

PARISH NEWS

FROM FATHER'S DESK

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

My dear spiritual children,
During summer on Sunday mornings give God the right a way – come to church first and then do all the other things.

PLEASE DON'T VACATION FROM CHURCH SERVICES.

PORTION OF A MESSAGE FROM METROPOLITAN NICHOLAS OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA, METROPOLIS OF DETROIT:

Beloved Faithful,

One of the great joys of the summer season is that most of us can look forward to a few days of relaxation with our families, leaving behind the day-to-day worries of our homes and jobs. It seems that summer is virtually synonymous with 'vacation' for many of us.

While it is certainly our paternal desire that you have an opportunity to spend some restful and relaxing time with your families—in between all the 'special' projects that most of us seem to find for this period—it is still our prayer that you and your families will not take a vacation from the House of God.

While many of the regular programs and ministries in a parish may take a holiday during the summer months, the Sunday liturgical worship of the Church is a blessed opportunity for us to keep our lives focused on the presence of God in our lives throughout the year.

Blessing of Homes

If you did not have your home blessed this year, please call me and I will be more than glad to visit you.

SHORT LECTURES INSTEAD OF SERMONS

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

Special Note: If you have anyone who is in the war zone, please call me and give me their names so that I can pray for them & their safe return.

TRANSFERRED TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

May the memory of our recently departed Milan (Mike) Mandich, father of Bob Mandich, be eternal.

Let us pray that God may establish his soul in paradise and bestow strength to his family to endure the pain of losing a loved one.

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

⊗= under 80	☺=over 80	
☺=80	☺☺= over 110	
6/1/03	85 souls	☺
6/8/03	72 souls	⊗
6/15/03	106 souls	☺
6/22/03	53 souls	⊗

*** Please come to the services during summer.

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for the health of:
Milica Vranjes, Nemanja Lukic, Patty Staletovich, Zivko Maric, Jovan Vuynovich, Nikola Marich, Sasa Nedic, Kathryn Raich and Angeline Yeftich.

NOTE: If you would like to include a name on the list, please call the church office.

GOD'S MIRACLES

We wish to introduce to you the youngest member of our church family: Aleksandar Mitchell born on June 2. Parents: Marlon & Mikki.

Many years to him and his family.

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 who 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. **Please take this seriously, especially if you are offering a job. Thank you.**

Special Note: We have put up an Advertisement Board in the Social Hall by the Refreshment Area for you to advertise your business and or things to sell or buy.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

George Stanjevich who donated two big window air conditioners; Mane Bubalo for the electrical work; and Mirko Milivojac for installing them. Now we can pray without perspiring!
THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

BULLETIN SPONSORS

Judy Gajic in memory of her husband, Zika.

Thank you very much, and may God bless you.

Should you wish to donate to upcoming bulletins, please call the church office or send a donation directly to our church.

Sunday School Update

ATTENTION: We are looking for Sunday School teachers for next year. To qualify, you need to commit to 29 Sundays a year (or half of that if you are sharing a class) to teach, and one day in each of those months to learn. Also, it is very important that you love working with children and that you attend church regularly.

ALTAR BOYS—MEETING/OUTING

In June, we had a meeting and an outing and all those who were present enjoyed themselves very much, so we decided to do it again.

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On **August 28**, at 6:30 p.m., the altar boys are asked to attend a ½ hour meeting where they will learn more things about the altar and serving in it. Then we will have an outing, which will include dinner and fun.

Summer Camp

Every year in July, our Diocese has a summer religious camp for our children. The camp is held on the Monastery grounds at Third Lake, Illinois, for four weeks.

All of our children are invited to attend at any time during July; however, from Sunday July 27 to Saturday, August 2, Father Dragan will be attending camp and will be supervising the children at that time. Please be assured, Parents, that Father Dragan will take special care of our children and you will be able to reach him at any time during that particular week, if you choose to send your child then.

Also, any parent who wishes to accompany his child to camp as a "helper" will be very welcome to do so.

For registration and/or further information, please contact Father Dragan as soon as possible. Thank you.

*** Transportation will be provided & the camp will be paid for by the Church for those children who have attended Sunday School.

Attention: 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 and preschoolers, the upstairs rooms will be opened for use during the summer.

PRE-LENTEN PICNIC AT OUR CHURCH WAS A SUCCESS

The picnic was a great success. Not very many people present but a wonderful time was had by all those who were there, and the Church benefited greatly.

Please note that when it comes to pricing the food, we don't really do it to have the best deal on the block or even to make profit; we do it to give you an opportunity to support your church. Thank you for understanding and for your support.

2003 Building Committee's Next Steps

ST. JOHN OF SHANGHAI

On July 1, 8 p.m., at St. Xenia Monastery located at 1901 N. Pennsylvania St., we will have a full Vigil service commemorating St. John. On July 2, the Divine Liturgy will be served at our Church at 9:00 a.m.

Please note that the portion of the relics of St. John resides in our church. This is the perfect time for any of us who are in need of help to come and venerate his relics and ask for his intercession and healing.

3RD ANNUAL GOLF OUTING—AUGUST 9, 2003

A car was won by one of our golfers last year!

Please mark your calendar to participate in the 3rd 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.

This is a great opportunity to get our friends outside the church family involved to help support our church.

6-MONTH PARASTOS FOR TODOR STANJEVICH

The Stanjevich family invites you to the 6-month Parastos, which will be held immediately after the Divine Liturgy on July 13. After the Parastos (Memorial Service), you are invited to come down to the social hall for Daca—Lunch in memory of our dearly departed Todor Stanjevich.

4TH ANNUAL CELEBRITY GOLF OUTING AT WOODMAR COUNTRY CLUB IN HAMMOND, IN

On July 19, Group Seven Vlade Divac Children's Foundation will be hosting this golf outing. This Foundation has been extremely successful in raising funds for humanitarian aid to needy children in the former Yugoslavia. Parishes are being asked to sell sponsorship packages ranging from \$100 to \$5,000 for this year's Celebrity Golf Outing. Every package that is sold through our parish will be equally split between Group Seven and our parish. For further information, you may contact the staff at 1-877-7GROUP7 (877-747-6877).

LAND PAYOFF CELEBRATION—SATURDAY, 9/20/03!!

As most of you know, our land has been paid off. Thanks be to God and to all you generous people. At one of the Parish Council meetings, it was decided to have a gathering of all our parishioners to celebrate the paying off of our land on the 20th of September. Please mark your calendar now! The goal is NOT for this to be a money-maker but rather the opportunity for all of the supporters to be acknowledged and for all of the people to get together and enjoy. For this reason, we are having this celebration at the Brickyard Crossing Resort in Speedway and the meal will be catered. This way even the 20-30 folks who constantly work for most of our events will be able to relax and enjoy them selves. Look forward to more information in the mail; and, if you have any questions, call our church office.

DID YOU KNOW:

Milos & Eftimia Cvetinovich have been supplying our church with special incense from Greece for years. May God bless you and yours. Thank you.

ATTENTION:

Our Church will be closed on August 3rd due to the Race.