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FROM FATHER'S DESK

Christ is in our midst! He is & always shall be!

My dear spiritual children,
I look forward to your presence on Sundays and other Feast Days.
I look forward to you bringing your children to religious education on Sundays.
I look forward to your participation in the things we do for the good of the church.
I look forward to your contributions towards the building of our new home.
I look forward to us doing everything in the name of Jesus Christ and the Church He established. Amen.

BIBLE/PRAYER BOOK IN EVERY HOME

Every Orthodox home should have a readable Bible and prayer book that is accessible to all family members. Our plan is to supply everyone with a prayer book or prayer sheet for or by Christmas. If you are unable to buy a Bible (King James version) for yourself, please let us know and we will supply you with one. This is very important.

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."

Pray for your Church Family

Please pray for the health of Elena Milovac, Lazar Prodic, Milos Mikic, Mira Stankovic, Sofia Cvetkovich, Kathryn Ralic, Anna Ralish, 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

July 4	63 souls	☺
July 11	73 souls	☺
July 18	47 souls	☺☺
July 25	51 souls	☺
August 1	50 souls	☺
August 8	NO CHURCH	
August 15	73 souls	☺
August 22	96 souls	☺
August 29	81 souls	☺

KOLO NEWS

We still have cookbooks for sale as follows:
"500" Cookbook--\$10.00
Lenten Cookbook--\$8.00

- Kolo Regular Meeting 9/12/04
- Kolo Annual Meeting 11/7/04
- Kolo Slava & Parastos for all deceased members Sunday, 9/19/2004 (see enclosed flyer)

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. Please see the flyer enclosed regarding the dance for Saturday, 9/26, and the banquet on Sunday, 9/27.

We will be having rehearsals, starting at 7 PM, every Tuesday evening during the months of September and October. The singers are urged to try and attend every rehearsal, if possible. More details later.

Choir Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, September 8, 2004, beginning at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining the Choir, you are welcome to attend this meeting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School begins September 12th

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

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month's bulletin. Please, please fill it out and return it.

The tray in which to place the registration forms when you come to church is located right next to the venerating icon. The main reason for having a tray there is to bring out the importance of religious education and to let you know that by enrolling your children you are making an offering to church.

***** Please note that our Youth Group will be rejuvenated.**

What about college kids?

We want to make sure we keep in contact with them while they are away at college. Parents, in the event you have a son or daughter in college, please send their address to our church office so that we can put them on our mailing list.

BULLETIN SPONSOR – THANK YOU!
JUDY GAJIC



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

ST. NICHOLAS TAMBURITZA

St. Nicholas Church is inviting all interested youth, teenagers, and adults to join our newly formed tamburitza group. Our instructor will be Dylan Jensen who has played with the Duquesne University tamburitans. Practices will be held at the church after Sunday services. This is a great opportunity to experience our Serbian culture and heritage. Interested individuals do not need to have a prior musical background. Also, if any individual has a tamburitza instrument that they are willing to loan or sell, lease let us know. Please contact Bob Mandich at 255-9693 for further details.

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.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Reminder for Altar Servers: Serving is a great privilege. The altar represents the throne of God, so when we serve around the altar, we are like soldiers guarding a king: not only do they stand at attention, they have to be on time and dressed in their best clothes. Whenever you serve, you should wear long pants and dress shoes. White shirts and ties are suggested but not required.

If your child is not enrolled to serve in the altar, please consider and call the church office immediately.

September 5: Djordje Mikic, Petar Hood, Matthew Toth

September 12: Alex Tanaskovich, Ben Staletoovich, Alec Mandich

September 19: Milos Mikic, Steven Stankovich, Matthew Vukas

September 26: Garret Isch, Brian Isch, Riley Isch

October 3: Sam Bennett, Connor Schmok, Christopher Toth

October 10: Garret Isch, Brian Isch, Riley Isch

October 17: CHURCH CLOSED

October 24: David Bresich, Nikola Rajovic, Stefan Arsich

October 31: Jordan England, Matthew Thomas, Nathaniel Thomas

November 7: Mark Mozina, Marko Adams, George Steiner

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

Matthew 6:25 & 6:34: "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and body more than clothing?"

"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

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SAYINGS OF THE HOLY FATHERS

DANIEL

Daniel was a disciple of Arsenius. He was present at his death in A.D. 449. Daniel being left his tunic, hair-shirt and sandals said, 'And I unworthy wear them that I say receive a blessing.'

It was said concerning Abba Daniel, that when the barbarians invaded Scetis and the Fathers fled away, the old man said, 'If God does not care for me, why still live?' Then he passed through the midst of the barbarians without being seen. He said to himself, therefore, 'See how God has cared for me, since I am not dead. Now I will do that which is human and flee with the Fathers.'

