

PARISH NEWS

FROM FATHER'S DESK

HOLY WEEK RESURRECTION SUNDAY AND BRIGHT WEEK:

My dear spiritual children, it will be wonderful to see most of you in church on Easter (Pascha), I can't wait. However, please make an effort to participate in at least one service during the Great and Holy Week. I would suggest matins on Holy Friday at 7:00 p.m. The Holy Fathers tell us that we cannot feel the joy on Easter if we haven't felt the grief on Holy Friday, the day our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was put on the cross, the day he suffered and died for us. Because of this I am crying out to you to come and feel the grief so that you may experience the joy. Please be present.

EASTER (PASCHAL) DONATIONS:

To give to your church this Easter is a special gift because it goes towards building a church. Yes, from now on when you give to church you are building the house of God and God will bless you for that.

Since we have bought the land and are looking towards building the church there, most of the donations that come in are going towards the building fund. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

HOUSE BLESSINGS:

Thank you for welcoming me into your home and offering hospitality. If anyone's home hasn't been blessed this year, please call me after Pasha and I will be more than glad to come at a time most convenient for you and your family.

OUR CHURCH CLOSED:

Our church will be closed on 5/27/02 due to race activities in town. I encourage you to attend church services at any of the other five Orthodox Churches in the area. Please check your Parish Directory or our website for the complete listing

COMMUNITY CARD

Thank you to all who participated in the Community Card for Pasha. Those who didn't will have a chance at Christmas. We appreciate your support.

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

⊗= under 80 ☺=over 80
⊕=80 ☺☺= over 110

03/31/02	83	souls	☺
04/07/02	70	souls	☺
04/14/02	101	souls	☺
04/21/02		souls	☺

FISH FRY

4 Down - 1 to go and YOUR CHURCH STILL NEEDS YOUR PARTICIPATION!

We have had tremendous turnouts at our fish fries. We are breaking records in the number of dinners served and the food is delicious. Check out the additions to the menu - shrimp, clams, and scallops. Thanks to all that have worked, baked, cleaned, donated money - because without you we wouldn't be able to efficiently execute these Lenten dinners.

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 **Kara Mozina** or **Kathy Milovac** to submit your donation.

DYEING OF EASTER EGGS:

A few of our ladies will be getting together on **May 4** 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. 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 May 2. 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-chairpersons **Marija Milivojac** and **Millie Arsich** to sign up.

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FATHER DRAGAN & CHOIR SLAVA – MAY 6

Yovan Duchich Choir and Father Dragan Petrovic and family, will be co-celebrating their Krsna Slava on May 6, at 6:30 p.m. Cutting of kolach and light dinner to follow. All members, parishioners and friends are invited to attend.

MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH – MAY 12

Making plans for Mother's Day? Remember that our dear brothers will execute an event equivalent to last year's smashing Mother's Day Brunch. 150 dinner tickets, reservations required, will be sold prior to the event. So please call now to make your reservations, as space is limited. See Flyer for information or call **Dara Todorovich** 507-0223 or 858-3375.

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL – MAY 19

The last day of Sunday School will be May 19. All children with regular attendance and all children who are in the outreach program will be recognized and rewarded for their participation during this year. A pizza lunch will follow.

THANK YOU

Thank you to George Despot who has donated the material and has made an analogion (lectern) to be used for the gospel reading. He also has made a meditation station which is going to be placed next to the Legacy Tree to further decorate it. This is a box fashioned like a church with an icon of St. Nicholas inside for people to venerate. This further enhances our wonderful property of our future church home. Thank you George!

ST. GEORGE SLAVA CINCINNATI

Our neighboring parish, St. George in Cincinnati, Ohio will be celebrating their Church Slava on June 2. We encourage you to take a ride and visit our friends. For additional information, contact Fr. Dragan.

BULLETIN SPONSORS - May

Should you wish to donate to the upcoming bulletins, please see our church secretary for your donations.

DID YOU KNOW?

For the past year Greg and Kimber Pasalich donated two cars which were then given through our church to needy parishioners. May God Bless you and your family for your generosity.

PLEDGE COMMITTEE

We have almost attained our goal of having our thirty families signed up to contribute \$80-100 per month to defray the monthly payment for the land purchased. Will you help us reach our goal? To add your name to the list or if you have any questions, please contact Marija Milivojac 862-6692. Thanks to all who are participating in this endeavor and thank you to all of you who have responded to our requests for contributions and who have taken part in any or all of our other projects.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camp at New Gracanica Monastery will be held in July. Parents please mark this on your summer planning calendar. Please contact Father Dragan or our Diocese at 847.223.4300 for additional information.

TRANSFERRED TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

May the memory of Helen Bubalo, our beloved sister, be eternal and may God establish her soul in paradise.

PARKING:

Attention: Important Notice! Do not park your cars in the parking lot across from our church on the northwest corner of 16th Street & 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.