

PARISH NEWS

FROM FATHER'S DESK

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

Will you come to Church Services during Great and Holy week (April 17 - 22nd)?

If not for every service, will you at least make an effort to come to services on Great and Holy Thursday, Friday & Saturday?

Is the Passion of Christ NOT as important as His Resurrection?

Is it truly possible to fully rejoice if we have not sincerely wept?

Is it possible for us to feel His love on Pascha if we have not seen His love on the Cross?

If we don't come once during Holy Week when He suffered, how can we face Him (in His Glory) as His brethren?

As Orthodox Christians we are obligated to answer these questions.

We say our Lord is a Father, a Brother, a Friend - If He truly is in our hearts we should make every effort to partake of His Passion during Great and Holy Week. Please come to these services no matter how hard it may be.

BLESSING OF HOMES

I want to thank everyone for the hospitality extended to me and for understanding and working around my schedule. To date, 130 homes have been blessed.

Special Note: If your home has not been blessed and I've already gone through your area twice, please give me a call. Thank you.

*****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.**

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for the health of:

Judy (Ivancevich), Tomislav, Natasa, Milutin, Diana & Corina Fischetti, Jason, Elena (Milovac), Lazar (Prodic), Chester (Tasich), Paul & Tina (Stoyanovich), Kathryn (Ralic), Patty (Staletovich), Angeline (Yeffich), and Jack (Mertz), Adam..

*If you would like to add or delete a name on the list, please call the Church office.

MEMORY ETERNAL

Voislava Milovanovic, Grandmother of Ana Stanisic passed away March 25, 2006. May God establish her soul where the Saints repose and give the family strength to endure this temporary separation. VJECNAJA PAMJAT.

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

⊗= under 80 ⊙=over 80

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2-26-06: 78 - ⊗

3-19-06: 91 - ⊙

3-5-06: 94 - ⊙

3-26-06: 81 - ⊙

3-12-06: 97 - ⊙

SUNDAY LENTEN VESPERS - 5:00 PM

Theme: Icon of Family Life

April 2nd "Contemporary Challenges to Marriage and Family Part I"

Homily by Fr. Anthony Yazge, Pastor of St. George Orthodox Church, Terre Haute

At St. John the Forerunner Orthodox Church

1427 S. Blaine Ave, Indianapolis (317) 635-7596

April 9th "Contemporary Challenges to Marriage and Family Part II"

Homily by Presbyteria Elain Hanna

At St. Thomas Orthodox Church

914 W. Taylor, Kokomo (765) 457-5045

KOLO NEWS -

Great and Holy Week

When you come to the services during Great and Holy Week (and we pray you will) please come down to our fellowship hall for a lite Lenten pitch-in meal.

A few of our sisters will be getting together on Great and Holy Saturday, April 22nd 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 them.

Pascha Buffet

As is our tradition, after the Divine Liturgy everyone goes down to our fellowship hall to participate in a shared buffet lunch. We encourage all of you to bring your favorite dish to share with your church family. Make sure we have a lot of meat and cheese dishes.

A lot!!

CHOIR NEWS

Thank you to our wonderful Choir members, they always sound great.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

*****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 15th of April. 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.

YOUTH (Ages 13-18)- Please call the church office (636-1404) if you are interested in participating. We are in the process of forming a Pan (All) Orthodox Youth Group of Central IN, which will meet once a month. The Youth directors of all Orthodox Churches in town have met 3 times already, working on getting our youth together on a regular basis. **NEWS** First meeting of the Youth of Central Indiana is scheduled for Sunday April 30th at our church. Please make sure you come - it will be a lot of Fun.

CHILDRENS CHOIR

Did you know that we have a Children's Choir & if your child is in Sunday school they are part of it? They sang part of the Liturgy on

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Christmas, they did a great job & their practices continue. They practice the first few minutes of Sunday school, their director is Kara Mozina. Do you want your child to be able to respond to Liturgy? **They'll be singing on Pascha.**

TAMBURA GROUP -

If interested, please call the church office 636-1404.
The Tambura group meets in the Church office after Divine Liturgy.
The director is Dylan Jensen.

FOLKLORE GROUP

If you are interested in joining this fun group call the church office.
The Folklore group meets in the largest room in Sunday school after Divine Liturgy. The Choreographer is Nedeljko Djukanovic.

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.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP

In the month of July at the monastery of New Gracanica in Illinois, Please plan for it.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

- April 2:** Alex Tanaskovich, Ben Staletovich, Alec Mandich
April 9: Milos Mikic, Steven Stankovich, Marko Adams
April 16: Garret Isch, Brian Isch, Riley Isch
April 23: Pascha – all Altar Servers Welcome
April 30: Sam Bennett, Connor Schmok, Christopher Toth
May 7: Djordje Mikic, Petar Hood, Matthew Toth
May 14: David Bresich, Nikola Rajovic, Stefan Arsich
May 21: Jordan England, Matthew & Nathaniel Thomas, Mark Mozina
May 28: CHURCH CLOSED DUE TO RACE

* Altar Servers please remember: when you come into the Altar bow down to the Altar table & cross yourself 3 times. Also, whenever you hear the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit – rise & cross yourselves. Thank you.

