

# PARISH NEWS

## **-FROM FATHER'S DESK**

My dear spiritual children,  
May God's blessings be upon you always. May you receive His protection and guidance.

I pray that God blesses you with love, understanding, endurance, patience, health, happiness, prosperity, good life and salvation.

If you have troubles, If you have misfortune, If you have grief, If you are under pressure, If no one cares, If you cant handle it your self, If the load is too heavy, If you need protection, **If everything is just great for you** (you know even here you need to make sure it continues) The Church of Christ is the Institution which helps with all of the above. Give it a try come to church regularly, you have nothing to loose.

Please come its rather lonely, sad and meaningless with out you.

Please Don't say I'll start two weeks from now or maybe later. Lets make sure our church is packed next week and every week. Don't count on someone ells, **you** are the one who makes a deference.

I wonder if I'm over saying it here? I wonder if it is to much to ask of the followers of Christ (Christians) to commit to two hours in a week and offer that to our Lord by coming to the Church which He established two thousand years ago?

### **Short Lectures instead of Sermons**

I will hold religious lectures instead of sermons during the months of June, July, and possibly August after the Divine Liturgies. They will be short and very educational. Make plans to attend.

### **CHURCH CLOSED**

Our Church will be closed on Sunday, June 20, due to race activities in town. I encourage you to attend church services at any of the other six Orthodox Churches in the area.

## **SUNDAY ATTENDANCE**

☉ = under 80

☺ = over 80

☺ = 80

☺☺ = over 110

05/2/04	84 souls	☺
05/9/04	83 souls	☺
05/16/04	91 souls	☺
05/23/04	77 souls	☉
05/30/04	CHURCH CLOSED DUE TO RACE	

**Note:** Please come to Divine Liturgies during the summer. Don't allow the church to be empty and for you not to receive that special blessing.

**Special Note:** Our Church will be closed on June 20<sup>th</sup> due to Race.

## **PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Please pray for the health of:

Elena Milovac, Mira Stankovich, Sofia Fields, Chris Toth, Milan Knezevich, Patty Staletovich, Kathryn Ralich, Anna Ralish, and Angeline Yeftich.

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

## **BULLETIN SPONSORS**

**Philip & Tracy Michael in honor of their 10 year wedding anniversary.**

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

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

There will be no Sunday School classes until September 12. We encourage parents to bring their children regularly to church services during the summer.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS WANTED**

We are looking for devoted individuals to teach Sunday School next school year. Your commitment would be three weeks of the month for around 8 month. You also would be committing to listening to one lecture by Fr. Dragan each of those months. If you are interested, please call the Church Office.

### **Children's Summer Camp**

Summer Camp at the New Gracanica Monastery will be held, as always, in the month of July. Please note that, starting with this year, children as well as counselors and helpers **must pre-register**. Camp registration **deadline** is June 15, 2004. Thus far, we have a couple families interested in going the first week in July. Most definitely, Fr. Dragan will be there the first week of camp.

The Church will cover the cost for children who have attended Sunday School in the past year.

### **ALTAR SERVERS' SCHEDULE**

**June 6:** Jordan England, Matthew Thomas, Nathaniel Thomas

**June 13:** Mark Mozina, Marko Adams, George Steiner

**June 27 :** Djordje Mikic, Peter Hood, Matthew Toth

**July 4:** Alex Tanaskovich, Ben Staletovich, Alec Mandich

**July 11:** Milos Mikic, Steven Stankovich, Matthew Vukas

**July 18:** Milos Mikic, Steven Stankovich, Matthew Vukas

**July 25:** Sam Bennett, Connor Schmok, Christopher Toth

**August 1:** Garret Isch, Brian Isch, Riley Isch

**August 15:** David Bresich, Nikola Rajovic, Stefan Arsich

**Note:** In addition to their schedule, children are always welcome to serve in the altar.

**Important:** Any altar server who cannot attend church the day he is scheduled is to inform Fr. Dragan at 374-3414 & find a replacement.

## **THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO THIS YEAR**

1. Building of our new home
2. Updated Parish Directory
3. Prayer cards
4. Marriage Enrichment Seminars
5. Open Chapel at our New Property
6. Annual Golf Outing
7. Summer Picnics

## **KOLO NEWS**

### **KSS Anniversary/Mother's Day**

This turned out to be a delightful celebration with delicious food and good entertainment (a saxophone player who played our favorite tunes). Each mother was given a box of chocolates and a flower. Those who were not in attendance missed out on a lovely afternoon.

We sincerely thank all the people who helped make this event a success. Special thanks to several wonderful and devoted families of our parish who made it possible for the church to not have any expenses in putting on this event. Also, we thank Steve Newman of Zachary Candies who donated all the chocolates.

