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FROM FATHER'S DESK

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

Have you partaken of Holy Confession, the Sacrament that cleanses your soul? Have you partaken of Holy Communion, the body and blood of Christ—which gives us strength and healing? If not and you are a baptized Orthodox Christian, you should. Please do so.

Note: During Great Lent (on Sundays) Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is served and on Wednesdays and Fridays, the Pre-sanctified Liturgy is served.

Special Note: If you are presently not a practicing Orthodox Christian, this is the time to establish a relationship with God whom we all need so much.

Blessing of Homes

I am continuing to bless homes until the beginning of the Great and Holy Week (April 20). If I haven't contacted you, please call me to schedule a convenient time for you.

Special Note: Please forgive me, but I am going to have to postpone blessing those homes that are outside of the Indianapolis area.

WAR

My dear spiritual children,

My response to the present situation is following:

Please pray for soldiers and the men and women in civil authority that God might protect them and teach them to always do what is pleasing unto Him. Pray for all mankind and our well-being. Pray that God may have mercy on us, protect us and save us.

Note: If you have anyone who is in the war zone, please call me and give me their names so that I can pray for them & their safe return.

Note for Parents

Parents, bring your children to Church on Sundays throughout Great Lent, especially because I will be teaching them the Troparion of Pascha (Easter). General practice will be on Lazarus Saturday.

I would like to communicate with you through the web.

Please send me an E-mail under the subject "save address" and I will add you to my e-mail directory. Let's be in contact.

Note:

Because of personal reasons, I am going to have to change the time of the weekday liturgies from 9:00 a.m. (as usual) to 10:00 a.m. This will remain this way for a few months. Also I'm going to have cancel the Presanctified Liturgies on Friday Mornings. I thank you for your understanding.

OUR LAND IS PAID OFF!!!

As the Father of this family, it is my honor to share some wonderful news with you. At the end of the first week of Great Lent (Sunday of Orthodoxy) the Parish Council President, Rick Suder, was approached by one of our members who gave him a \$50,000.00 check. Yes, fifty thousand dollars, which was the amount we owed on our land.

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad. Thanks to these wonderful people and all of you the land is now ours. We can now proceed with the building of our new home.

P.S. Our forefathers built the building we now use in the middle of the Depression. So, we should be able to build one now, which will serve future generations and us. We appreciate your continued support.

Usable (Traditional) Needs of the Church

Following are things needed in the Sanctuary throughout the year:

- Flowers (live) to be put under the venerating Icon.
- Olive oil (pure) for vigil lamps on the altar table, iconostas.
- Wine (red) Mogan David (Concord) for communion.
- 7-day candles—to be used on the Holy Table.

If you choose to donate any of the above in memory of the departed or for the health of the living, please put them in front of the Iconostas (Icon of Christ or the Mother of God) when you pray. Traditionally, this is what people did.

Giving

We hope and pray that people continue to support our church. Paying off our land this past year taught us all how to give regularly. That saying is truly meaningful, "We are not building the Church, the Church is building us;" Thanks to God for truly blessing us with so many things that we can give back to Him. All of us have truly gone a few steps up the ladder when it comes to offerings. It's amazing that 80% of our income for the past year was strictly donations. This kind of community will exist forever doing Christ's work. Please know that aside from supporting your local church, your donations reach out to the following: our Diocese, small parishes in our Diocese, our Seminary, to the people in need in our community and outside of our community.

KSS—NEW OFFICERS

Following are the newly elected officers for 2003-04:
President – Dorothy Milivojac
Vice President – Dorothy Cross
Secretary – Mariia Milivojac

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Treasurer – Stana Bennett
Financial Secretary – Millie Arsich
Cheer Persons – Kathryn Ralich & Angie Devitt
Historian – Judy Gajic & Sofia Fields
Auditing Committee: Tina Mizdalo, Ann
Foreman, Kara Mozina

CHOIR—NEW OFFICERS

Following are the newly elected officers for 2003-04:
President – Ann Foreman
Vice President – Kara Mozina
Secretary – Angie Devitt
Treasurer – Judy Gajic
Librarians – Yovanka Savich & Karen Christoff
Auditing Committee: Mane Bubalo, Dorothy
Cross, Nada Jimenez

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

☺= under 80 ☺☺=over 80
☺☺=80 ☺☺☺= over 110
3/2/03 110 souls ☺☺
3/9/03 104 souls ☺
3/16/03 98 souls ☺
3/23/03 116 souls ☺☺

LENTEN COOKBOOK---(Kolo Project)

Our Kolo is still in the process of compiling Lenten recipes for this project and would appreciate your sharing some of your Lenten recipes with us. Please send them to the attention of Angie Devitt, 1310 North Keystone Avenue, Indpls., IN 46201 or drop them off at the church office. It would be appreciated if you would print or type the recipes. The final deadline for submitting these recipes is April 1, 2003. Please note that when you send us a recipe, your name will appear in the cookbook as one of the contributors.

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for the health of:
Milan Mandich, Zivko Maric, Dragica Kerr, Nikola Marich, Sasa Nedic, Kathryn Ralich and Angeline Yeftich.
If you would like to include a name on the list, please call the church office.

ICON OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

This icon is at our church. We would like all members and parishioners to sign this icon prior to presenting it to the New Gracanica Monastery. Therefore, if you have not yet signed it, please do so.

