

PARISH NEWS

FROM FATHER'S DESK

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

CHILDREN / CHURCH ?

Take your children to Church regularly. If you teach them by example, you can count on them being part of the Orthodox Church in the future, as well as their children and so on. We should take this seriously, it is very important that our descendents are part of the church which Christ established – this is the Church one can trust for guidance.

If you have already failed in this, it's not too late, establish a relationship with God and His Church – pick up your prayer book and ask God to bring them back. He is the only one who could do it.

When you go to Church regularly, it becomes part of their life and thus it will become part of their children's life and so on – the relationship with God and Church will continue – your descendents will be safe.

Concern: Some parents are concerned that they are disturbing the services if the children are present. Please let the little children come to me Christ says. Thus please don't have that be the reason for not bringing your children to church – they need to be there, especially when they are little. It has been proven that what the children learn up to the age of 7 is what stays with them for the rest of their lives. Please make sure they learn to come to church, smell the incense, hear the choir, taste the communion and so on.

Having said that, I also want to remind you that you are the priests to your children. Therefore, it is your responsibility to teach them how to behave in church. We have the patience, do you? Teach them slowly and carefully. If you need to take them out of the service several times during Liturgy so be it. If you need to be with them in the vestibule its perfectly fine BUT make sure they come.

October 4th Banquet – Save the Date!!!

On Sunday October 4th of 2009 we will come together as a community (church family) and first of all celebrate the END of the “Make a Promise” campaign.

Secondly, this will be the kick off banquet for the Stewardship campaign. At this banquet everyone will receive a stewardship card to take home and prayerfully consider how much one is able to financially contribute to the church the upcoming year. One will also receive the envelopes for all the weeks of the year in order to make the giving more practical and confidential. We all will then have until Church Slava in December to bring or send them back so that the Executive Board (Parish Council) can start working on the Churches budget for the upcoming year. Please note, giving of treasure/\$ is only part of Stewardship, first of all we are asked to offer of our Time and Talent. From now on, every year on the first Sunday of October we will have a banquet at which Pledge Cards will be passed out. The main reason for this commitment is to (at least once a year) be reminded of our Responsibility towards God and each other. This kind of commitment encourages Faith, Love, Responsibility & draws great blessings from above
Give and it shall be given to you... Luke 6:38

P.S. Names of Stewards will be published in our monthly bulletin.

TRIANIAL ASSEMBLY – SABOR IN CANTON, OH



The Triennial Assembly (Sabor) of the Serbian Orthodox Church North and South America will be held at the facilities of Saint George Serbian Orthodox Church Canton, Ohio, August 11—13, 2009.

The theme of the 20th Triennial Sabor is “Christ the True Light: The Light of Christ in the Church and the Light of Christ in the World.”

More information on the upcoming National Church Assembly can be found by clicking the Sabor link at www.serborth.org, the official website of the Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South.

Our parish will be represented by the P.C. President, the first Vice President and Father Dragan.

- From now on we will have a diocesan Sabor every year PLUS every 3 years we will have an Assembly of all of our Parishes in U. S. and Canada. The purpose of these meetings is to get together in brotherly love, learn and do work for the good of the Church.

BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2: 46-47

SAYING OF THE MONTH

Respect Church Leaders

We ought to receive every one whom the Master of the house sends to be over His household, as we would do Him that sent him. It is manifest, therefore, that we should look upon the bishop even as we would upon the Lord Himself. And indeed Onesimus himself greatly commends your good order in God, that ye all live according to the truth, and that no sect has any dwelling-place among you. Nor, indeed, do ye hearken to any one rather than to Jesus Christ speaking in truth.

- *Letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 6*

CHOIR NEWS

All is great!! We keep on singing ☺.

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PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for the health of: Branko (Puhar), Elena (Milovac), Lee, Bob (Fries), Hugh (Grant), Zoya, Natasa, Judy (Ivancevich), Tomislav, Jason, Paul & Tina (Stoyanovich), Kathryn (Ralic), Ronny, Borivoje, Aiko (Yamada).

***If you would like to add or delete a name on the list, please call the Church Office.

SHUT- INS: Phone call could be enough

We hear from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, when ever we visit/help/support one of our brethren we have done it to Him. Therefore let us not forget our shut-ins – they need us more than we know:

Paul Stoyanovich Tina Stoyanovich
Boja Loncarevic Mara Ogrizovic

To add/delete names or for more information on the shut-ins please call the Church office.

50 + ICONS – NEW IN OUR CHURCH

\$25.00 each. If you are interested pick one up write your family name on back of the icon and make a donation. We hope that each family will be able to write their name on one of these icons regardless of whether or not you have the \$25.00; This is why we are limiting the donations of these icons to one per family. Those who are able, may give more per an icon, this will then make it less costly for others in our community. Thank You.

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

☺= under 80 ☺☺= over 80
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05-31-09: 82 06-14-09: 81
06-07-09: 83 06-21-09: 86

*** Record breaking attendance for summer – maybe it's because now we have air conditioning ☺

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

July 05: Marko Adams, Stefan Arsich, Sam Bennett
July 12: Jordan England, Nicholas Jurich, Yoseph Chernet
July 19: Alex Tanaskovich, Ben Staletovich, Djordje Djurovic
July 26: Nicholas Schuster, Petar Petrovic, Christian Jimanez
Aug. 02: David Bresich, Connor Schmok, Christopher Toth
Aug. 09: Djordje Mikic, Petar Hood, Matthew Toth
Aug. 16: Adam Arsich, Garret, Brian, Riley Isch

***Please - any Altar server who cannot attend Church the day he is scheduled is to find a replacement and notify the church office.

