

PARISH NEWS

FROM FATHER'S DESK

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

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 instill 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) at their side, and I have also seen people go through things and not have church at 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 of this world, I could say the following. Being part of the church is like having the best life/disability insurance. When the times are rough, everyone is taken care of.

ARE YOU A KTITOR?

The following is said at the Great Entrance at every Divine Liturgy.

... the benefactors & donors of this holy house may the Lord God remember in His Kingdom, always now and every and unto ages of ages. Are you a Ktitor – active participant in the building of our new home? This is a chance we don't get very often - please make sure you take part in building of our new home.

*****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.**

Short lectures instead of sermons.

I will hold religious lectures instead of sermons during the month of August after the Divine Liturgy. They will be short and very educational. Make plans to attend. The lectures this year will be on Church Etiquette * Appropriateness in and around the church.

CHURCH CLOSED AUGUST 6TH

Our Church will be closed on Sunday, August 6th due to race activities in town. Thanks be to God this will be the last year we have to go through this. ☺☺

THE BUILDING IS UNDER ROOF

We have a roof and floor! To follow the progression of our new building please visit the website of our general contractor, Brandt Construction at www.brandtconstruction.com click on current projects.

IS THE CHURCH SECRETARY IN?

If it is Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday between 9am and 4pm and you come by the Church and there is no car in the parking lot...have no fear the secretary is here. Just ring the door bell.

MEMORY ETERNAL

+Jelena Puhar, Grandmother of Vera Schuster, Dara Todorovich & Nada Jimenez, past on to the Lord July 20th

Mother of Mira & Zoran Stvic died in Bosnia in June.
May their memory be eternal.

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for the health of:

Marie (George), Judy (Ivancevich), Tomislav, Natasa, Milutin, Jason, Elena (Milovac), Lazar (Prodic), Chester (Tasich), Paul & Tina (Stoyanovich), Kathryn (Ralic), Patty (Staletovich), Angeline (Yeftich), Jack (Mertz), Adam, George (Alavanja).

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

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Kyle Lucas Michael born on the eve of St. John the Baptist - 7-6-06. Congratulations and God's blessings to his parents Phil and Tracy Michael

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

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

7-2-06: Closed for Race 7-23-06: 71 ☺
7-9-06: 65 ☺
7-16-06: 55 ☺☺

KOLO NEWS

Don't forget the Picnic August 12. Sisters will be there!
Prosfora making and baking day 9AM August 26th, this is a wonderful experience we hope you can join us.

CHOIR NEWS

Choir Annual meeting will be held Tuesday August 29, 2006 at 7PM

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School begins September 17th

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.

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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. If you are interested, please call the Church office. Requirements: This person needs to be fully active in church life.

YOUTH (Ages 13-18)— Please call the church office (636-1404) if you are interested in participating. We have formed a Pan (All) Orthodox Youth Group of Central IN, which will be meeting once a month.

NEWS: The next meeting will be in August, please call the church office for more information.

CHILDRENS CHOIR

Practice will resume in September – God willing.

TAMBURA GROUP

If interested, please call the church office 636-1404. The Tambura group meets in the Church office after Divine Liturgy. The director is Dylan Jensen.

Note:

If a child belongs to our church & is under the age of 13 he/she should be an active part of Sunday school in order to be part of Tambura group. Special dispensation may apply.

CONGRATULATIONS

Stevan Stankovich won 1st place at the Diocesan Oratorical Festival Semifinals at New Gracanica on July 4th. We wish him Good Luck at the Finals at Detroit, MI on August 11th.

CAMP— How was it?

We had a wonderful time again this year. 2 children and 2 counselors from our parish attended camp. Please see the picture on our Church bulleting board.

THANK YOU

- We would like to thank Dr. Veljko Ralevich for donating prayer bracelets, prayer ropes and knot crosses from Crna Gora for our bookstore.
- Thank you to Tatiana & Richard Goris for bringing things for our Church & Bookstore from Russia.
- Thank you Doug Balfour, for repairing the donated guitar.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

- Aug 6: **CHURCH CLOSED DUE TO RACE**
Aug 13: Milos Mikic, Steven Stankovich, Marko Adams
Aug 20: Garret Isch, Brian Isch, Riley Isch
Aug 27: Sam Bennett, Connor Schmök, Christopher Toth
Sept 3: Djordje Mikic, Petar Hood, Marthew Toth
Sept 10: David Bresich, Nikola Rajovic, Stefan Arsich
Sept 17: Jordan England, Matthew & Nathaniel Thomas. Mark Mezma
Sept 24: Alex Tanaskovich, Ben Staletovich, Alec Mandich

***Next meeting: To be announced.**

***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.**

BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:33

SAYING OF THE MONTH

Abba Theodore of Pherme had acquired three good books. He came to Abba Macarius and said to him, "I have three excellent books from which I derive profit; the brethren also make use of them and derive profit from them. Tell me what I ought to do: keep them for my use and that of the brethren, or sell them and give the money to the poor?" The old man answered him in this way, "Your actions are good; but it is best of all to possess nothing." Hearing that, he went and sold his books and gave the money for them to the poor.