### **K.S.S. Annual Meeting -- (To be announced)**

## **CHOIR NEWS**

Fr. Dragan's address to the Choir members on the day of their Slava celebration:

"Dear Choir Members,

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I feel badly about my voice giving out on me on your special day. I regret it because I really wanted to please you with my voice today as you please me and the entire congregation each and every Sunday of the year. I couldn't sing but I could pray, and this is what my prayer was: "Oh Lord, our God, who knowest and seeist everything stretch out your Holy hand and bless each and every Choir member with their families and grant them first of all health, salvation and anything good that they ask of you. Because, O Lord, these servants of yours take away time from their families, friends and themselves to come to choir rehearsals and make every effort to learn the hymns which please you and lead others in prayer to you. Again and again with all my heart I pray for the Choir members, hear me O Lord."

***The Choir members want to thank everyone who attended the celebration of their Slava & in such a manner gave them support.***

## **Marriage Enrichment**

At the present time, Fr. Dragan is contemplating having gatherings of married couples, by neighborhood, to view a special videotape regarding marriage, followed by a group discussion. One couple in a particular neighborhood would be asked to invite several couples in the neighborhood to their home, with each couple bringing a covered dish. It would be an informative evening, with long-time married couples being able to offer words of wisdom for a happy marriage to younger couples, plus it would be a time to socialize and to become better acquainted with other couples from our parish. If you should be interested in more information about this, please call Fr. Dragan at the Church Office (636-1404).

## **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.

## **Renting of our Social Hall**

Something which hasn't been properly announced before is that 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 for your understanding.

## **USED CARS (IN GOOD SHAPE) NEEDED**

Donate a used car (in good shape, please) to a seminary student. Our seminary students at the St. Sava School of Theology in Libertyville, IL are in the need of many things of which one is a vehicle. If you happen to have one, please call Gregg Pasalich at 317/984-4620.

## **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.

## **Memorial Service (Parastos)**

There will be a 1-year Memorial Service for John Napariu, the late husband of Evelyn Vudis Napariu, on June 6 at the Ss. Constantine & Elena Romanian Orthodox Church.

## **CHURCH PICNICS/Golf Outing**

Please plan to attend our first summer picnic on Sunday, July 25, at the Stanjevich Farm, 9119 Lafayette Road.

The second picnic will be combined with our **FOURTH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**, which will take place on Saturday, August 28.

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

In the month of May, the Parish Council members were approved by our Bishop and sworn in by Fr. Dragan.

## **Fr. Dragan's words to the Parish Council:**

"Today, my dear Parish Council members, you are renouncing your will and are accepting to do the will of God. I congratulate you on that. From today, there is no more 'My will be done' but rather 'Thy will be done.' There is nothing better than to work for and in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Recalling the oath you have taken, I with true love point out the following, which is extremely important for all of us to understand. If we don't do the will of God, this obligation that is bestowed upon us will be for our condemnation; and if we do, it will be for our health, happiness, prosperity and salvation. I mostly say this to bring out the seriousness of this office.

"The Bishop, the faithful and I put our complete trust in you to take care of the financial and social needs of our parish as well as maintain the church properties. To some, it might sound simple; but it is actually much harder when whatever you do has to be done in the name and for the glory of God. In today's age, this is very difficult. The good thing is that when God is on your side, there is nothing that can stop you.

"Lastly, please note that thus far we have made an effort to be understanding & sensitive to each other's failings and always be loving and respectful. Let us continue in this manner. I personally have much love, respect, and hope for each and every one of you.

Thank you for accepting the responsibility of being a Parish Council member."

**Please note:** The Parish Council Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month beginning promptly at 6:00 p.m. All church members are invited to attend these meetings if they so desire.

## **Fund-raising Committee**

The first meeting of this committee will be held on June 1, following the Parish Council meeting, which begins at 6:00 p.m.

## **CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES**

**High School:** Melanie Seat, Daniel Stanjevich, Leslie Ogrizovich, Zoran Lalic

**College:** Erica Foreman

May God's blessings be upon you as you embark on the next phase of your lives! Many Years!!

## **Favorite Bible Verse**

John 16:33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world, you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer. I have overcome the world.

## **Sayings of the Holy fathers:**

Abba Anthony said, "Whoever has not experienced temptation cannot enter into the Kingdom of Heaven." He even added, "Without temptations, no one can be saved."

## **FOR THOSE WHO TAKE PLEASURE IN GIVING**

From now on, there will be a basket with letters/envelopes from organizations and individuals who are in need of help next to the venerating Icon. You may pick one up and send a donation either in your own name or in the name of our Church.

## **Results of Votes for the Building of our New Home**

An overwhelming majority confirms their agreement to proceeding with and realizing our project. We thank everyone for their participation and support. More details to follow in the next months bulletin.

**Special Note:** In the voting letter sent out to all members and parishioners, there was a notation stating that if you do not send in your vote, it would be counted as a "yes" vote. Aside from wanting to make your response easier this was done in order to encourage negative votes with good comments which could be beneficial.