THANK YOU:

- Mane Bubalo, and Yovanka Savich for donating the stand for our Choir Director
- Tommy Yeftich for the engraved plate for the back of an icon
- Svetozar & Sabiha Jovanovic for the electric piano

- To everyone that donated to the rummage sale.
- To the Dimac family for hedge clippers.
- To our 2 new volunteers in the Church office, Olga Dawson and Kathy Vosevich.
- To everyone that attended, donated to and helped out at the Fundraiser for Elena Milovac
- All those we did not mention.

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL:

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS
TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Olga Dawson Mark Morgan
Mihajlo Popovic Milovan Djurovic
Marko Radovanovic Katherine Radovanovic
Branislav Jordanovic Zivko Gorgievski
Dorothy Havrilak Georiga Stevens

Diana

Insert from the minutes of the May Board Meeting:

*** From now on use only bees wax candles. They are much healthier, traditional & and don't smoke as much as the other ones. Vestibule to be painted.

Insert from the Special June 14th Board Meeting:

*** Discussed renting hall and ground to the Summit Academy. Voted to have a special membership meeting on June 28, 2009 for members to decide (**meeting has since been cancelled**). Summit Academy has decided to rent space from another Church.

From the June 23rd Board Meeting:

***Last year members voted to build a picnic pavilion on our land if the cost is \$20,000.00 or less. Construction costs exceeded what was budgeted, project was postponed. The cost for materials have since gone down, Parish Council now has proposals to build within the limits previously authorized. God willing the construction will begin soon.

*** Donations are down (summer), especially donations from the coffee hour, agreed to remind the faithful of the need to support the coffee hour with donations.

*** For a copy of the minutes from the PC mtg., please call the church office and we will send it to you.

STILL NOT TOO LATE –

ONLY A FEW BOXES LEFT!!

TAKE A BOX - GIVE \$50K TO CHURCH

Wouldn't you like to give your church \$50,000.00 – to pay down the mortgage? Yes, Fifty thousand dollars. You probably would, but you can't. Well you can. How? Take a yellow box (**located in the Vestibule or in the pews**) home & put \$1.00 in there (yes a dollar a day) and within a year you'll do that. But how? **If all of us participate**, 150 boxes X \$365.00 a family = \$54,750.00.

THE TRICK IS – ALL MUST PARTICIPATE

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

PARISH NEWS

ELENA'S FUNDRAISER – Better than expected.



A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL FROM THE MILOVAC FAMILY

Summer CAMP:

We'll be there: July 5-11th

We have 9 kids and 4 adults going from our parish.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER?

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE, TALK TO FATHER DRAGAN OR OUR NEW CHURCH SCHOOL PRESIDENT, TERRI FIELDS.

YOU ARE NEEDED!!!!!!

REQUIREMENTS FOR CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER:

One needs to be fully active in church life, as well as a good example of an Orthodox Christian.

*****THERE WILL BE NO CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES UNTIL SEPTEMBER 13TH 2009. We encourage parents to bring their children regularly to church during the summer.**

***** Church School Teacher Meeting – August 25th.**

*****Youth Sabor 2009**

If you have youths ages 14 – 18 it would greatly benefit them if you sent them to the Youth Sabor to be held in Canton, OH August 6th – 9th. Youth of our Churches from across US and Canada come together to learn, establish relationships and have lots of fun. For cost and/or specific information please call Father Dragan ASAP. Our Priest will be there representing our diocese.

TAMBURA GROUP:

For times and dates of weekly practices leave a message for Dylan Jensen at 471-8006 he will call you back.

KOLO NEWS

FISH FRY'S

MONTHLY FISH FRY'S: only 2 more - don't miss them.

Our FAMOUS FISH FRIES will continue through the summer. July 31st and August 28. Please come and join us. Sign up to help; you know its fun. Hope to see you.

RUMMAGE SALE:

Financially the church did great. At the same time some of our Parishioners got rid of things, others found things they need. That which was left we gave to the Salvation Army. We had a lot of great items and a wonderful time. Thank you to all our donors and shoppers.

We plan on having another rummage sale next year, so if you find unwanted items during the year set them aside.

NEXT KOLO MEETING: July 12th after Divine Liturgy

BULLETIN SPONSOR-

Sponsored by Father Dragan and Popadija Vesna in honor of their daughter Kristina's birthday.

If you would like to sponsor a bulletin please call the church office 471-8006. Note: In order to sponsor a bulletin, we are asking for a **donation of \$50.00** or what ever you can afford.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

We hope and pray that each active family of our parish would accept a (meaning at least one) responsibility in regards to taking care of our new home. Father Dragan and/or a P.C. member may call you in the near future on this matter. In the meantime if there is something you prefer committing to please call the Church office as soon as possible. Thank you – we need everyone on board, **everyone.**

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Anyone that has a trade or owns a business, A directory of Orthodox Businesses of Central Indiana will be put together in the near future, if you are interested in being listed in the directory, (for **no charge** except what you chose to contribute), please call the church office, or email to: fr.dragan@st-nicholas-indy.org

WILL YOU IN YOUR WILL?

Many folks totally forget BUT most Christians think of it first. Will you remember your Church in your will? Nothing better then still doing good deeds while standing before the Lord ☺ As St. Basil the Great said “we can't take anything with us but the good deeds”

MIDDLE EASTERN FESTIVAL

St. George Orthodox Church Indianapolis will be hosting the Middle Eastern Festival. July 17 – 19.

Food – live music – culture – dance - gifts – Kids activities and much more. Admission Adults \$5.00 children under 12 free. Free admission with advance purchase of \$10.00 worth of food coupons. For more www.mefestival.org or 317-547-9356