

PARISH NEWS

FROM FATHER'S DESK

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

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.

Christ is Risen!

My hope and prayer is that we greet each other this way every day of the year. Also, my hope and prayer is that we get to feel it not only say it. Let us make every effort to put ourselves in the shoes of the Apostles and the first Christians during the time of Christ's suffering, death, burial and Resurrection. How painful it was to see Him suffer? How devastating it was to see Him die? How sad it was to see Him buried? And how confusing but Joyous & Victorious it was to see Him Resurrect from the Dead? O my Lord and my God!

Blessing of Homes

To date, I have blessed 145 homes. If your home was not blessed this year, please call me. Thank you.

Baptism during Divine Liturgy

This is a special opportunity for all of our Parishioners to witness a baptism being performed during the Divine Liturgy on Great and Holy Saturday at 10:00 a.m.. This is an old Tradition of the Orthodox Church, which is rarely seen today. Come and see and share the joy of Baptism, Chrismation and Communion of our Catechumen Nathan Sopke.

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for the health of:

Marija Putnik, Mili Salatich, Verna Swander, Diana & Corina Fischetti, Jason, Elena Milovac, Hadad, Lazar Prodic, Chester Tasich, Paul & Tina Stoyanovich, Kathryn Ralic, Anna Ralish, Patty Staletovich, Milan Knezevic, and Angeline Yeftich.

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

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

⊗= under 80 ⊙=over 80
⊖=80 ⊙⊙= over 110

April 3	78 souls	⊗
April 10	82 souls	⊙
April 17	83 souls	⊙

KOLO NEWS

Dyeing of Easter Eggs:

A few of our ladies will be getting together on Great and Holy Saturday, April 30, following the Divine Liturgy to dye Pascha eggs. If you would like to learn the art of this coloring process, please make plans to help them.

Pascha (Easter) Buffet

As is our tradition, after 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 dish to share with your church family.

K.S.S. Anniversary/Mother's Day Celebration

*This is the day to honor our Mothers

On May 8th there will be a Mother's Day/K.S.S. Anniversary Celebration. Please plan to be there with or for your mother. Because of the delicious food and entertainment, as well as the special atmosphere, many people in the past years have canceled lunches and dinners at Five-Star restaurants to come to our church to partake of this special event. We're looking forward to having you. Welcome.

* Memorial service for the departed Sisters and Mothers will be served after Divine Lit.

CHOIR NEWS

Our Choir members will be Celebrating their Slava on May 3rd. Please come and support them.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School Events:

***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 a.m. on the 23rd of April.

Last day of Sunday School – May 22nd Awards – Party!

The last day of Sunday school will be on May 22nd. Traditionally, the children will be awarded in the Church after the Divine Liturgy. Following, we will have an outing and a party. Parents, please bring your children and make sure you continue bringing them to Church during the summer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS WANTED.

We are looking for devoted individuals to teach Sunday school next school year. If you are interested, please call the Church Office.

Altar Server Meeting – To be announced

Children's Summer Camp

Summer Camp at the New Gracanica Monastery will be held, as always in the month of July. Parents, please mark this on your summer planning calendar. Thus far, we have a couple families interested in going. Most definitely, Fr. Dragan will be there between July 10th and July 16th.

Please call the Church office for more information.

YOUTH – Summer Plans to be announced.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Holy & Bright week: All are welcome

MAY 1 PASCHA: All Altar Servers invited.

May 8: David Bresich, Nikola Rajovic, Stefan Arsic

May 15: Jordan England, Matthew Thomas, Nathaniel Thomas

May 22: Mark Mozina, Marko Adams, George Steiner

June 5: Alex Tanaskovich, Ben Staletovich, Alec Mandich

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June 12: Milos Mikic, Steven Stankovich, Matthew Vukas

June 26: Garret Isch, Brian Isch, Riley Isch

July 3: Sam Bennett, Connor Schmok, Christopher Toth

July 10: Garret Isch, Brian Isch, Riley Isch

July 17: Djordje Mikic, Petar Hood, Matthew Toth

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

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE

"And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain... and if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are not yet in your sins... if in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and became the first fruits of them that slept".

1 Corinthians 15:14,17, 19, 20

SAYINGS

"Men speak to perfection but they do precious little about it."
Poemen the Shepherd

Memory Eternal

- Budimir Stankovic died in April in Serbia. Condolences to His family who live here in Indianapolis.

*** May his memory be eternal and may God establish his soul where the just repose.

FISH FRY Season is over.

Thanks to all of you, the Fish Fry's this year have been very good. We are so grateful to those who came to work, those who came to eat, those who gave \$ to cover the cost of material, those who invited their family and friends to come and last, but certainly not least, those who prayed for this to be a successful season. Thank you so much for your support. All of you are so kind. Thank you, thank you, thank you !!!

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS AND PARISHIONERS

All of you have received the pledge form to complete for the "Make a Promise Campaign." Please mail it in or bring it in by May 1 (Pascha/Easter).

Renting of our Social Hall

REMINDER: Our social hall is not to be rented out during the fasting seasons. Since the fasting season is the time for abstaining from non-lenten food as well as party-like merriment, it wouldn't be proper for church property to be used for such events. This policy is intended for members as well as non-members. We have been following this tradition (rule) and have been blessed because of it. Thank you in advance.

Special Note

In the event you should like to submit something for the Parish News, please call the Church office: 636-1404

Your help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Even though this is an uncomfortable subject to mention, please give some consideration to the following: **REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.**

MISSION TRIPS THIS YEAR

- Two people from our parish are going on a trip to Guatemala to help out in an orphanage.

- Three people from our parish are going to Serbia to help out in an orphanage.

Let us all pray for them.

Also, Donations towards these trips would be greatly appreciated.

Young Adult Conference May 20-22, 2005

The first Annual Orthodox Young Adult Conference of Indiana - May 20-22, 2005 - Ages 18-30. The Conference will be held at Camp Rotary 1745 S 325 W Crawfordsville, Indiana. Registration Cost is \$30.00. For more information contact **John Miller (765)746-0530.**

Make a Promise Campaign

As it says in Proverbs "The righteous giveth and spareth not." After all, all we have comes from our Lord. Please give some back to His Church.

Goal is to have 75% Participation in our Make a Promise Campaign.

Our goal is not only to raise at least \$500,000.00 by Pentecost, but to have at least 75% of our Church Families participate in the campaign. This is important so that our Church will be built by as many families as is possible. While we have asked all to dig deep, we know that some families have few financial resources and are limited in what they can promise. Even if your gift is small or even if it is extra prayers for our new church complete the pledge card (with a small gift or a notation that you will pray for our success) and return it. Help us reach our goal of 75% participation. Thus far we have \$310,000.00 promised, we need 190,000.00 more. Please participate.

Remember, our pledges to the building campaign are above and beyond what we give routinely for the operation of the Church.

BULLETIN SPONCOR- THANK YOU

Barbara Buchmura

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