

# PARISH NEWS

## FROM FATHER'S DESK

### **IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. Christ is Risen!**

My Dear Spiritual Children,

Three people from our parish are going on a mission trip to Alaska this July. Alaska is the cradle of Orthodoxy in America. Having been beaten for it by the evil one for decades, it is now suffering. I am honored to partake of this mission trip along with Ljilana Vukovic, my wife and fourteen other people from central Indiana. We are going there to help, specifically to build a monk's residence. I am writing to you with a request for prayer and donation to defray the cost of our trip and to help buy material to construct the building. If you are able to, please send donations to our church and make checks payable to the Presbyter's Council. Each of us are asked to raise \$1,000 in addition to our personal contributions. With love and thanks for your constant generosity and support I remain yours truly.

### **Blessing of Homes**

I have blessed around 150 homes thus far. I will continue blessing homes after Pascha, as well. Thank you for welcoming me into your homes. **Special Note:** If your home has not been blessed and I've already been in your area, please call me.

### **SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK**

When you come to Church services during Great & Holy week if you are able please bring a Lenten dish for the pitch-in.

### **Wish list:**

Larger (more expensive) Items:

1. Sound system for the church. Estimated cost \$2,700.00 \$500 has been donated.
2. Playground for the children. \$500 has been donated.
3. Church Bells -Partially have been donated
4. Crosses for Exterior Church Building
5. Tables and chairs for fellowship hall

If you can help in this regard, please call the church office.

### **Generous donations to the church:**

\*Thank you, especially, to the donor who wished to remain anonymous yet donated several thousands of dollars for the new iconostasis. Thanks also to those who helped build it.

\*Thank you, Jim Andrews for the beautiful icon he painted of Jesus Christ. It is now hanging in our fellowship hall. Jim donated the Icon in memory of his grandparents.

\*Thank you, Dorotea Mamuzic, for the furniture and office supplies she recently donated. The generous gift has benefited the church library and the supplies will truly help the office staff. Dorotea made the donations in memory of her father and Dr. Stevan Kristof.

### **A Letter from the Parish Council President:**

#### **Giving Thanks and Being Good Stewards at Pascha:**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In just a couple days the long Lenten fast will end with acclamation that "Christ is Risen". We will celebrate our first Pascha in our beautiful, new Church sanctuary. This is truly a time to acknowledge our blessings and to give thanks.

Our church has many needs, including assuring that we can meet our financial obligations. Pascha is the time that I hope each of you make a special effort to share your blessings with our St. Nicholas Church.

A special "Pascha Offering" envelope is included in this bulletin. Please dig deep and besides your normal weekly offering make a special gift.

Soon, you will be hearing about a Stewardship Program for our church, and surely those who have given their time, talent and treasure to make our first Pascha in our new church a reality are models of such Stewardship. **Christ is Risen!**

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

### **Choir News:**

Choir practice is scheduled from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM Sunday April 1, 2007. We are not fooling ☺

### **Dedication of our New Home**

A busy weekend is in store for September 21, 22 and 23 for the formal dedication of St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church. The Kolo and the Parish Council have established several subcommittees to plan and implement various aspects of the program. PLEASE LOOK AT THIS LISTING AND WE ASK THAT YOU CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME ON ONE OF THESE COMMITTEES. Please contact the subcommittee chairman of that group for which you wish to volunteer.

**Banquet** Kolo Angle Djordjevich and Nada Jimenez  
**Dedication Commemorative Book/Sponsors** Dorothy Cross and Milan Milivojevic  
**Youth Activity** Kim Suder, Milenko Djukanovich and Dylan Jensen

**Decorations** Stana Bennett and Cheryl Babic  
**Party Favors** Anica Foreman-Stanjevich and Dorothy Cross  
**Entertainment** Dara Todorovich & Stana Edwards  
**Promotions / Invitations** Vera Schuster  
**Facility/Banquet Hall/Grounds** Rick Suder  
**Program / Speeches / Recognition** Bob Ivancevich  
**Fundraising** Lazar Iglendza and Bob Ivancevich  
**Dignitaries/Out of Town Guests** Dorothy Milivojac

### **REMINDERS - HELP KEEP OUR NEW HOME IN ORDER**

- \*Please be mindful when leaving items or taking items from within our new home that we should let someone know.
- \*Please be mindful that when using the hall or kitchen facilities - one should strive to clean up the area which was occupied.
- \*Please do not move items from their places unless checking with someone i.e. microwave out in the hall, etc.
- \*Please do not leave garbage, especially food items in the kitchen or in the hall overnight, garbage should be taken to dumpster. Raccoons need to eat to ☹.
- \*Please do not use/play on any computers residing at the hall entrance or in the church office. Thank you.
- \*Please no food or drink in the Sunday School Rooms - see sign at stair entry. This also applies to the Vestibule of our Church. Hvala.