***Next meeting: To be announced.**

*Any Altar server who cannot attend Church the day he is scheduled is to find a replacement and notify the church office at 636-1404.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mila (Ana) Stojakovic, Born February 27, 2006 – Congratulations and God's Blessings to her parents, Predrag and Aleksandra.

BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. "But go, tell His disciples – and Peter – that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you."
Mark 16:6,7

Please send us your favorite Bible Verses.

SAYING OF THE MONTH

"The Holy Liturgy is something that embraces two worlds at once... in every place of worship when the Holy Sacrifice is offered, not merely the local congregation are present, but the Church universal – the

saints, the angels, the Mother of God, and Christ himself... Orthodox, inspired by this vision of 'heaven on earth,' have striven to make their worship in outward splendor and beauty an icon of the great Liturgy in heaven."
Bishop Kallistos Ware, The Orthodox Way

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Toth family for donating a new Computer to our Church office, and to Rick Suder and George Grkinich for the new computer monitor.

And Tony Gorenc for all his help with computer setup.

Thank you to the anonymous donors of \$5,200.00 to our building fund. Even though they are not members of our Parish they wanted to support us in building our new Church home. What a wonderful example.

BUY OUR CHURCH BUILDING – We are not kidding

Our Parish is going forward with the sale of our church building and would like to notify all members, parishioners and friends of the church that we would offer the building at a sale price which would avoid paying realtors purchase fee. This can only be accomplished if the sale is processed immediately. Please call Greg Pasalich with any questions 317-984-4620. Price \$239,900.00, inquires should be made prior to Pascha, 2006.

WOULD YOU HELP BUILD OUR NEW HOME

If you would like to help with the building of our new home please call the church office and let us know what type of work you would be interested in doing. We have started a volunteer list. Please, call the church office and include your name on the list.

BULLETIN SPONSOR- THANK YOU

Anonymous

In Memory of Corina Fischette

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

BUMPER STICKER OF THE MONTH

IDEAS ARE A DIME A DOZEN — PEOPLE WHO CAN MAKE THEM REALITY ARE PRICELESS.

ORTHODOX YOUNG ADULTS

Orthodox young Adults of Indiana has been formed. The hope is to unite all Orthodox young adults (ages 18-30) in Indiana together for learning, spiritual growth and fellowship.

For more information you can also call Hanna at: 317-750-7951.

MARRIAGE SEMINAR

Presanctified Liturgy was followed by a fellowship gathering of married couples, twenty people were present, Milo and Sofia Cvetkovich were the guests of honor and Rick and Kim Suder, the first couple married by Father Dragan were also present. While the couples enjoyed a Lenten meal, Father Dragan lectured about the importance of the Holy Sacrament of Marriage and ways that we can strengthen our marriage. We hope to repeat this seminar on this important day for married couples each year. Please join us for next year's seminar.

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FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Following are the new Parish Council Members:

President:	Milan Milivojevich
Vice President:	Bob Ivancevich
Second Vice President:	Greg Pasalich
Treasurer:	Stana Edwards
Assistant Treasurer:	Jim Fields
Financial Secretary:	Dorothy Cross
Assistant Fin. Secretary:	Anica Stanjevich Foreman
Secretary:	Vera Schuster
Members at Large:	Rick Suder Lazar Iglendza Bob Mandich Mirko Milivojac Jason Pasalich
Legal Advisor:	Ron Salatich
Head Tutor:	Milo Cvetkovich
Sunday School President:	Dorothy Milivojac
KSS President:	Dorothy Milivojac
Choir President:	Anica Stanjevich Foreman
SND President:	Svetislav Arsich
Auditing Board:	Judy Gajic Marija Milivojac Svetislav Arsich
Nominating Committee:	Angie Devit Judy Gajic David Rayman

FATHER'S WORDS AT THE SWEARING IN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL:

Father addressed the new parish council with three important words:
THANK YOU, CONGRATULATIONS, AND BE CAREFUL.

THANK YOU, for being true stewards of the church by giving of Time, Talent, and Treasure. CONGRATULATIONS, that the membership found you worthy of this honor and the Bishop has blessed you. BE CAREFUL, because you are taking care of God's property know that all must be done in a loving manner under His rules and conditions.

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

LENTEN PRAYER OF SAINT EPHRAIM

O Lord and Master of my life! Take from me the spirit of idleness, despair, lust of power, and vain speaking.

(Prostration)

But give rather to Thy servant the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love.

(Prostration)

Yea, O Lord and King! Grant that I may see my own transgressions and judge not my brother, for blessed art Thou unto ages of ages. Amen.

(Prostration)

FISH FRYS

DON'T FORGET THE FISH
FRYS CONTINUE

APRIL 7TH – TUNA YOUR
WAY

APRIL 14TH – SEAFOOD
SAMPLER

OF COURSE WE ALWAYS
HAVE OUR DELICIOUS
FRIED FISH
FRIED SHRIMP
AND APPETIZERS

Thank you to all who came
together in fellowship at our
first few Fish Frys. They have
been wonderful events. And
thanks to all the hard workers.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
MAKE A DONATION TO
HELP WITH THE COST OF
THE FISH FRYS PLEASE
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE
OR SEE DOROTHY CROSS.
THANK YOU