

PARISH NEWS

FROM FATHER'S DESK

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

Christ is Risen! Христос Воскресе!

May Pascha (Easter) be the most joyous day of the year for you, and may the same joy follow you the rest of the year.

Christ is Risen!

Васкрс нека вам донесе неизмерну радост, радост БОЖЕ ДАЈ која ће вас пратити све до следећег празника Васкрсења Христовог. Христос Воскресе!!!

Make Sure You Don't Miss It!

To be completely honest with you, the services during Great and Holy week are very long. 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.

BLESSING HOMES

Thus far I have blessed 140/150 homes. **If I didn't call you**, forgive me, call me and I'll be glad to come at your convince and bless your home.

SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK

When you come to Church services during Great & Holy Week if you are able, please bring a some fruit/vegetables for the pitch-in meal.

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.

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.

BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

“He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, “saying, “The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.””

Luke 24: 6-7

SAYING OF THE MONTH

Worship Together

Take heed, then, often to come together to give thanks to God, and show forth His praise. For when ye assemble frequently in the same place, the powers of Satan are destroyed, and the destruction at which he aims is prevented by the unity of your faith. Nothing is more precious than peace, by which all war, both in heaven and earth, is brought to an end. - *Letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 13*

RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES – MARCH 22ND

We had 17 people in attendance, Mane Bubalo was the guest of honor, with the understanding that Teta Helen is spiritually with us. Father Dragan talked about the sacrament of marriage and how it compares to martyrdom and the Sunday of the Holy Cross. Mane gave a brief talk about his life, and shared pictures of their wedding and 25th anniversary party. We had a light Lenten dinner. It was GREAT for all present.

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for the health of: Branko Puhar, Ramsey Palmer (Haynes), Elena (Milovac), Lee, Bob (Fries), Hugh (Grant), Zoya, Natasa, Judy (Ivancevich), Tomislav, Jason, Paul & Tina (Stoyanovich), Kathryn (Ralic), Ronny, Borivoje, Aiko (Yamada).

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

MEMORY ETERNAL

+ Mary Remes - grandmother of Dylan Jensen our Choir Director.

May God establish her soul where the saints repose and give her family strength to endure this temporary separation.

Vjecnaja Pamjat!

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
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03-01-09: 125 03-15-09: 90 03-29-09: 80
03-08-09: 35 03-22-09: 93 04-04-09: 89

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

April 5: Nicholas Schuster, Petar Petrovic, Christian Jimanez

April 12: David Bresich, Connor Schmok, Christopher Toth

Holy Week: All Servers Welcome

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April 19: Pascha – all servers are welcome

April 26: Djordje Mikic, Petar Hood, Matthew Toth
May 3: Adam Arsich, Garret, Brian, Riley Isch
May 10: Marko Adams, Stefan Arsich, Sam Bennett
May 17: Jordan England, Nicholas Jurich, Yoseph Chernet
May 24: Alex Tanaskovich, Ben Staletovich, Djordje Djurovic

***Please - any Altar server who cannot attend Church the day he is scheduled is to find a replacement and notify the church office.

THANK YOU:

- Nena Popovich, Augustina Voss & KSS for coffee hours in March.
- Mike Popovic for hooking up the TV and surround sound in the church hall.
- All those we did not mention.

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL:

Main discussions from the last meeting:
-New Tractor to cut grass and do other jobs on property purchased.
- Unit behind Church building to be fenced in. More storage area.

For you information – Let us pay off our Debt.

* Our monthly mortgage payment is: \$6,180.10
* We owe the bank - \$659,279.06
Let us support our home (Church). If not you – who?

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

TAKE A BOX - GIVE \$50K TO CHURCH

ONLY FEW MORE BOXES LEFT!!

Wouldn't you like to give your church \$50,000.00 – to pay off the mortgage? Yes, Fifty thousand dollars. You probably would, but you can't. Well you can. How? Take a yellow box (**located in the Vestibule**) home & put \$1.00 in there (yes a dollar a day) and within a year you'll do that. But how? **If all of us participate**, 150 boxes X \$365.00 a family = \$54,750.00.

THE TRICK IS – **ALL MUST PARTICIPATE**

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

*****Lazarus Saturday (Parent/Children Day) April 11th**
Activates 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. This year we are starting a new tradition on Lazarus Saturday, we are having an **Egg Hunt**. Bring the Children Please.

FREE CAMP

If one has attended Sunday school at least 15 times in the school year our parish will pay for your one-week at New Gracanica camp.

CHOIR NEWS

The attendance at our choir rehearsal on Sunday, March 29, was almost 100%. It was the best attendance we've had in a long time. This was great because we are learning some new liturgical music, and it certainly does help to have good attendance. **Our next rehearsal will be Sunday, April 12, at 8:30 a.m.** Let's try for 100% attendance this time!

*We take this opportunity to welcome our newest members and thank our very gifted Choir Director and Cantor, Dylan Jensen.

TRIP TO THE ORPHANAGE

Our Parish is proud to announce that Dr. Augustina Voss will represent us on the Orthodox Church Mission Trip to Guatemala in August 2009 to the Hogar Rafael Ayau Orphanage. The mission trip is coordinated by Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Carmel, IN, with participation from other Orthodox Churches in the city. Please join us in supporting Augustina in her mission Christ. We are looking for ways to make a small contribution to the poor and needy children of the mission. If you are able to offer a financial contribution at this time please contact Augustina or Church office. As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly ask you to look within your hearts and to contribute in Christ's name. May God bless you all on behalf of the Guatemala orphans.