GOD'S MIRACLES

We introduce to you the youngest member of our Church family, Adriana Iglendza, born on July 12th, 2004. Parents: Lazar and Emily Iglendza.

Congratulations! May God grant her many years!

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. **September is the month when their studies began.**

BAPTIZED/CHRISMATED

-Chuck Schuster was chrismated into the Orthodox Church on Sunday, August 29, 2004. His sponsor was Lazar Iglendza.

-Adriana, the daughter of Lazar & Emily Iglendza was baptized the same day, and Chuck Schuster was her Kum.

Congratulations to all!

REMODELING THE PARISH HOME

The time has come. The Parish Council has found it necessary to remodel/refresh the parish home. The first thing that was done was to replace the windows. We are looking forward to changing the carpet, painting the home, remodeling the kitchen, etc.

Any donations for this project would be greatly appreciated.

4TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

A great success!! Thank you to all!!!
Congratulations to the winners:

1st Place : David Devitt's Bloomington Group

2nd Place: The Meridian Mortgage Group

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Amanda Smith, granddaughter of Mane Bubalo, for winning the 4-H Grand Champion award in Fashion Review for the State of Indiana. Later this year she will represent Indiana, in that division, at the National Conference of 4-H members in Atlanta, GA.

TRIP TO MONASTERY—NEW CARLISLE, INDIANA FOR KSS SISTERS & OTHERS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2004

Do you have a need to relax physically, psychologically and spiritually? Plan to join us for this trip.

Departure time will be 6:00 a.m. **promptly** from our church. We plan to drive there in a 16-passenger van, and will arrive in New Carlisle in time for the Hierarchical Liturgy in celebration of Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos. There will be a luncheon following the blessing and cutting of Slava Bread. We will be returning to our church parking lot in Indianapolis no later than 7 PM that evening. **For reservations, call the church office (636-1404). Hurry – limited seating.**

Important—Dress code is as follows:

Men must remove hats upon entering the Monastery. Business attire, casual trousers and shirts (no tee shirts with writing, tank tops, shorts, jeans or sneakers).

Women must cover their heads upon entrance to the Monastery. Skirts or dresses should be of proper length (no minis, slacks, shorts, tank tops or sneakers).

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BENEFIT PERFORMANCE WITH ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO THE ST. NICHOLAS SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH BUILDING FUND—NOVEMBER 21 AT 3:00 PM

World-renowned classical guitarist, Petar Jankovic (our parishioner), will be performing at the Indianapolis Art Center, 820 E. 67th St. (Broad Ripple)

Tickets will be \$30.00 each and can be purchased at our church in advance.

Please plan to attend and bring your friends.

UPDATE FROM THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

- Currently working with Beaty Construction Company on preparing our land for future building. Beaty is the contractor that won the bid to work on the I-465 Bridge work project. This work is being done free of charge. In exchange for this work, St. Nicholas is allowing Beaty to use our land temporarily to store their equipment, allowing them parking and dirt placement for their freeway bridge project. (We are helping them...they are helping us.)
- Awaiting final loan information to move forward. Need to get banking approval of the amount of money that we can borrow for our Phase I project. We believe we have a good estimate of our planned expenditures for Phase I and need to gain banking approval prior to moving forward with next steps.
- Next Step...Finalizing Contractor Selection: We have one contractor selected for future bid (once financing resolved) and other contractors in-line for same. (Contractors will not spend significant time in bidding discussions until financing information is available to them.)

*** Additionally one of our youths Steven Stankovich has made improvements to our Legacy Tree (Zapis). The main part of his project was land skapeing. He did this as an offering to his church and for acquiring the

Eagle Scout badge. Thank you Steven for your hard work.

2004 GREEK FESTIVAL-September 11TH

Please note that the Greek Orthodox Church is having a Festival on September 11th from Noon to 11:00 p.m. FOOD & DRINK, LIVE MUSIC, DANCING, BAZAAR & MORE! Information Hotline: 722-6622.

FINDING THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO BUILD OUR NEW CHURCH HOME

Now that we have a beautiful piece of property and have begun site development, we have established a committee to help us develop ways to raise the necessary financial resources to build our new church home. The committee is comprised of members of the parish council but also includes several others who are faithful members of our parish and who in the past have not been involved in church committees or councils. This is very encouraging that these people have consented to participate in this way and because we are continuously expanding the people from our parish who are getting involved. The committee's plan includes special events and fundraisers such as the Petar Jankovic concert as well as approaches to make sure that all of our parishioners have an opportunity to participate financially to the extent they are able in this important effort. Please look forward to receiving more information about this most important effort .