

PARISH NEWS

FROM FATHER'S DESK

Ss. PETAR AND PAULS FAST:

Please note that a fasting season before the feast day of Ss. Petar and Paul begins on July 1st and ends on July 12th. If you have never observed fasting, maybe this would be a time to start since this is one of the shortest fasting seasons. **NO MEAT AND NO DAIRY**, as well as, abstaining from daily sins.

ST. JOHN OF SHANGAI:

On July 1st at 7:00 p.m. we will have a Vigil service commemorating St. John. On July 2nd the Divine Liturgy will be served at 9:00 a.m. Please note that the portion of the relics of St. John resides in our church. This is the time for any of you who are ill to come, venerate his relics and ask for his intercession & healing.

SUMMER ATTENDANCE:

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

*** So far our attendance has been pleasing.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

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

BLESSING OF OUR LAND

We are excited to announce that Vladika Longin will come to bless our new property on 79th and Marsh. We plan to start the weekend with Akathist service on July 12 at 6:00pm. On Saturday, July 13 we will bless the land at 4:30. A banquet will follow at our fellowship hall at 6:00pm. The weekend will be completed with prayer at the Divine Liturgy on Sunday. This should be a very special day for all of you who are part of our church family. Please make an effort to come and be a part of our future and realize this dream for the generations to come. We MUST try our best to participate in special events like this one.

FOLKLORE UPDATE

Our children held a wonderful lunch and program for us on June 9 to debut their new costumes. Thanks to all of you, they raised enough money to cover the costs of the lunch and material for the costumes. We thank Mira Skoric once again for the donation of her time and her beautiful handiwork on the costumes. Thank you to all the children who worked so hard in welcoming the guests, serving the guests, performing for the guests, and cleaning up after the guests. We look forward to your next events and performances!

CAMP

Summer Camp at Gracanica Monastery will be held in July. For more information please call the Diocesan office at (847) 223-4300.

ST. NICHOLAS KID'S CLUB

If you haven't noticed in the past few weeks, our little ones have organized themselves to run an organization which provides lemonade and cookies after church. Rumor has it that they are trying to raise money for their new playground at our new property. Stop buy and support our future. Thanks to Teta Kim Suder who has been mentoring this group of youngsters!

2nd Annual Golf Outing - July 20, 2002

Please mark your calendar to participate in the 2nd Annual St. Nicholas Golf Outing which benefits our Building Fund. Even if you are not a golfer there are many ways in which you can help. There are hole sponsorships and we need folks to man the hole in one games as well as the refreshment carts. Please see Rick or Kim Suder for sponsorship forms or to volunteer. This is a great time for us to get our friends outside our church family involved to help support our church.

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

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| 06/02/02 | 56 | souls | ☺ |
| 06/09/02 | 80 | souls | ☺ |
| 06/16/02 | 79 | souls | ☺ |
| 06/23/02 | 95 | souls | ☺☺ |

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MORE GRADUATES

Congratulations to the following High School Graduates: Jadranka Vukovich and Zoran Grbic. May God's Blessings be upon you as you embark on the next phase of your lives. Ziveli i Mnoga Ljeta! Note: if your son or daughter is graduating please contact church office so we may add them to the list.

SPECIAL THANKS

Our bus is operable again thanks to the mechanical work completed by Marko Radovanovich and Dane and Nedjo Loncarevich . These men donated their time to fix our bus to ensure that we can drive safely. What a great example to follow to donate your time and talent for the betterment of your church. **MNOGO HVALA!**

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

GOD'S MIRACLES

We introduce to you the youngest members of our church family: 1. Avery Georgiana Stanjevich, born on June 12, 2002. Parents George & Stacy Stanjevich.
2. Alexander Novak Pasalich born on June 25, 2002. Parents Gregg & Kimber Pasalich.

BULLETIN SPONSORS - AUGUST

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

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.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Your parish council had their monthly meeting on June 12 and the following discussion and decisions were made. Should you have any questions, please see one of the council members:

- Our treasure position year to date is very favorable thanks to the considerable increase in donations both in weekly offerings, holiday donations, memorial donations and the land pledges.
- Based on our financial position and plans to build on our land, the Parish Council voted to divert monies in the treasury to paying of the land, so that our sum left to pay off will be smaller. The monthly land pledges cover the monthly mortgage cost and will go directly to principal instead of paying off interest.
- Event planning was discussed as we have several events that need to be executed in the upcoming months: Vidovdan Picnic, Blessing of the land and World Championship Basketball & Bowling Tournament.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL

16 countries (including SERBIA) will unite in our city of Indianapolis for 11 days of sportsmanship and competition ...The 2002 World Basketball Championship is fast approaching and Sv Nikola will be there to provide food, fun and fellowship to all of our Orthodox brethren. This is a wonderful opportunity to raise funds for our future and to show the world our hospitality. Enclosed in the bulletin is information relating to the social schedule. Please contact Dara Todorovich if you wish to participate, donate or assist in executing a successful event!!!!

Please come for the Blessing of our land - July 13th.