FROM FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Membership Dues: Your church would appreciate it if you could try to pay your dues at the beginning of the year as it helps your church in many different ways.

Reminder! Weekly offerings and other donations are recorded individually when they have been made by 1) Personal Check or 2) cash in an envelope marked clearly with the donor's name. Please follow these instructions. This is for your benefit as well as the churches. Thank you.

HELP! WE NEED A CHOREOGRAPHER

Since Popadija Vesna is expecting a child in March, we are looking for a person to volunteer some time to teach our children Serbian folklore dances. Practices would be on Sundays after church. Please call the Church office if you are interested.

GOD'S MIRACLES

We wish to introduce to you the youngest member of our church family: Isalah Newsome born on March 12th. Parents: Reece (Anthony) & Kelly Newsome.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We especially need to help each other. If there is anyone in the parish who needs a job or is offering a job, or knows people who need employees, please contact the Church office. We may be able to make a match and in such a way help each other.

Our first FISH FRY big success

Fish Fry Season is now ongoing. We are soliciting all members and parishioners for help for this fund-raising project. We need help in the following areas:
set-up/clean-up, kitchen—food preparation, Lenten baked goods, servers, refreshment tender, cash donations & ticket sellers. Please see Dorothy Millivojac or call the church office to let us know when and how you can help. NOTE: Shell fish is available for those who do not eat Fish during great lent. Welcome!!!

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. Call the church office for more info.

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Dyeing of Easter Eggs:

A few of our ladies will be getting together on Saturday, April 26, 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 help them. For those of you who would like to dye your eggs at home and share some with your church family, we will be happy to receive egg donations for the Easter (Pascha) Sunday Services.

Easter (Pascha) Buffet

As is our tradition, after our the Divine 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.

BULLETIN SPONSORS

Should you wish to donate to upcoming bulletins, please call church office or send a donation directly to our church.

Sunday School Update

Lazarus Saturday—April 19

Activities both for children and parents. Come and enjoy the day. Children will learn about the suffering of Christ and His Glorious Resurrection, and they will do arts and crafts. Parents will listen in on the lectures and help out. The day will start with Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m. This is the day the children receive bells and go outside to bring the Vrbica into the church, which is blessed and distributed the next day, Palm Sunday.

Summer Camp

When planning your children's activities, don't forget our Diocesan Camp, which is held in July. For more information, call the Monastery of New Gracanica at (847)223-4300.

Special Thanks

We are very grateful to Howard Longshore, the husband of the late Rose (Petrovich) Longshore, for donating a piano to our Church. This is very special for us because it was the piano that Rose played. Rose served as our choir director for several years. He donated this in her memory. May God establish her soul where the just repose and give him health and salvation.

Parastos for Helen Bubalo—April 5, 2003

There will be a one-year Parastos for our dear Teta Helen on April 5, 2003, at 11:00 a.m. The family invites all of you to come and pray for her and help ease their grief. Lunch will be served. Teta Helen will always be remembered for faithfully making the nafora for us for many years and for being active in many different ways. May her memory be eternal.

Be Reminded of the Apostolic Times

Every time the Apostles and the first Christians in the first centuries concluded a Divine Liturgy, they had meals together. During Great Lent, we will make an effort to serve bean soup, salad and dessert following the Divine Liturgy. Please partake of this social gathering and support your Church.

Swearing in of the Parish Council

At the last Annual Meeting (where it was determined that we had a very successful year - thanks to God), a few persons were selected by our membership and approved by our Bishop to take the responsibility of managing our financial and social events. Their swearing in will be held on April 6th. Please try to be present to give them your prayers and support. These special people are:

President: Rick Suder

First Vice President: Milan Milivojevic

Second Vice President: Mirko Milivojac

Secretary: Kathryn Ralich

Assistant Secretary: Jason Pasalich

Treasurer: Vera Schuster

Financial Secretary: Dorothy Cross

Assistant Fin. Secretary: Ann Stanjevich Forman

Head Tutor: Milorad Cvetkovich

Members at Large: Mike Rayman, Bozidar Djordjevic, Rados

Tanaskovich, Bob Mandich, Gregg Pasalich,

Auditing Board: Judy Gajich, Marija Milivojac, George Stanjevich.

Part of the Parish Council are also: K.S.S. President - Dorothy

Milivojac, Choir President - Ann Stanjevich Forman, Sunday

School President - Betty Seat, S.N.D. President Svetislav Arsich

& Churches Advocate: Ronald Salabich.

Note: For a copy of the Annual Meeting Minutes please call the Church office.

Suggestions for the Future

If you have any ideas that you might provide for the future growth and development of our parish, please feel free call the church office or pass them to Parish Council Members. We want to make certain that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is always present through St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church. Thank you.

Did you know?

--Milatovich Family when ever needed helps out with the bulletin and other mailings.

--Mane Bubalo still does electrical work and anything he is called upon to do.

--Branislav and Saska Kisacanin pay the monthly fee for our website and they also maintain it regularly.

PARKING

Attention: Important Notece! Do not park your cars in the parking lot across from our church on the Northwest corner of 16th St. & Somerset Avenue. Parking there is restricted for the Printing Company patrons only. Our neighbor advised us that if anyone parks there while at our church, their cars will be towed. Please respect and honor his request.