

PARISH NEWS

FROM FATHER'S DESK

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

Alaska Trip.

My wife and I, Ljiljana Vukovic of our parish as well as other orthodox Christians of Central Indiana are going on a mission trip to Alaska in July. We are fundraising to pay for our way there. By the end of May we must come up with \$500.00 each aside from the personal investment for this trip. Please if you are able help us get there. Send donations to our Church with a following note: Mission to Alaska.

Parents.

Please bring your children on May 20th Awards Day to be recognized for participating in the Sunday school program this past school year.

Memorial Saturday

There will be a 10 AM Parastos on the 26th at Church. I will be visiting gravesites only upon request. Please visit your departed loved ones at the cemetery. Thank you.

Blessing of Homes

I have blessed around 150 homes thus far. I will continue blessing homes that I did not get to due to weather and early Pascha. 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.

Wish list of items useful to the church:

Larger (more expensive) Items:

- Auxiliary Parking Area
- Covered Entryway with Bell Tower/Cupola
- Covered picnic pavilion
- Finished floor for Church hall
- Sound system for the church. Estimated cost \$2,700.00 - partially donated.
- Playground for the children. - partially donated.
- Church Bells - have been donated.
- Crosses for Exterior Church Building
- Permanent Church Sign at front of property. (Donated)
- 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 to the donor who wished to remain anonymous yet donating the funds for a new Altar table.

Thank you, Matthew Syvinski for the generous donation of computer equipment, for sharing his talents with us by programming a "point of sale" system to be used at fellowship events; and for sharing his time with us training people to use the system.

Thank you, Bob Djordjevich for donating and installing automatic flushers for the men's restroom.

Thank you, Bob & Angie Djordjevich and Nada Jimenez for the beautiful job they did recovering the wooden chairs in our fellowship hall.

A Letter from the Parish Council President:

STEWARDSHIP WOW !!!!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last month's bulletin included an article describing "Stewardship" as "All we do once we say I believe in... We all believe in our St. Nicholas Church. To paraphrase John Kennedy, "Now is the time to ask not what your church can do for you, but rather, to ask what YOU can do for your church." We need your help. All it will cost you is a little time. Can you become a Steward of the Church by providing Time and Talent to our dedication weekend?

Stewardship Can Start With Helping Our Dedication Subcommittees. Last month we also published a listing of Dedication

Subcommittees and Chairmen. Now is the time to step up, become a living steward of our church, ask what you can do by volunteering to serve on one of the committees. The committees are listed this month again.

Many of us have witnessed the love and fellowship shared by those who volunteer for our Church. We hope many more will participate in this love and fellowship by volunteering for one of our Dedication Subcommittees. There is enough love, and surely enough work, to go around. Thank you, Bob Ivancevich for the Parish Council

*** Please note: The P.C. Meeting scheduled for the 22nd of May has been moved to the 23rd of May.**

*** Saturday September 22nd Church Dedication and September 23rd Kolo Anniversary**
THESE ARE IMPORTANT - HOLD THE DATES.

*** 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 Slava: St. George May 6, 2007. A dinner will take place immediately following Divine Liturgy. All are welcome and encouraged to celebrate the blessing of our choir members and the blessed St. George, Great Martyr.

Please also note that this year is the 50th anniversary of our Choir. Look for more info. to follow and how we will celebrate this milestone with our specially gifted brothers and sisters, who sing in the Choir.

St. Nicholas Dedication Subcommittee Chairmen

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 & TALENT ON ONE OF THESE COMMITTEES. Please contact the subcommittee chairman of that group for which you wish to volunteer.

Banquet: Angie Djordjevich and Nada Jimenez

Dedication Commemorative Book/Sponsors:

Dorothy Milivojac, Dorothy Cross & Milan Milivojevic

Youth Activity: Kim Suder, Dylan Jensen & Nedeljko

Djukanovich

Decorations: Stana Edwards and Cheryl Babic

Party Favors: Anica Foreman-Stanjevich and Dorothy Cross

Entertainment: Stana Edwards and Dara Todorovich

Promotions / Invitations: Vera Schuster

Facility/Banquet Hall/Grounds: Rick Suder

Program / Speeches / Recognition: Bob Ivancevich

Fundraising: Lazar Iglendza, Bob Ivancevich, & Jason Pasalich

Dignitaries/Out of Town Guests: Dorothy Milivojac

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for the health of:

Stevan (11 years old), Robert (Stiehl), Jeanette (Hart), Matt, Bob Fries, Hugh (Scotty Grant), Zoya, Marie (George), Natasa, Judy (Ivancevich), Tomislav, Jason, Chester (Tasich), Paul & Tina

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(Stoyanovich), Kathryn (Ralic), Patty (Staletovich), Angeline (Yeftich), Jack (Mertz), , Ronny, Borivoje.

