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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.

ADVISE, NOT NECESSARILY A PLEA

This summer, attendance was not as good as last year, but of course that's not important now that the summer is over.

What is important however is that everyone gets back on track again by coming to Church regularly. Even though important, I'm certainly not asking this of you so our Sunday attendance can improve. I'm suggesting this because we all need strength to get us through the upcoming week. Recharge the batteries.

I'm asking this in order for your children to aside from being immersed into this secular world may get a glimpse of holiness and eternity through Divine Liturgy and learning about God and His saints.

I'm asking this so all of us can weekly be reminded of what is good (Holy) and what is bad (evil). Today if we are not reminded regularly it is very easy to confuse the two.

I'm asking this in order for us to receive that blessing which we all need so, so much.

In what ever your decision may be, may God bless you abundantly.

Prayer: For all those suffering from the recent storm let us pray to the Lord.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT!

Congratulations to Christian and Nada Jimenez on the birth of their baby boy Jovan, born July 28, 2005. Many, Many, Many years!

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 Ralik, 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 31 - 43 ☉ Aug. 7 Closed due to race
Aug. 14 - 67 ☉ Aug. 21 - 77 ☉
Aug. 28 - 71 ☉

Memory Eternal

+ Vukosava Matic Mother of Bosa Suljic from Bloomington.

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

PARASTOS / LUNCH

For Petar Dedeic on 4th of September after Liturgy.

CHOIR NEWS

Our Choir is organizing a Concert on October 29th. Look for more information in next month's bulletin.

KOLO NEWS

You are invited to the Kolo Slava on Sunday September 25, 2005. Please make sure you come and support us with your presence. Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School will resume this month, we hope and pray that all parents will register their children A.S.A.P. Registration forms are in the vestibule.

***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 the tray there is to bring the importance of religious education and to let you know that by enrolling your children you are making an offering to church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS WANTED.

We are looking for one more devoted individual to teach Sunday school this 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.

These are our Teachers as of now:

2-4 year olds - Kim Suder and Terri Fields

5-8 year olds - Dorothy Stankovich - assistant Allison Jenson

8-14 year olds - Betty Seat and Heidi Mandich

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. We will be meeting with youths from other Orthodox Churches as well. Fun, Fun, Fun.

TAMBURA GROUP -

If interested, please call the church office 636-1404.

*** Thank you to Milka Vulovic for donating a guitar for our Tambura group.

FOLKLORE GROUP

On August 28th we had registration for Folklore Group and close to 15 children registered to participate. If you are interested in joining this fun group call the church office.

Starting Sunday September 18, 2005 The Folklore group will be meeting on Sundays after Divine Liturgy.

SUPPORT INDIANA, DOWN SYNDROME FOUNDATION

Saturday September 10th, 56 area Hardee's restaurants in central Indiana are donating 20% pre-tax sales to the "Buddy Walk" for all sales between 7am and 11am. So have breakfast or an early lunch or both to help them make a generous donation.

Saturday September 24th is the annual "IDSF BUDDY WALK" at Military Park in Indianapolis. Call the church for information about joining our group of intrepid walkers who gather in support of our own much loved Elena Milovac. Last year our team "Elena" won 3rd prize and raised over \$2,850. And we had over 50 walkers! Please join our team again this year.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

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
Oct. 9: Mark Mozina, Marko Adams, and George Steiner
Oct. 16: Alex Tanaskovich, Ben Staletovich, and Alec Mandich
Oct. 23: Milos Mikic, Steven Stankovich, and Matthew Vukas

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.

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OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

WE NEED THEIR ADDRESSES:

Families of our college students are encouraged to call or send their addresses into our parish office for inclusion on our mailing list. Getting monthly mailings from home are a good way of keeping our college-students connected to their parish and their Faith.

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE

"One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty."

(Proverbs 11:24)

...Christ is the head of the church: and he is the Saviour of the body.

... Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it.

(Ephesians 5:23, 25)

* Please send us your favorite Bible Verses.

FAVORITE SAYINGS

From The Sayings of the Desert Fathers.

Hyperechius said 'It was through whispering that the serpent drove Eve out of Paradise, so he who speaks against his neighbor will be like the serpent, for he corrupts the soul of him who listens to him and he does not save his own soul.'

MORE FAMILIES "MAKE A PROMISE"

Jim and Denise Andrews Mike and Dawn Bresich
Milana Staletovich - Riggs Rade and Fanny Savich

GIVING FROM THE HEART

Just as we all have different talents, so, we also have different resources to share with others. Mara Ogrizovich wanted to contribute to the Church building fund. She has a wonderful talent for making beautiful Afghans, and donated one to our church. She hopes it might be sold and the money put towards the building of our new Church home. Thank you, Mara, for such a generous gift.

Since several people were interested in this wonderful hand-made item, we decided to let all interested people donate to the building fund and we would list their name once for each dollar donated. We will pick one name from all the donations to own the afghan on September 25th, our Kolo's Slava. People have already made donations at our Picnic and during our social hours after Divine Liturgy on Sundays. If you would like to make a donation, feel free to call the church office, stop by and visit us, or best of all join us for Divine Liturgy and fellowship gathering to see it and contribute to Mara's generosity for our future Church home.

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 work you would be interested in doing. We have started a volunteer list. Please, call the church office and include your name on the list.

THANK YOU

Thank you to The Nativity of the Mother of God Monastery in New Carlisle for donating tables for our picnics and to Gregg Pasalich for transporting the tables from the Monastery to Indianapolis.