### **POINTS OF CONTACT FOR BUILDING AREAS:**

Narthex /Sanctuary	Father Dragan	Milo Cvetkovich
Offices	Father Dragan	Jim or Terri Fields
Hall	Rick Gentry	Greg Pasalich
Sunday School Rooms	Kim Suder	Dorothy Milivojac
Library	Father Dragan	Jim Fields

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Storage room	Rick Gentry	Greg Pasalich
Kitchen	Vera Schuster	Belinda Sharkey
Refreshment Area	Rick Suder	Lazar Iglendza
Candle Room	Milo Cvetkovich	Bogdan Milivojic
Utility Room	Rick Gentry	Greg Pasalich
Grounds	Rick Gentry	Bob Ivancevich

This is our home we have to take care of it.

## Fish Fry better than ever:

Thanks to all our supports whether it was financial, manpower and/or coordinators for executing a wonderful fish fry season. We have set a new standard for this event and expect continued growth in our fundraising efforts and more importantly continued growth of the fellowship for all involved. This year we showcased various special chefs from within the parish and hope that others are encouraged to share their talent with us next year.

## Church Considers Monthly Fish Fries. Your Opinion?

Thanks to scores of volunteers, lots of guests from our neighborhood and the continued support of our parishioners, our Lenten Fish Fries were a resounding success, in fact, better than ever!

We are considering have a monthly (once-a-month) fish fry at our Church. We will take a look at the surveys we distributed during the Lenten Fries and talk with folks who might help by volunteering and we will make a decision soon.

If you have recommendations, would like to volunteer, or would like to express your views about a monthly fish fry, write before April 24<sup>th</sup> (the next Parish Council meeting) to

Vera Schuster at [VERA\\_SCHUSTER@LILLY.COM](mailto:VERA_SCHUSTER@LILLY.COM) OR

Bob Ivancevich at [rivancevich@comcast.net](mailto:rivancevich@comcast.net). Thanks.

## PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for the health of:

Robert (Stiehl), Jeanette (Hart), Matt, Bob Fries, Hugh (Scotty Grant), Zoya, Marie (George), Natasa, Judy (Ivancevich), Tomislav, Jason, Elena (Milovac), Lazar (Prodic), Chester (Tasich), Paul & Tina (Stoyanovich), Kathryn (Ralic), Patty (Staletovich), Angeline (Yeftich), Jack (Mertz), George (Alavanja), Ronny, Draga (Stankovich), Borivoje.

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

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Nicholas (Simeon) Goris, born on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February. Parents: Richard & Tatiana.

Congratulations and Gods blessings.

## MEMORY ETERNAL

Mati Evpraksija, Abbess of the New Carlisle Monastery went to the Lord February 21, 2007, please remember her in prayer and her sister nuns, who will miss her loving guidance.

The grandmother of Belinda Sharkey passed away; please remember her and her family in prayer.

## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

☉= under 80                      ☉=over 80  
☉=80                                ☉☉= over 110

03-04-07: - 138 - ☉☉            03-25-07: 88 - ☉

03-11-07: - 109 - ☉

03-18-07: - 80 - ☉

## NEW STUDY GROUPS

- Women's Study Group - Next Mtg. April 17<sup>th</sup>  
Contact person - Emily Iglendza, home: 844-6384
  - Men's Study Group - First Lecture May 26<sup>th</sup>  
Contact person Chris Karras, home: 575-1997
- Grow Spiritually and learn more!

## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

- April 1: Jordan England, Nicholas Jurich & Stevan Zoric
- Holy Week: All servers welcome
- April 8 Pascha: All servers welcome
- April 15: Alex Tanaskovich, Ben Staletovich, Alec Mandich,
- April 22: Sam Bennett, Connor Schmok, Christopher Toth
- April 29: Djordje Milkic, Petar Hood, Matthew Toth
- May 6: Garret Isch, Brian Isch, Riley Isch
- May 13: David Bresich, Marko Adams, Stefan Arsich

\*Any Altar server who cannot attend Church the day he is scheduled is to find a replacement and notify the church office at 471-8006.

## Stewardship...What is it? Why is it important for our Church?

Stewardship can be defined as all we do after we say "I believe in.....". The dictionary definition says "the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care." Sounds like St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church!

Then, Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

So, one way to look at stewardship is to acknowledge that we are just passing through this world and are given certain time, talents and treasures to use for God's glory and his Church.

In the months ahead, we will be developing a plan that will provide for each and every member of our Church to take his or her chosen role in the stewardship of St. Nicholas Church. *This is not just giving money.* This involves sharing one's time and talent, as well, for the good of the Church.

Our vision will be to have St. Nicholas Church become even stronger, where all of its members give joyfully and freely; where people put even more of their talent and spiritual gifts to work, and; where we sacrifice more of our time to serve God and our Church. The blessings we share as stewards are returned multi-fold.