A Child Needs our Help

Stevan Mileusnic is from Northern IN and is 11 years old. He has been @ Riley Hospital for a while and is in need of a Bone Marrow Transplant. We are trying to find a match. Please if you can, go and be tested to see if you are a match. Call Church for more info. May is National Bone Marrow Month. Testing may be free and only involves cotton swab of the inner cheek.

MEMORY ETERNAL

+ George Alavanja (was part of our parish)
+ Rade Milatovic (of Serbia)

May God establish their souls where the Saints repose and give their families strength to endure this temporary separation.

VJECNAJA PAMJAT.

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

☉= under 80 ☉☉=over 80
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04-01-07: 96 - ☉

04-02-07: (Holy Mon.) - 8

04-03-07: (Holy Tues.) - 9

04-04-07: (Holy Wed.) - 24

Holy Thursday

04-05-07: 10:00 AM - 24

04-05-07: 06:30 PM - 36

04-08-07: (PASCHA.) - 250+ - ☉☉☉☉☉

04-15-07: 71 - ☉

04-22-07: 102 - ☉

Holy Friday

04-06-07: 08:00AM - 9

04-06-07: 05:00 PM - 35

04-06-07: 07:00 PM - 59

Holy Saturday

04-07-07: 10:00AM - 26

04-07-07: 11:45 PM - 78

GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY - NEWS

During Liturgy Richard Gentry was Christmated into the Church. Congratulations and once again welcome to our community. May God grant you many years.

NEW STUDY GROUPS

- Women's Study Group established!

Contact person - Emily Iglendza, home: 844-6384

-Men's Study Group established!

Contact person Chris Karras, home: 575-1997

Grow Spiritually and learn more!

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

May 6: Garret Isch, Brian Isch, Riley Isch

May 13: David Bresich, Stefan Arsich

May 20: Jordan England, Nicholas Jurich & Jerry Short

May 27: Alex Tanaskovich, Ben Staletovich, Alec Mandich,

June 6: Sam Bennett, Connor Schmok, Christopher Toth

June 13: 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 the church office at 471-8006.

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.

Special note: The Karras family took these special icons to the holy land and as they visited many Holy sites placed these icons upon them, specifically the Tomb of Christ.

COFFEE HOUR:

The Sunday school would like to thank sponsors:

April

Nena Popovich

The Tanaskovich Family

May

The Stankovich Family

Milutin Janjic

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. Note: From this year on there will be a limit to the number of campers accepted. Please register ASAP.

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.

NEWS: Call the Church office for the next meeting. It will be on one of the Sunday Eve's from 5-8 p.m. at one of the Orthodox Churches in Central Indiana.

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.

Lazarus Saturday - Children's Event:

All had a wonderful time. The children learned much as well as to prepare and bake Prosfora, which will be used during Divine Liturgy over the next few months. Vrbica (willow branches) were planted on our property on Palm Sunday.

St. Sava - Kumovi -2008:

The Jurich family will be the Kumovi for St. Sava day next year. We thank them for accepting this responsibility and honor.

Youth Conference 2008: August 7-11 a Youth conference of the Youth of the Serbian Orthodox Church in America and Canada will be held at the New Gracanica Camp. Stay tuned for more information.

Congratulations to all Graduates!

Robert "Bobby" Foreman graduates from the University of Bloomington on May 27, 2007 with degrees in Biology and Psychology. He plans to continue his education going to graduate school in Chicago to complete his PhD in Biology.

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Bobby's fiancé, Abigail Burt is also graduating from Indiana University with a Masters in Accounting.

Note: Please call us with additional names.

BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH - LOVE?

Love suffers long and is kind: Love does not envy: Love does not parade itself, is not puffed up: Does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil: Does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth: bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails... *1 Corinthians 13:4-8*

SAYING OF THE MONTH

"The Orthodox Church is evangelical, but not Protestant. It is Orthodox, but not Jewish. It is Catholic, but not Roman. It isn't non-denominational, but is pre-denominational. It has believed, taught, preserved, defended, and died for the faith of the Apostles since the day of Pentecost 2000 years ago."

BULLETIN SPONSOR- THANK YOU

Ann Stanjevich Foreman sponsored this month's bulletin in honor of the upcoming wedding of Robert & Abigail in June 2007.

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

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Cookbooks for Sale!

1) 500 INDY Recipes \$10.00 2) Lenten Recipes \$ 8.00

RECIPE FOR MOST-REQUESTED FISH FRY SPECIAL:

Many people enjoyed the specials prepared by our generous and hard working "specialty chefs". Here is one of the favorites served at the Lenten Fish Fries this year. Thanks to our chefs: Nick and Cheryl Babic, who shared their Lenten secret. Enjoy.

