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FROM FATHER'S DESK

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

CHRIST IS RISEN!!! INDEED HE IS RISEN!!!
ХРИСТОС БОКРЕСЕ! БАМСТІНУ БОКРЕСЕ!

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 as many services as possible during the Great and Holy Week. The Holy Fathers tell us that we cannot feel the joy on Easter if we haven't felt the grief during that week when He was betrayed, suffered, was put on the Cross and laid in the tomb. 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.

Blessing of Homes

I thank all those who have welcomed me in their homes and let me bring in the cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I am looking forward to seeing you again next year. Those of you whose homes I have not blessed, I thank you for your patience. I have been delayed due to personal reasons; and, because of this, I will continue blessing homes after Easter. I look forward to seeing you.

Correction: In the April's calendar, I failed to include a morning service on Great and Holy Friday. This service is called Royal Hours, and it will be served at 8:00 a.m.

OUR CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED

Our Church will be closed on Sunday, May 25, due to Race activities in town. I encourage you to attend church services at any of the other 6 Orthodox Churches in the area or take a trip to the Serbian Church in Cincinnati - for their Slava celebration.

War

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.

Prayer for peace: Almighty God and Creator, You are the Father of all people on the earth. Guide, I pray, all the nations and their leaders in the ways of justice and peace...

Grant that we may grow in harmony and friendship as brothers and sisters created in Your image, to Your honor and praise. Amen

Our land is paid off! Our land is paid off!! Our land is paid off!!!

The happiness of all of us at St. Nicholas Church cannot be expressed in words. Thanks to God, our donors who helped pay off the remaining debt and all of you, we can now make plans to start building our new home. We have included an envelope for your Easter donations. Please open your hearts and respond with the most you can give, so we can begin with our project sooner than later. This donation will go toward the beginning stages of building the house of God for

His people. Please be generous as you have been. God will provide for us when we invest in Him. Thank you for helping make our dream possible.

Note: Please check the names on the Land Payoff Sheet; and, if a correction in the spelling of a name is necessary, please contact the church office. This list of names may be exposed in the future and we want to be sure it is correct.

I would like to communicate with you through the web.

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

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.

TRANSFERRED TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Вјечнаја Памјат, Бог душу да јој прости.

May the memory of our recently departed Milica (Milica) Radlovic be Eternal. Let us pray that God may establish her soul in paradise and give the family strength to endure the loss of their loved one.

*** The family has asked that your contributions (Eternal Flowers) in her memory go towards our Church. We thank them.

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

☉= under 80 ☺=over 80

☺=80

☺☺= over 110

3/30/03

91 souls

☺

4/6/03

70 souls

☉

4/16/03

99 souls

☺

*** Please come to the services during Great and Holy Week. Our attendance is usually poor that week.

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for the health of:

Petty Staletovic, Milan Mandich, Zivko Maric, Dragica Kerr, Jovan Vuinovic, Nikola Marich, Sasa Nedic, Kathryn Ralich and Angeline Yefich.

NOTE: If you would like to include a name on the list, please call the church office.

FROM FINANCIAL SECRETARY

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

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clearly with the donor's name. Please follow these instructions. This is for your benefit as well as the churches. Thank you.

Special Note: We greatly and sincerely apologize if we haven't been as professional in the past and present when it comes to financial administration. Please consider that our budget has changed and gone up 300% (thank God) - we are doing our best to keep up. Thank you for your donations and understanding. The way you can help is if there are corrections to be made give us a call - please. We apologize.

GOD'S MIRACLES

We wish to introduce to you the youngest member of our church family: Petar Petrovic born on April 3rd. Parents: Rev. Fr. Dragan & Vesna Petrovic.

Many years to him and his family.

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. **Please take this seriously and please call, especially if you are offering a job. Thank you.**

CHURCH CLOSING—TRIP TO CINCINNATI

Our neighboring parish, St. George in Cincinnati, Ohio will be celebrating its Church Slava on Sunday, May 25 (when our Church will be closed due to the Race). They postponed their Slava to accommodate us. We encourage you to take a ride and visit our friends. For more information call the Church office.

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. See Yovanka Savich &/or Kera Mozina.

Dyeing of Easter Eggs:

A few of our ladies will be getting together on Saturday, April 26, following the Divine Liturgy to dye Pascha eggs (in traditional red color). 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 the 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.

KSS ANNIVERSARY/MOTHER'S DAY

Our Kolo will be celebrating its anniversary along with Mother's Day on May 11 following the Divine Liturgy.

Please make plans to bring that special mother, baba, kuma, tetka, etc. to lunch that day. No reservation necessary.

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

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL—MAY 18

The last day of Sunday School will be May 18. All of the Sunday School children will be recognized and rewarded for their participation during the year. A pizza and ice cream party will follow. Please bring your children.

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 or our Church office.

CHOIR SLAVA—MAY 4

Our Yovan Duchich Choir members will be celebrating their Slava, St. George, on Sunday, May 4, following the Divine Liturgy, with a dinner. Everyone is invited to attend. Let us support our choir, first of all by our presence on that special day - MAY THE 4TH.

BABY SHOWER

Attention all lady parishioners, friends and/or family of Popadija Vesna and/or Marija Milivojac: We will be hosting a baby shower for both of these ladies on Saturday, May 3, at 11:00 a.m., in the Church Hall at St. Nicholas. Please come and enjoy in our typical sisterly fashion of welcoming two newest arrivals to our church family. Please direct any questions to our first lady, Kim Suder, (823-4145), Dorothy Cross (852-6132), Vera Schuster (815-1336) or Dorothy Milivojac (862-3593). Popadija Vesna is registered at Target & Marija is registered at Babies R Us.

FISH FRY

Thank you to all of you who attended, those who helped and those who contributed. Please know that the proceeds will go toward the building of our new home. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you...

BEST WISHES TO OUR GRADUATES!

Please let us know if your son/daughter is graduating from high school or college this year. We have made it a tradition of giving the graduates a gift for this special occasion, and therefore we need that information. Please call the Church office.

SPRING CLEANING

Special thanks to all the people who volunteered their time to clean our church. It is wonderful to see the members of our church family come together to help maintain and clean the House of God.