

# PARISH NEWS

## FROM FATHER'S DESK

Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
If God gave me a chance to do one great thing for everyone on our mailing list, I would ask him to install into every person's heart a strong and unending urge to go to church at least every Sunday in the years to come. Some might ask, "Why, Father?" Why not ask for good health or happy life or many riches or good relations among people or marriages for eternity or good children or more education or patience or love or comfort in despair or.... Because by asking for the above, all other questions are answered. Please take my advice and make yourself be part of the church in any way that you can. I have watched families go through things and have the church (priest and congregation) to their side, and I have also seen people go through things and not have church on their side. There is no comparison. I have also seen families come to church for help only in the time of need—the church is there and it will always be there for anyone, but the fact is they are unknown to the church. If you want me to put it in the terminology in this world, I could say the following. Being part of the church is like having the best life insurance. When the times are rough, everyone is taken care of.

### **Christian Ethics**

In any instance, when we wonder about the right thing to do, we should try applying questions like this:

1. Will God be glorified by my action?
2. Will I cause a brother to offend his conscience (turn away from Church and God) by my action?
3. Would I sacrifice my light-bearing gift before the unbelievers & the unchurched by my action? Matthew 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

### **Church Closed**

Our Church will be closed on Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, due to Race activities in town.

## Pray for your Church Family

Please pray for the health of Elena Milovac, Milos Mikic, Narek Avramovic, Mira Stankovic, Sofia Cvetkovich, Kathryn Ralic, Anna Ralish, Patty Staletovich, Milan Knezevic, Angeline Yeftich.

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

## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

⊗= under 80 ☺=over 80  
☺=80 ☺☺= over 110

**Please come to the Divine Liturgy during summer. It's rather lonely, sad and meaningless without you.**

## KOLO NEWS

We still have cookbooks for sale as follows:  
"500" Cookbook, 500 miscellaneous recipes \$10.00  
"Lenten Cookbook", over 200 recipes \$8.00  
\* Kolo Annual Meeting – To be Announced

## CHOIR NEWS

Our Choir will be sponsoring the SOCA Convention this year. It will be held the weekend of September 24-26, and there will be representatives from other choirs in the USA and Canada. As soon as plans are finalized, we will notify you of the social activities that will take place during this period.

Our Choir Director, Bill Christoff, has advised that we will be having rehearsals every Tuesday evening during the months of September and October. The singers are urged to try and attend as many rehearsals as possible. More details later.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

### **Sunday School begins September 12<sup>th</sup>**

Please register all your children up to the age of 13. Only the children who fill out the registration form and mail it back will be considered as part of the Sunday School Program. Registration Form is included in this month's bulletin. Please, please fill it out and return it.

### **Sunday School Teachers Wanted**

We are looking for devoted individuals to teach Sunday School next school year. Your commitment would be 3 weeks of the month for about 8 months. 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.

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## BULLETIN SPONSOR – THANK YOU!

### ANONYMOUS

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

## GOLF TOURNAMENT/PICNIC

Look at the flyers in the bulletin.



## 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. You are also welcome to leave a donation there which will be used for helping others.

## MESSAGE FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT

We have formed a fund-raising committee and will be in touch with every family in our extended church community. Plans are in motion to secure a mortgage for the new building. Our prayers are directed towards every church supporter to step up during this once in every 75-year event. It has become our turn to leave a legacy for future generations.

**Milan Milivojevic**

## MEMORY ETERNAL

Robert "Bob" James, husband of Leona (Vudis) Miladin Milovac, father of Tanja Mizdalo  
**Memorial Service/Parastos**  
Helen Ellison on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August

## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

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

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

**July 18:** Garret Isch, Brian Isch, Riley Isch

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

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

**August 8:** CHURCH CLOSED

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

**August 22:** Jordan England, Matthew Thomas, Nathaniel Thomas

**August 29:** Mark Mozina, Marko Adams, George Steiner  
**September 5:** Djordje Mikic, Petar Hood, Matthew Toth

**Special Notes:** 1. In addition to their schedule, children are always welcome to serve in the Altar. 2. Any Altar server who cannot attend church the day he is scheduled is to inform Fr. Dragan at 374-3414 and find a replacement.

## FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE

**Isaiah 28:16** "...he who believes will not be afraid."

## SAYINGS OF THE HOLY FATHERS

A brother who had sinned was turned out of the church by the priest; **Abba Bessarion** got up and went with him, saying, "I, too, am a sinner."

## HELP THE FUTURE PRIESTS

In America we only have one Seminary, school for educating priests and religious workers. They live under poor conditions and circumstances. It is our duty to help them if we are able. They are in need of many things. Please call Fr. Dragan if you can help.

## CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATE

Amanda Smith, granddaughter of Mane Bubalo.

## HOOSIER RECEIVING HIGH HONOR IN ARTS

Milan Opacich (uncle of Dawn Nikolich, Thomas and George Nikolich), a maker of Slavic fretted stringed instruments and a resident of Schererville, is one of 10 recipients of a 2004 National Heritage Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts.

He handcrafts wooden tamburitza instruments with mother-of-pearl inlays and intricate carvings in honor of his heritage. He was born of a Serbian father and a Croatian mother.

Other winners nationwide include a gospel steel guitar player and a husband-and-wife team of Chinese rod puppeteers. Each fellowship includes \$20,000 and what the NEA calls the nation's highest recognition in folk and traditional arts.

The awards began in 1982 and have honored more than 280 artists, including bluesman B.B. King and tap dancer Howard "Sandman" Sims.