Crab Cakes with Roasted Red Pepper Sauce

1 Tbsp. Lenten butter
3 Tbsp. diced green onion
1/4 red pepper, finely chopped
1/4 green pepper, finely chopped
1 rib celery
1 clove garlic, minced
2 Tbsp chopped green parsley
1 Tbsp lemon juice
1 large egg (for Lenten use Ener-G Egg Replacer)
1 tsp Old Bay
hot sauce to taste
2 Tbs. Lenten mayonnaise (Vegenaise)
1 lb. lump crabmeat
3-4 Tbsp. breadcrumbs/Matzoh meal combo
canola oil for cooking
1/2 c. Panko breadcrumbs

Heat butter in sauté pan. Add onions, peppers, celery and garlic. Sauté for 3 minutes. Allow to cool. Whisk together egg substitute with hot sauce, Vegenaise and cooked vegetables. Gently fold in crab and breadcrumbs. Form mixture into silver dollar-sized crab cakes(appetizer) or larger for entrée. Place on a baking sheet and chill for one hour. Heat a 1/4-inch oil in sauté pan over medium heat. Press Panko breadcrumbs into crab cakes. Cook 2 minutes per side. Serve hot with lemon wedges and red pepper sauce.

Red Pepper Sauce:

2 Whole Roasted Red peppers from a jar 1/2 cup mayonnaise
(Vegenaise for Lenten)
Black Pepper to taste

Puree the roasted red peppers in food processor or blender. Add the mayo and black pepper and process to briefly combine. Place the ingredients in a blender or food processor. Pulse until smooth. Chill until ready to serve.

WOULD YOU HELP PAY OFF OUR NEW HOME?

If you have donated already, we thank you and ask that you continue - if you have not - please, please do - we really need it.

Royalty of Serbia visits our St. Nicholas Church

April 27th, 2007, the Royal Family Prince Alexander & Princess Katherine visited our St. Nicholas church. After a brief church service attended by priests from many of our local Orthodox parishes, they entered our fellowship hall and enjoyed tea and answered questions. Over a hundred people were in attendance. More details will follow in the June bulletin. The 26th of April has been proclaimed by the Mayor of Indianapolis as the day of Serbian Royalty - Wow. **SEE PHOTOS**

BEST WISHES TO MILUTIN JANJIC

As most of you know, Milutin Janjic (OUR SEMINARIAN!) will be leaving us in late May to return to Prnjavor, Bosnia to spend the summer with his family. He returns to the US in August to begin his graduate work at the Orthodox Seminary at Berkeley where he will receive his Masters degree in Theology!!!!!!! Milutin arrived in Indianapolis on a cold, dreary day on September 23, 2005. With little more than his bags and a small nest egg from his Diocese in Bosnia, he set out to make his dream come true. What a success story. Through the love and hard work of Father Dragan, Popadija Vesna, Father and Popadija Milkic, Father Mile, Jim and Terri Fields, Rick Gentry, Robert Ivancevich and countless members of our parish, Milutin learned English, scored high scores on his TOEFL tests, and was accepted to one of the pre-eminent Orthodox Seminaries in the world.

Milutin has touched many of us during his stay. He has helped so many parishes and monasteries, and of course was so helpful to Father Dragan. Milutin will be greatly missed. His cheerfulness, piety and dedication to our One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church is unique.

The best news is that Milutin, through his hard work, the generosity of many families and friends, and earning substantial scholarships, will have the financial resources to matriculate at Berkeley. God is good. And while Milutin has had many blessings bestowed upon him, he has surely returned them many-fold to those whose lives he has touched.

MNOGAJA LJETA!

Milutin Janjic to Give Sermon After May 20 Liturgy

The May 20 Divine Liturgy will be the last one at which our "seminarian" Milutin will help serve prior to his departing to spend the summer with his family in the "old country". Father Dragan has asked him to present the sermon following Divine Liturgy. Milutin has made so many friends these past two years and we hope that all of you can plan to attend this service and wish Milutin well. He will begin work on his Masters Degree in Divinity, at the Orthodox Seminary At Berkeley in August. Please join us to wish him well. Thank you.

3rd Annual OYA Conference" Ages 18-30

The theme of the conference is "An Orthodox Perspective on Marriage". The conference takes place from May 18th - 20th at the Camp Rotary 1745 South 325 West Crawfordsville, IN 47933. There is a \$40 fee. Please contact the office for registration information.

Frank Schaeffer lecture

Opportunity of a lifetime - Flyer included.