

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,

Something wonderful to note: Summer attendance has been better than ever. Just look at July 13th and 20th. The donations are also great. Thank you so much. May God reward you.

Communion Preparation

Our Lord unconditionally gave the gift of His Body & Blood as a way of unifying us with Him and His People. Nevertheless, Orthodox Christians prepare themselves to receive it through fasting and confession. Please plan on receiving Holy Communion and Holy Confession soon. This is food for our soul, especially during the upcoming fast.

Dormition Fast

Please note that a fasting season before the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos begins on August 14 and ends on August 27. 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.** Abstain from daily sins and increase prayer & good deeds.

Transfiguration—Tuesday, August 19

On this day it is customary to bless grapes. Please bring a bunch of grapes to church so that they can be blessed. You can take a portion home, and you can share a portion with your church family. From the grapes comes the wine, which during Divine Liturgy is transformed into the blood of Jesus Christ.

SHORT LECTURES INSTEAD OF SERMONS

I will hold religious lectures instead of sermons during the months of June, July & 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.

Special Note: Please know that prior to coming to Liturgy traditionally we don't (shouldn't) eat or drink anything—if we are able. The first thing we should have (if we are not receiving Holy Communion) is the Holy Bread. This does not apply to children, ill persons &/or pregnant women.

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

☒= under 80	☺=over 80	
☺=80	☺☺= over 110	
6/29/03	61 souls	☒
7/6/03	54 souls	☒
7/13/03	88 souls	☺
7/20/03	92 souls	☺

*** Please come to the services during summer.

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for the health of:

Milica Vranjes, Patty Staletovich, Zivko Maric, Jovan Vuynovich, Nikola Marich, Sasa Nedic, Kathryn Ralich and Angeline Yeftich.

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

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:

John and Dara (Milatovich) Presten for donating a special vacuum cleaner just for the altar.
THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

BULLETIN SPONSORS

Would you like to sponsor our Bulletin for the next month? Please consider this & call the Church office: 636-1404. It would be nice if we could have our monthly bulletin supported by those who read it and benefit from it. Thank you in advance.

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.

On **August 28**, at 6:00 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.

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.

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. Please Call **Belinda Sharkey** at **571-3646** or **590-5693**.

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Chevap/Chicken Dinner—August 9, 5:00 p.m.
(includes free refreshments)

St. Nicholas Church Hall, 3626 W. 16th St.

Please note that this is not meant to be a good deal but rather an opportunity to raise funds for the future of our church. This event will occur after the golf outing, which has been scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m. Everyone is invited. \$25/person, children under the age of 13 half price.

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

Please mark your calendar now! Look forward to more information in the mail; and, if you have any questions, call our church office.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

We thank the Mandich family for forwarding donations in memory of their father to our church. May God establish his soul where the just repose and give them health and salvation.

ATTENTION:

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

**Attention Choir Members
Regarding Forthcoming Annual Meeting**

This Choir's Annual Meeting will be held sometime during the last two weeks of August. Look for a letter in the mail announcing this date.

Picnic at Parish Home on 8/31/03 Postponed

Fr. Dragan and Popadija Vesna had in mind to invite all of our parishioners to the parish home for a picnic; however, in the meantime it was brought to their attention that August 31 was the date of the Drag Race in Clermont, which brings a lot of traffic to that area.

Therefore, this is the reason for the postponement. Although this date had to be postponed, it is still hoped that a picnic could be scheduled at a later time.

Something interesting taken from the All Saints Orthodox Church Bulletin in Bloomington, IN

Note: This Church School Congregation is 3-4 times smaller than ours.

A note from the treasurer: Now that the summer months are here, please consider that the church's expenses continue even when our parishioners are away on vacation. A minimum of \$1600 per week is required. Last week we fell nearly a thousand dollars short of that average. While we have a good cushion, we don't want to continually dip into our reserves. Lest we forget:

***"From the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another."* John 1:16**

Blessing of Cars—August 16, 4:30 p.m.
at our new property, 79th & Marsh Rd.

We spend a lot of our time in our cars; thus, we ought to have them blessed. Here is your opportunity. Fr. Dragan will begin with a short service promptly at noon, followed by sprinkling each car with Holy Water.

Please note that this is something that will not be done every year. Have your car blessed.

Note from the Financial Secretary

Please pay your church dues for the year of 2003 if you have not already done so.

Possible Senior Citizens Day—Sunday, August 31

We will have a gathering (if we have interest) of our senior citizens at church after the Divine Liturgy. Planning of the afternoon is in progress. Please call the church office with suggestions and to let us know if you will be able to attend. Our hope is to gather our senior citizens and to have more of these events. So, please call 636-1404.

Establish an Orthodox Library at Home

Establish and build an Orthodox library at home. Visit our bookstore. Please note that the main purpose of our bookstore is to provide religious items and not generate income.

Note: Fr. Dragan will be out of the office between August 8 and August 15. If you should have any church-related needs during that period, please call our Parish Council President, Rick Suder. Home: 823-4155 Office: 571-3645. He will help you or direct you where necessary. Also, please feel free to call any of the 7 Orthodox Churches in Indianapolis.

Train a child in
the way he should
go, and when he is
old he will not turn
from it." PROVERBS 22:6

