

PARISH NEWS

FROM FATHER'S DESK

SUMMER ATTENDANCE:

Summer has come and I am asking all of you not to vacation from church services. Even when you are on vacation, look for the nearest Orthodox Church so you don't miss out on participating in the Divine liturgy. **NOTE:** When our church is closed, please visit a neighboring Orthodox Church.

PENTECOST:

Celebrated on June 23. This is the birthday of the Church and for that reason a very important day for all Orthodox Christians. This is also the day on which we make the wreathes. Please make every effort to attend church on this Great Feast day.

VIDOVAN:

This is a very special day for all Serbs. The day our King Lazar gave his kingdom and his life for Christ. This happened in the battle of Kosovo in 1389. Many other people did the same during this battle – gave their lives for the precious cross and golden freedom. Pay tribute to them by participating in the services. This date is celebrated on June 28 as Vidovdan. Please see calendar for service time.

Also we will have a memorial service for Vidovdan on June 30th at 4:00 p.m. on the Stanjevich Farm during the picnic.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Please continue to bring your children to church to perpetuate their religion, and practice what they learned in Sunday School. This is very important for them and their future. In order to accommodate parents with infants & preschoolers, the upstairs room will be open for use during the summer.

LAZARUS SATURDAY:

We had between 50 parents and children in attendance. They were present at Liturgy, had lecture by Fr. Dragan on Christ's Suffering, Crucifixion and Resurrection, had a Lenten lunch and enjoyed arts and crafts. Thanks to all who made this possible and attended.

PASCHA UPDATE

Holy Week was celebrated in the most solemn manner. It led to the culmination of the most beautiful Resurrection Service. Attendance was record-breaking. The flowers donated by various Kolo and Church members adorned the church. Thank you to all of those people who donated to add to the beauty of our church. Also, thank you to all whom dyed eggs at church on Saturday and for all the lovely egg donations. After the service, many headed down to the fellowship hall to partake in the excellent buffet. Thank you to Maria Milivojac and Millie Arsich for co-chairing this event

and of course, thank you to all individuals who participated by donating and working.

CHOIR SLAVA

Yovan Duchich Choir and Father Dragan Petrovic and family appreciate all of you who attended as they celebrated their Patron Saint, St. George. Special thanks for your financial support to the choir.

KOLO ANNIVERSARY/MOTHER'S DAY

Thank you to our talented men for a wonderful Mother's Day Lunch. Under the coordination of Bob Mandich and Dara Todorovich the men of St. Nicholas prepared a sumptuous gourmet sit-down meal complete with candlelight, fresh flowers, beautiful décor and music. The attention to detail was the highlight, including chefs dressed in white jackets with names embroidered and high hats on, waiters seating all the ladies, truly beautiful food and service. Thanks to all for your outstanding efforts.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

The last day of Sunday School was May 19. What a great day it was. All the children present were awarded certificates of participation in various aspects of their church. Afterward, we all went downstairs to a pizza party, which was really an Italian fest. Thank you to Teta Betty and the teachers for the awards ceremony. A Big Thanks to Dawn Bresich and the moms for putting together a delicious lunch.

FOLKLORE UPDATE

Our children are preparing for a debut of their new costume on June 9. After church you are all invited to attend a lunch and talent show presented by our children to raise money for their costumes. Please plan on attending this wonderful show! Special Thanks to Mira Skoric for donating time and effort to make the costumes for our children.

CAMP

Summer Camp at Gracanica Monastery will be held in July. Parents, please mark this on your summer planning calendar. Contact Father Dragan for additional information.

BULLETIN SPONSORS - JULY

We are in need of a sponsor for the month of July. Should you wish to donate to the upcoming bulletins, Please see the church secretary for your donations.

SUMMER PICNICS-MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The summer picnic dates are as follows: Vidovdan-June 30, 2nd Annual golf outing will be held on July 20.

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SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

⊗= under 80	☺=over 80
☺=80	☺☺= over 110
04/21/02	75 souls ⊗
04/28/02	103 souls ☺
05/05/02	230 souls ☺☺☺☺
05/12/02	109 souls ☺
05/19/02	80 souls ☺
05/26/02	Church closed

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.

BLESSING OF OUR LAND

We are excited to announce that Vladika Longin is coming to bless our new property on 79th and Marsh. We plan to start the weekend with the Akathist (prayer) to the Mother of God - asking her assistance in our future endeavor. This service will take place on July 12th. On Saturday, July 13 we will bless the land and have a dinner following. The weekend will be crowned with the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy on Sunday - Lunch will follow. Please see flyer for details.

SPRING CLEANING

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

PLEDGE COMMITTEE

We are very grateful to the 30 families that have committed to the interim pledge program to pay off our land. We are pleased to say that this income program, along with other donations specifically to the building fund, has enabled us to have a savings account dedicated to our future endeavors.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Congratulations to the following High School Graduates: Robert Foreman, Tina Mizdalo, Vasilije Mikich & Nick Cross. May God's Blessings be upon you as you embark on the next phase of your lives. Ziveli i Mnoga Ljeta!

TRANSFERRED TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

May the memory of Rose Petrovich-Longshore, our beloved sister, be eternal and may God establish her soul in paradise.

CANTOR STAND

When you are at church, make an effort to notice our new cantor stand. Big thanks to the KSS for furnishing the material and to Joe Brumley for volunteering his time to build the stand.

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for the health of: Angeline Yeftich, Zivko Maric and Radovan Grujic. To include your name on the prayer list, please contact Fr. Dragan.

COMMUNITY SHOPPER

Reminder: Through the Marsh Supermarkets Community Shopper program, you can show support every time you go to the grocery! When you join the program and buy Marsh products with your MARSH FRESH IDEA CARD, 1% of the purchase price will be donated to our church. If you haven't signed up already, please see sign-up sheet on our bulletin board.

GOD'S MIRACLES

We introduce to you the youngest member of our church family: Christian Jimenez, born on May 22, 2002. Parents Christian and Nada Todorovich Jimenez.

GUSLE CONCERT

On Sunday the 16th we will have Djordjije Koprivica of Serbia playing Gusle (a traditional Serbian instrument). This is a once in a lifetime chance to hear this instrument which is by many called, "The Holy Instrument of the Serbs" through which the Serbian history was sung. After liturgy please come down to the fellowship hall.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Thank you to all who donated in memory of Helen Bubalo and Mara Fields. These donations are often called ETERNAL FLOWERS. From monetary donations, many good things could be done for our church in the memory of the departed loved one whose soul benefit from this also. We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness in this respect.

PARASTOS-JUNE 22, 2002

Saturday, June 22 at 3 pm at Floral Park Cemetery, we will have a Memorial Service for the Departed. Immediately after we will have individual prayers over the grave sites. Please come and pray for your loved ones (remember them) because one day each of us will need this visit. If we visit the graves of our parents and loved ones, our children will do the same for us.

SPECIAL NOTE: From Pascha (Easter) until Ascension (which is 40 days from Pascha) we should greet each other with the Paschal greeting, "Christ is Risen," "Indeed He is Risen."