TAMBURA GROUP:

For times and dates of weekly practices leave a message for Dvlan Jensen at 471-8006 he will call you back.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Dragana Grbic, a member of the Terre Haute South High School Girls Basketball Team, who was named the Most Valuable Basketball Player of the Wabash Valley Area consisting of about 50 schools. Also, she was awarded a scholarship to Butler University of Indianapolis. She is the daughter of Drago & Smilja Grbic, parishioners of our church.

KOLO NEWS

FISH FRY'S CONTINUE THROUGH APRIL 10TH

.....Ever wonder what the "secret ingredient" is that makes our Famous Bean Soup ...well, FAMOUS?..... Ever wonder how the hall always seems to be ready before a scheduled event.....then wonder how the hall always looks "normal" before Divine Liturgy Sunday morning?..... Ever wonder what the 10 secret spices are in our very own Select

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Fish BreedingEver wonder how to make Serbian green beans?... .. or Ever wonder how our French fries stay crispy?... Ever wonder just what kind of dressing makes our Slaw stand out from the ordinary....Have you ever wondered just "what is" a POSNO/LENTEN dessert?..... Ever wonder how you could show off your culinary skills or share a gourmet recipe with a "Fish Fry Special"!!!!!! Ever wonder why the crowds rave we have "The BEST Church Fish Fry in the State"?.... ..And have you ever wondered why all the Serb Crew Volunteers seem to always have a smile on their faces and a happy song in their hearts.....the answer to these and to many of your other questions can be answered by signing up to help at the Saint Nicholas Friday Night Fish Fry's.....the sign up work sheet is on the wall just outside the kitchen door..... Or, have you ever wanted to help but just can't be there on Friday Nights, our Dorothy Cross has an answer for that!!!!!! So PLEASE come together, one and all..... find the Answers your HEART and Mind are looking for, all you have to do is become a working part of the most successful fundraiser sponsored by OUR CHURCH.....SIGN UP!!!!!!!!!!The rewards are Endlesshope to see you in the kitchen, (And if not this year, think about it for next year or the next event here at St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church).

MONTHLY FISH FRY'S

Our wonderful fish fries will continue through the summer.

May 29th

June 26th

July 31st

August 28.

Please come and join us.

PROSFORA MAKING

On March 14th our sisters gathered at Church to make Prosfora. Special thanks to: Yovanka Savich, Popadija Vesna & Dorothy Cross.

PASCHA (RED) EGG DYING

Our sisters will be gathering on Great and Holy Saturday, April 18th 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 your favorite dish to share with your Church family. **Make sure we have a lot of meat and cheese dishes. A LOT!!!**

K.S.S. ANNUAL MEETING WAS HELD ON MARCH 1ST 2009.

One change was made to the board: Sarah Swander was added to the auditing board, the rest of the board remained the same.

BULLETIN SPONSOR-

April's Bulletin is sponsored by – Nena Popovich.

In the name of her Slava: Lazarus Saturday and newborn Great Granddaughter - Milena (Popovic) Hopkins

March's Bulletin was sponsored by Kaitlyn and Peter

Suder - In Celebration of Bob Bond's Birthday on March 17th, in his honor!!!!!! Happy Birthday P!!!

If you would like to sponsor a bulletin please call the church office 471-8006. Note: In order to sponsor a bulletin, we are asking for a **donation of \$50.00** or what ever you can afford.

ARE YOU IN NEED OF:

- Van with wheel chair lift

IF in Need Call the Church Office

***Two cars were given away this past month.

TAKING CARE OF OUR HOME - Please

We hope and pray that each active family of our parish would accept a (meaning at least one) responsibility in regards to taking care of our new home. Father Dragan and/or a P.C. member may call you in the near future on this matter. In the meantime if there is something you prefer committing to please call the Church office as soon as possible. Thank you – we need everyone on board, **everyone.**

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Anyone that has a trade or owns a business, A directory of Orthodox Businesses of Central Indiana will be put together in the near future, if you are interested in being listed in the directory, (for **no charge** except what you chose to contribute), please call the church office, or email to: fr.dragan@st-nicholas-indy.org

RUMMAGE SALE

Please think about your Church when you are spring cleaning.

We are planning a Rummage Sale for June 6th as a fund raiser. We are asking for household items, toys, baby items, etc. Since we really don't have the room to store items we ask that you keep them until the week before the sale, then you can bring them to the Church. Look for more information in next month's bulletin.

If you would like to come and help with pricing the week before or if you can come and help out on the day of the sale please let Anica Stanjevich or Terri Fields know. Thanks!!

ST. STEPHEN MEN'S GROUP GOLF OUTING

The men's group of St. Stephen Bulgarian Orthodox Church will be hosting their 3rd annual Golf Outing. May 9th 2009 @ 8am

Valle Vista Golf Course, Greenwood Ind. Entry Fee is \$65.00 per player. If you are interested please call our Church office. Copy of the entry form is located on our Church bulletin board.