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Building Update August - 2005

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ: **This is very important, so please take a few minutes to read this entire note:**

Please let me give you an update on our new church home project. Much progress has been made since you last heard from us.

1. **RELOCATION OF THE PARKING LOT** The Parish Council approved minor modification to our building site plan. We have decided to change the position of the cultural center/ church building and parking lot. A large parking lot was originally planned in the front of the building. By "flip-flopping" the building and parking lot (moving the building in front of the lot) we will achieve savings by running utility lines a shorter distance. The property will also be more attractive with the parking lot behind the building. This change requires new civil engineer drawings. The drawings will be done by an outside civil engineering company. The project schedule will not change and the savings could exceed \$30,000. Pete and Chuck have done a fine job on moving this process along.
2. **PROJECT FINANCING** Fifth Third Bank and Bank One have both made serious, formal financial proposals for our mortgage. At it's meeting on Sept. 13, the Parish Council will evaluate them and choose the one that is most favorable. One thing is certain. We will have outsiders (bank auditors) looking more closely at our books. Some changes to our existing practices should be expected. You should know St. Nicholas' financial records, projections, and other information were widely complemented by both Banks as well as the success of our Make a Promise Campaign. Please take a moment to thank those who have done such a fine job on our records (Vera, Rick, Belinda, and Stana). Once a proposal is selected, we must perform an environmental
3. Inspection of the property, complete title insurance work, and a few other details. The loan will close and funds will be available after these final steps are completed (near the end of October). We have plenty of cash until then to carry the project; however, we again urge every family that has promised a contribution to do whatever possible to make their gift as soon as your personal circumstances permit. The quicker we pay our pledges the less we ultimately borrow and pay interest upon. Also, you will soon receive a request from Bob Ivancevich that you indicate the timing of your five-year pledge (weekly, monthly or annually.) This is important information that the banks will require so please respond quickly to this notice.
4. **CONTRACTOR SELECTION** Contractor selection activities are under way. The building committee meets again on August 30th with the goal of selecting a general contractor. Once a general contractor is chosen and an agreement signed, the selection of subcontractors will commence. We will publish a listing of subcontract needs and should any of our parishioners be capable of bidding, we will ask the general contractor to seriously consider such bids.
5. **FINAL PERMITS AND PROJECT APPROVAL** We have a meeting on September 14th with the good people of the Pike Township town council/building committee to gain their final approval for our project. Thank God we have Mitch Sever on our team. Mitch has done a great job

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at opening doors and guiding us through this process. We surely would not be on schedule without him.

6. **PREPARING OUR CHURCH FOR SALE** We are also in the final stages of selecting a realtor for the sale of our existing church. You will see painting and other fix-up work-taking place throughout September. Mirko Milivojac is handling this stage of the building project. Mirko may be calling you to lend a hand on this important pre-sale activity. Please give of your time and energy. As you recall me saying last time, everyone will need to do something if this project is to be completed on time and on budget. Of course, the ultimate decision to sell the church will be made after a vote of the entire membership and with the approval and blessings of our Bishop Longin.

In Christ our Lord and Saviour, on behalf of the Parish Council
I remain faithfully yours,

Milan Milivojec

Notice: The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2005

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

BUILDING INFORMATION BOOTH

The Contribution Sign with the names of all those who contributed towards paying off of our land has been mounted on the back of the Zapis Monument at our new property. Make plans to go and see it.

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

MORE ORTHODX CHURCHES BUILDING NEW HOMES

Three Orthodox churches in central Indiana have bought land and are looking forward to building new homes in the near future. Two of them are blessing land this month. Let us pray for their prosperity.

1. St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church blessing land on the 10th.
2. Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church blessing land on the 20th.

BULLETIN SPONSOR- THANK YOU

For the good health of Mike Tasich, (brother of Sofia Cvetkovich) from Milo and Sofia Cvetkovich.

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. Families may choose to combine their means to sponsor a bulletin.

BULLETIN BUMPER STICKER

Exposure to the **SON** prevents burning.

BOOKSTORE NEWS

THANK YOU – Tatiana Sopke for donating many beautiful icons from your trip to Russia.

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.

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR NOVEMBER 3rd. 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 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. Give a donation please.

FOR THOSE WHO TAKE PLEASURE IN GIVING

Thank you to the anonymous donor, who has given \$500.00, and will do this annually, for us to buy gas and food coupons to give to the poor and needy when they come to our door. This has been a real help since we regularly have people come to our church asking for help.

*** There is a basket (next to the venerating icon) with letters/envelopes from organizations and individuals who are in need of help. 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 the same.

WE NEED YOUR INFORMATION

We are asking for E-mails of our Parishioners so we can make quick announcements of any changes or additions to our Church calendar. (This will be kept confidential).

We have a sheet of paper, which you can fill out, in the vestibule of the Church or you can send your information to the following E-mail address: stnicholaschurch50@sbcglobal.net

In addition, if you are moving please call the church office and let us know your new address, phone number and e-mail. Thank you.

32nd ANNUAL INDIANAPOLIS GREEK FESTIVAL

Please note that the Greek Orthodox Church is having a Festival on Saturday, September 10th Noon to 11:00 pm On the grounds of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church 4011 N. Pennsylvania Street. Indianapolis, FOOD & DRINK, LIVE MUSIC, DANCING, BAZAAR AND MORE!
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 283-3816

TRIP TO MONASTERY

Do you have a need to relax physically, psychologically and spiritually? If so plan to take a trip to this beautiful Monastery in New Carlisle Indiana on September 20th or 21st. If you are interested in going please call the church office for more information.