

PARISH NEWS

FROM FATHER'S DESK

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

Dear spiritual children and friends, when you pray please remember our bishop Longin and me (Fr. Dragan) in your daily prayers. Please know that we need it most.

Precious ones,
Even though it makes me sad not to see all of you in church every Sunday (especially during summer) it makes me happy to see that most of you are making an effort to give your time to God through prayers and coming to church as well as spend more time with family, which is as important. May God give you strength to continue.

This fundraiser revealed to me many wonderful things about many wonderful people.

Recently one of our parishioners told me she has life insurance, with the church as the beneficiary. I was stunned and thought to myself when a person passes on is there anything better that can be done than donating to church while before the Lord. Another person from our parish told me that in his will he has left 10% of his possessions to the church. - WOW! Even most importantly a person, not part of our church, filled out a pledge card with a promise to pray hard for our building project and the future of our community.

We would especially like to thank all of you that have already started to send their pledges. In fact close to 10% has already been donated.

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for the health of:

Mira, Tomislav, Natasa, Milutin, Diana & Corina Fischetti, Jason, Elena Milovac, Hadad, Lazar Prodic, Chester Tasich, Paul & Tina Stoyanovich, Kathryn Ralic, Patty Staletovich, Milan Knezevic, and 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

June 5	64	⊗
June 12	57	⊗
June 19	Closed due to race	
June 26	79	⊖
July 3	47	⊗
July 10	80	⊖
July 17	73	⊗
July 24	52	⊗

MEMORY ETERNAL TO:

Petar Dedeic
May God establish his soul where the saints repose and give the family strength to endure this temporary separation.
VJECNAJA PAMJAT

Thank you / Memory Eternal

For your prayers, support and donations to the building fund, that were given in memory of Anna Ralish and Millie Salatich. May their memory be eternal. We especially thank their families for choosing to have the building of our new home benefited by the memorials to their loved ones.

CHOIR NEWS

Choir annual meeting will be held Tuesday, August 30th 6:30 PM.
Choir Concert on October 29th. Look for more information in future bulletins.

KOLO NEWS

Please make a note: Saturday August 20th we will be having a baking day in our kitchen. We will be making Proscara to be used for Divine Liturgies, and baked goods for the International Festival. This will be a great learning experience and a lot of fun. If you have any questions please call the church office.

We have many serving dishes and Tupperware pieces that have been left after dinners. Please check the two carts under the coat racks downstairs. It may be yours.

TAMBURA GROUP NEWS - BEGINNER LESSONS NOW STARTING

We are pleased to announce that our St. Nicholas Tambura ensemble is resuming practice after liturgy on Sundays. Please refer to the calendar for practice dates. We are also starting beginner lessons for those wanting to learn and play. If you have little or no musical experience, but want to participate, this is for you. Adults and children over 9 welcome. This is a wonderful way to perpetuate our Serbian culture and to have fun. If interested, please call the church office 636-1404.

FOLKLORE GROUP

The Folklore group is getting back together after a 2 year break. We have been asked to perform for the International Festival. This is a great opportunity for our Serbian community to showcase our wonderful cultural traditions. Please make plans to attend a Pizza Party and information session on August 28, 2005 after Divine Liturgy. Please feel free to contact Ana Stanisic or Vera Schuster for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Emily Smith, granddaughter of Mane Bubalo, for winning Champion in the yeast-bread division in baking competition at the annual 4-H Hamilton County Fair, July 2005. Her winning bread was our "Serbian Slavski Kolach".

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School will resume next month, we hope and pray that all parents will register their children A.S.A.P. See the registration form in the bulletin

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS WANTED.

We are looking for devoted individuals to teach Sunday school next school year. If you are interested, please call the Church Office. Requirements: This person needs to be fully active in church life and be an example in the community.

CAMP- How was it?

What a great time we had at camp this year. All the 11 children are looking forward to going back next year. We had a little trouble fitting all the children and luggage into the van. Thank you Mirko Milivojac for driving another van. He really came to our rescue. He continued to be a wonderful help when we got to camp. They were having trouble with the water pressure. He jumped right in and got things working so we had water, until the repairman could get there on Monday. What a super job.