WOULD YOU HELP BUILD 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 work you would be interested in doing. **The building has begun.**

BULLETIN SPONSOR- THANK YOU

**In Memory of Don and Mary Fields and Angela Fields –
Memory Eternal**

Note: In order to sponsor a bulletin, we are asking for a donation of \$200.00 or what ever you can afford. **We could also use donated copy paper.** ★

ORTHODOX YOUNG ADULTS

Orthodox young Adults of Indiana has been meeting regularly. The hope is to unite all Orthodox young adults (ages 18-30) in Indiana together for learning, spiritual growth and fellowship. If you have an interest please call Hanna at: 317-750-7951.

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Fellow Parishioners and Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

As you know, there is a great deal happening in our parish now. The new building is moving closer and closer to completion daily. The roof is now on the building, the concrete floor is poured, the parking lot base has been leveled, etc. I cannot precisely predict when the building will be completed, however, October looks very realistic.

Many of you have been making progress on your pledges. We thank you! For those who might be behind, we very much need your support. For those of you who have yet to pledge, we pray that you can do so. So far, we have been spending our money and have yet to borrow any money from the bank. However, I am certain the first draw will come in August. Interest rates have gone up since we did our original financial projections.

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We hope to minimize our interest expenses with your help. Please, do as much as you are able.

The sale of our existing building seems promising. Several congregations have visited our facility. There has also been commercial interest in our building as well. God willing, we will be able to sell our building soon and make the transition to our new home without the worries of taking care of two properties.

Soon, there will be committees formed to start planning the move of the Iconostasis, Sunday school, and other belongings. The Parish Council will meet again on the second Tuesday of August to begin the planning process. So far, we have relied upon others to do all the construction work. It will take all of us to move from one building to the other.

These are exciting and special times. The health of our parish is obvious and blessings from our Lord abundant. May God bless you and your family during this glorious time of summer and in all seasons!

Your Faithful Servant,

Milan Milivojevic

The next Parish Council meeting will be August 8th 6:30 PM.
 ** For a copy of the minutes from the meeting, please call the church office and we will send it right to you.

HOW MUCH ARE FAMILIES OFFERING TO BUILD OUR NEW HOME

		# Of Families
\$5,000.	Each =	15
\$1,000.	Each =	11
\$10,000.	Each =	8
\$6,000.	Each =	6
\$2,000.	Each =	7
\$12,000.	Each =	4
\$100.	Each =	4
\$15,000.	Each =	3
\$200.	Each =	3
\$25,000.	Each =	2
\$500.	Each =	5
\$50.	Each =	2
\$10.	Each =	2
\$50,000.	Each =	1
\$30,000.	Each =	1
\$20,000.	Each =	1
\$7,500.	Each =	2
\$4,000.	Each =	1
\$3,000.	Each =	1
\$600.	Each =	1
\$300.	Each =	1

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

From an e-mail sent by Brad James.

I want to share with you a great parallel I heard from an Orthodox Priest in reference to Holy Communion and our Lord Jesus Christ. Many outside the Orthodox faith often wonder why it is believed that the bread and wine becomes the very flesh and blood of Christ when it doesn't appear as flesh and blood. An Orthodox Priest once said, "When the people saw Jesus did they see God?"

Our Lord Jesus Christ appeared as God in the flesh to those who accepted Him, but appeared as a man to those who rejected Him.

Father Dragan's note: Originally something almost the same was said by St. John Damascene many centuries ago.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE CHURCH OFFICE

We are looking for volunteers to answer the phone in the Church office on Thursday s from 10AM - 2PM. If you are interested in helping please call the office 636-1404. Thank you.

AN INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY

The Indiana Center for Orthodox Christian Study will be offering an eleven-week course conducted on Saturdays. Each student must attend every session. Educated Clergy and laity of Central Indiana will be the primary faculty members. For more information please call Fr. Dragan.

August Bumper Sticker

One who is wrapped up in self... makes a very small package.