If you would like to learn the art of this coloring process, please make plans to help them out. For those of you who would like to dye your eggs at home and share some with your church family, we will be taking dyed Easter Egg Donations beginning on April 13. Please drop the eggs off in the kitchen and sign your name to the donation sheet.

### EASTER BUFFET:

As is our tradition, after our Pascha Liturgy, everyone is invited down to our fellowship hall to participate in a shared buffet lunch. We encourage all of you to bring your favorite Easter dish to share with your church family. Please see Co- Chairman Angie Devitt and Millie Arsch to sign up.

## WEBSITE UPDATE

Visit the website this month  
[www.skyenet.net/~svnikola](http://www.skyenet.net/~svnikola)

## TRIP TO CINCINNATI – APRIL 29

Our church will be closed on April 29 as we are planning to travel to our neighboring church St. George in Cincinnati to celebrate their church's slava. We will depart from our church at 8:00 am on our church bus. If you have any questions, please call church office.

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## BOOKSTORE

Check out our new items in our bookstore, presently located in our church office. We are carrying Pascha items Easter dye eggs, Easter cards and much more!

## ICON DONATION

We would like to commission an iconographer to paint an icon specifically for our church to be used as the venerating icon that is found in the middle of our church. This icon would be a hand painting of our Holy Father St. Nicholas and our intent is for all the people of our church to have an opportunity to contribute to the cost of this icon. We will be placing a basket beside the current venerating icon and ask you not to exceed a \$3 donation. This way we can all participate in gifting this to our church. Should you have any questions, please see Father Dragan, any Parish Council Member or a tutor.

## DID YOU KNOW ?

Big thanks to all these behind the scene helpers at our church. Included below are some tidbits of information for all of you! We are doing this with the knowledge that you folks don't require this recognition and may God Bless you and may all of us take this as an example

- Teta Helen Bubalo makes the Holy Bread/ Prosfora for every church service
- Judy Gajic sponsors the cost of the Little Falcon readers that are distributed to our Sunday School Children
- Cari Sovich updates and mails the Altar Boy Schedule at no cost to our church
- Bogdan Milivojac and Milo Cvetkovich continue to make candles for our church
- Our choir is learning new songs every month – Listen closely to see if you can identify them?
- Our Children's Serbian Vocabulary is increasing – they are now working on verb conjugation and sentences Also Teacher Xenia Veckovich provided all the children who attend Serbian School with a Bukvar (A serbian vocabulary & grammar book)
- Our Sunday School Outreach program is effective as we have seen more consistent attendance from children that were just receiving mailings a year ago & had never attended Sunday School
- Did you ever wonder how things are posted on the Bulletin Board? Kristina Tanaskovich and Kara Mozina are the creative minds that make sure all information is up to date
- Did you know our Church has a brokerage account and we take stock donations?
- Did you notice that the lights seem brighter in church and the hall? Thanks to Stan

Cvetkovich for changing out all the lightbulbs at the beginning of March

- Did you know that a semi truck is used to deliver our food order & supplies from the fish fry and it takes approximately 10 trips down the stairs with a 2 wheeley?
- Did you ever wonder who cleans up almost every Sunday after Coffee Hour? The clean up pixies Dorothy Cross , Millie Arsich and Belinda Sharkey.
- Did you know that our little angels (nursery/preschool) do more than just play during Sunday School? Teta Kim Suder and her helpers do an excellent job at teaching the basics of our religion to this group
- Did you know that our website is a true collaboration of work, there are typists all over the parish that helped get information e downloading format: Check out the Culture Section in our website

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Increased membership will be a goal again this year. We would like to continue the trend by growing our membership by 20% with a stretch goal of 25%. Please see a Parish Council member for an application!

## PARENT/CHILDRENS DAY – SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY

Parent/ Children's Day will begin again this spring after Pascha. Look for additional information in the upcoming bulletins. Additionally, to accommodate another demographic group a Senior Citizen's day will be implemented to provide our Seniors with the ability meet once a month and enjoy their church and fellowship together.

## BULLETIN SPONSORS

Thank you Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Gynn for coming forward to help your church. They have graciously offered to donate for the bulletin for 3 months. **Please see the church secretary for your donations beyond April.**

## CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camp at Gracanica Monastery, for our children, will be held the week of July 15-21. Parents please mark this on your summer planning calendar. We have had feedback that we have quite a few children that are interested in going. More information to follow.