Look forward to more on Stewardship in the weeks ahead.  
From: Bob Ivancevich and Milan Milivojevic for the Parish Council

## SAYING OF THE MONTH

It's good to have money and the things that money can buy, but it's good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure that you haven't lost the things that money can't buy.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

### ICON OF ST. NICHOLAS:

150 very special icons of St. Nicholas will be mounted on pieces of wood from our old Iconostas. A \$100 donation for each icon will go towards the needs of our Sunday school. Please see Alison Jensen or any of the teachers to order your icons.

### COFFEE HOUR

The Sunday School Staff and children are organizing a lemonade stand and fresh pastries two weeks a month. The Children want to raise funds for Sunday school. If anyone would like to sponsor a Sunday School Coffee Hour, please contact the church office at 471-8006, or talk to any of the Sunday-School staff. A donation of \$20 will cover the expenses for one coffee hour. We thank you in advance. The children are our future, but most of all, they are our present.

### CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP

In the month of July, at the Monastery of New Gracanica in Illinois, Please sign your children up for it.

**\*Remember Children: Good Attendance = Free Camp**

If you attended Sunday school at least 15 times during the Sunday School Year, one week of camp at New Gracanica is Free.

**YOUTH (Ages 13-18)**— Please come and/or call the church office (471-8006) if you are interested in participating. We have a Pan (All) Orthodox Youth Group of Central IN, which meets once a month. The next meeting will be on April 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday Eve from 5-8 p.m. at the Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church in Crawfordsville IN. Plan for hiking and good food and fun. Call Fr. Dragan if you are going.

## TAMBURA GROUP

**Regular practice: Wednesdays 7:30 pm.**

If interested in joining, please call the church office 471-8006. The director is Dylan Jensen.

### 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.

## BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

*"For the LORD loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones. They will be protected forever..." Psalm 37:28*

## BULLETIN SPONSOR- THANK YOU

We are looking for a sponsor for the bulletin. Please call 317-471-8006.

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

## KOLO NEWS

Kolo meeting originally scheduled for March I is re-scheduled in April. Please check the calendar and plan to attend.

\*\*\* Indianapolis Star contacted the Kolo to participate in an interview and photo shoot of Pascha (Easter) food and traditions Check the newspaper on April 4.

Judy Gajic, Yfetemia Cvetinovich, will coordinate dyeing of Easter Eggs and Sofia Cvetkovich, please make plans to help them if you can on Saturday April 7.

Easter brunch pitch in is being coordinated by Belinda Sharkey- please remember to bring a favorite dish to share. Thanks.

## Special Paschal Offerings for Church Priorities

We hope that those of you who wish to make a special offering for Pascha will consider the many needs/priorities of St. Nicholas Church. The Parish Council has developed the following listing. It is not necessarily in order of priority, but we need funds to complete these important projects. So, we hope if you are considering making a special Paschal offering, that you consider these needs of our Church before others.

### Important Projects

- \*Auxiliary Parking Area
  - \*Covered Entryway with Bell Tower and Cupola
  - \* Covered Picnic Pavilion
  - \*Finished Floor for Church Hall
  - \*Paved drive to Covered Entryway
  - \*St. Nicholas Church signage on the front of the building
- Thank you, The Parish Council

## Royalty of Serbia honored in Indianapolis

Their Royal Highnesses Crown Prince Alexander and Crown Princess Katherine of Serbia will receive the inaugural 2007 Ambassadors for Children Peace Award. There will be a Royal Reception and Gala Dinner Thursday, April 26, 2007 at the Marriott Indianapolis Downtown. If you are interested in joining them please call the church office for more information. Thank you.

## Invitation

Our Brothers and Sisters of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church have invited us to join them in a OPT fundraiser for St. Jude Hospital.

- Where:** BUB'S BURGERS AND ICE CREAM  
210 W. MAIN ST., CARMEL.
- When:** SAT. APRIL 21, 2007 @ 11:00-1:00 pm.
- Fee:** FREE-WILL OFFERINGS WELCOME
- SIRAFFLE:** BUILD-A-BEAR, LIBBY LU, OBERSWIS DAIRY, MAGGIE MOO'S TGI FRIDAY'S, MONKEY TOYS, CHEESECAKFACTORY.
- PRIZES:** TROPHY - EAT A 1LB 'BIG UGLY BURGER' PICTURE ON WALL OF FAME
- MEDAL -EAT A ½ LB 'NO SO UGLY BURGER'
- CONTACT:** JANE ROHRABAUGH (818-3540)

## Very Special speaker at St. Nicholas in May

Frank Schaeffer was born in Switzerland where he grew up as the son of a well-known Protestant theologian, Dr. Francis Schaeffer. Frank is the author of a number of best-selling and highly acclaimed novels. Frank has also written several important non-fiction works on Eastern Orthodoxy and his spiritual journey from Protestantism to the Orthodox Church. These include *Dancing Alone* and *Letters to Father Aristotle*. He will speak at our Church on **May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007 (Memorial Saturday) at 12:00 noon.**