Altar Server Meeting - August 21, 2005

YOUTH - Calling the Youth back together. - Please call the church office (636-1404) and let us know which day of the week would be the most convenient for you to come for a get together in September and from that point on.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

August 7: Church Closed due to race
August 14: Mark Mozina, Marko Adams, and George Steiner
August 21: Alex Tanaskovich, Ben Staletovich, and Alec Mandich
August 28: Milos Mikic, Steven Stankovich, and Matthew Vukas
Sept 4: Garret Isch, Brian Isch, Riley Isch
Sept 11: Sam Bennett, Connor Schmok, Christopher Toth
Sept 18: Djordje Mikic, Petar Hood, Matthew Toth
Sept. 25: David Bresich, Nikola Rajovic, Stefan Arsich
Oct. 2: Jordan England, Matthew Thomas, Nathaniel Thomas

Any Altar server who cannot attend Church the day he is scheduled is to find a replacement and notify the church office at 636-1404.

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE

Building our new Home - Listen to what we find in Scripture:

"By wisdom a house is built and by understanding it is established; by knowledge rooms are filled with precious and pleasant riches."
(Proverbs 24:3-4)

"If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."
(Mark 9:23)

"And whatever you ask in My Name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."
(Matthew 14:13).

* Please send us your favorite Bible Verses.

FAVORITE SAYINGS

From The Sayings of the Desert Fathers:
"The desire for possessions is dangerous and terrible, knowing no satiety; it drives the soul which it controls to the heights of evil. Therefore let us drive it away vigorously from the beginning. For once it has become master it cannot be overcome."

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR NOVEMBER 3 THRU THE 6TH St. Nicholas will be participating in the International Festival at the State Fairgrounds. We need help from all. More information to follow.

HELP WITH OUR NEW HOME

If you would like to help with the building of our new home please call the church office and let us know what type of things you would be interested in doing. We have started a volunteer list.
Please, please call the church office and include your name on the list.

BUILDING INFORMATION BOOTH

Continue to watch the information booth in the fellowship hall for updates and information about the building of our new home.

BULLETIN SPONSOR- THANK YOU

No sponsor for this month.

Note: In order to sponsor a bulletin, we are asking for a donation of \$200.00 or what ever you can afford. We can have more than one sponsor if several families would like to get together and sponsor a bulletin

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that after interim review of the office administration position, a final decision has been made that Terri Fields will become a permanent addition to our church staff. The consistency in the area of office administration has provided Father Dragan, the Parish Council, and our Church many benefits. We thank Terri for her hard work and look forward to her continued support.

CHURCH BUS

We have donated our church bus to the New Gracnica Monastery in Grayslake, IL; where we hope it will be of great use to our camp and our Monastery. This turned out to be the best thing for all.

Notice: The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for August 16th 2005

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

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THANK YOU

Nikola Roksandic and his father for taking care of the Zapis Tree and the icon at the new property.

BULLETIN BUMPER STICKER

Going seven days without prayer makes one weak.

BOOKSTORE NEWS

THANK YOU – Milos & Yfemia Cvetinovich for bringing us so many beautiful items from your trip to Greece.

Stop by and see all of our new arrivals. We have new Icons, Icon stones, wall Crosses, Jewelry items and restock of favorite jewelry items, Orthodox Icon wooden eggs, and new Orthodox nesting doll sets.

MAKING PLANS TO KEEP FAITH A PRIORITY

In our hectic world, we must plan ahead for things important to us. Summer vacations often are planned in winter. Here are some important dates occurring in our September Calendar. Please plan ahead and keep faith a real priority to you and your family.

1. Sunday, September 18, 2005 – First day of Sunday school. Please plan to bring your Children.
2. Wednesday, September 21, 2005 - Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos. Divine Liturgy 9:00 A.M.
3. Tuesday, September 27, 2005 – Exaltation of the Living Giving Cross. Divine Liturgy 9:00 A.M. and strict fast.

Please be sure and check the monthly calendar for Vesper and Akathist services, and join us at these evening prayers.

THE PRIVILEGE OF HELPING OTHERS

In 2004 a couple of our church families welcomed into their home 2 beloved Seminary students, Vuk, and Miroslav. These young men benefited greatly learning and being exposed to the English language. Through their visitations to our homes and praying with us in church they truly became endeared to our community. Another Seminary student will be coming from Bosnia and before going on to St. Vladimir Seminary he will also need help learning English and the support of a loving church community. If you have room in your home for 2 or 3 months and an opportunity to help please contact the church office. The household must be English speaking only, for his benefit. Thank you in advance.

FOR THOSE WHO TAKE PLEASURE IN GIVING

There is a basket (next to the venerating icon) 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.

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 the church office if you can help.

LOST AND FOUND

We have a lost and found box, located in the hallway outside the office door. Please check to see if there is anything you have lost.

SPECIAL NOTE

In the event you should like to submit something for the Parish News, please call the Church office:
636-1404

Your help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance.