

PARISH NEWS

FROM FATHER'S DESK

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

STEWARDSHIP/STARATELJSTVO

The goal of each Parish (Family in Christ) is to grow and prosper on the road towards the Kingdom of Heaven. This concept first applies to the individual family and then of course to the Parish which is composed of many families.

Growth and Prosperity, just to be clear, doesn't necessarily mean more folks on the list and it does not mean more money. It first of all means more of the faithful who are willing to fully commit their lives unto Christ our God and want spiritual growth/maturity. The Orthodox Church has always valued quality over quantity.

This is what STEWARDSHIP is all about.

Stewardship?

STEWARDSHIP = Management. Managing all that God has given us – first ourselves and then all that around us – our Church especially. It calls for commitment and responsibility. Practically speaking, stewardship calls us to offer ourselves, to the best of our ability in Time, Talents and Treasure.

In church today, this term is used to call us to full participation in the life of the church.

I must say that stewardship has been practiced in our Parish for quite a few years already, now is the time to confirm it. The Parish Council is fully committed to this, thus, I ask you to do the same. This will help us be more organized. Thank you

BEESWAX CANDLES/Olive oil

Recently it was decided to start using only Beeswax candles in the church. For a while now, we've only used Olive oil for Vigil Lamps. Beeswax and olive oil, as the purest of substances, are used as an offering to God. Thus, we need to offer the best we can unto God in His house.

October 4th Banquet – Save the Date!!!

On Sunday October 4th of 2009 we will come together as a community (church family) and first of all celebrate the END of the "Make a Promise" campaign.

Secondly, this will be the kick off banquet for the Stewardship campaign.

From now on, every year on the first Sunday of October we will have a banquet at which Pledge Cards will be received. The main reason for this commitment is to (at least once a year) be reminded of our Responsibility towards God and each other. This kind of commitment encourages Faith, Love, Responsibility & brings great blessings from above.

OCTOBER 3rd: Night in Belgrade at our Church
Live Music/Cevaps/Delicious Food (the eve before the Stewardship Sunday).

PROJECT MEXICO – Pan Orthodox Effort

We are collecting canned goods and other items to be sent to St. Innocent Orphanage in Tijuana. The Orthodox Churches of Central Indiana will collect items through September, if we have enough for a whole pallet it will be shipped for free. We have a list of items needed in the Vestibule; any questions please call the church office. Thank you.

CHURCH PICNIC – Sept. 20th

Sept. 20th: Church Picnic following Divine Liturgy. At our Church property. We will have cevaps, lamb, chicken and pastries. **Guaranteed Fun for Children** (possibly horse back riding). We are hoping to have our Pavilion built, in which case we will bless it. See you!!

If you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions please call the Church office. Come and support the building of our Pavilion.

SABOR - CANTON OHIO

- All was good, Glory to God .
- Close to 300 faithful delegates (including Clergy)
We were represented by Fr. Dragan, Mirko Milivojac and Nic Babic.
- The Administrative unity was pronounced.
- Minor changes to the Constitution were made – to be approved by the Assembly of Bishops of the S.O.C.
- 4 days of meetings of which two days were spent in educating Church leadership.
- Historic event, very well organized. Our delegates were very impressed.
- Katie Potkonjak from our diocese won first place at the Oratorical Festival (First day of Sabor).

SENIOR CITIZENS OUTING – \$19. a person

On Monday September 21st Fr. Dragan will be taking a van to the Monastery in New Carlisle IN for their Slava. He will be leaving in the morning (6a.m. sharp) and returning in the evening (around 7:30 p.m.). Others are welcome to join us. Please let Father know by September 10 if you are interested in going. Sorry, must register to go.

BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

Exodus 15: 2

The Lord is my strength and song, and He is become my salvation: He is my God, and I will prepare Him a habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt Him.

SAYING OF THE MONTH

In order to find God, become humble as dust before the Lord, for the Lord abhors the proud, whereas He visits those that are humble in heart, wherefore He says: 'To whom will I look but to him that is meek and humble in heart?'

St. Nectarios of Aegina

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CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS **SEPTEMBER 13th**

Please be sure to register your children

Registration forms may be found in this month's bulletin, the Vestibule, or from the Church office.

Filling out a registration form each year is very important and helpful to our Church School Teachers. By doing this you are recommitting your child to Christ our God.

We are thankful to God for our new staff:

St. Matthew class - Betty Seat, Marko Bojovic

St. Mark class – Marija Milivojac, Dorothy Milivojac

St. Luke class – Kim Suder, Terri Fields

Youth – Jim Fields

Alexandra Schuster – Teacher helper

Subs: Yovanka Savich, Popadija Vesna, Dorothy Stankovic, & Kathy Milovac.

Social Coordinators: To be announced, if you are interested please call Terri Fields.

Pavilion is planned to be done and blessed Sept. 20th

This is thanks to all of you BUT especially to the following folks who gave beyond their regular giving:

- Mane Bubalo
- Doug & Jackie Balfour
- Virgil & Dorothy Cross
- Milos & Yftemia Cvetinovich
- Milo & Sofia Cvetkovich
- Judy Gajic
- Robert & Susan Ivancevich
- Petar & Ivana Jankovic
- Ed & Dragica Kerr
- Bogdan & Dorothy Milivojac
- Mirko & Marija Milivojac
- Stasa Milojevich
- Fr. Dragan & Vesna Petrovic
- Nena Popovic
- Marko & Katherine Radovanovich
- George & Stacy Stanjevich
- Anica Stanjevich-Foreman
- Savo & Mira Stojcevich
- Rick & Kim Suder
- Rados & Cristina Tanaskovich
- **Jovan Ducic Choir**
- **Serbian National Defense**
- **K.S.S.**

***We have space for more people, please see Mane Bubalo. Thus far we've collected over \$3,000.00. Thank you.

* If we missed your name, please call Church office immediately, thanks.

KOLO NEWS

Please join the sisters for our Slava on September 20th. This year we will celebrate our Slava along with the Church Picnic. All donations will go towards paying off the pavilion. We are thrilled to support such a project.

BULLETIN SPONSOR-

The September Bulletin is sponsored by the Vuynovich Family in memory of +Jovan Vuynovich.

If you would like to sponsor a bulletin please call the church office 471-8006. Note: In order to sponsor a bulletin, we are asking for a **donation of \$50.00** or what ever you can afford.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

We hope and pray that each active family of our parish would accept a (meaning at least one) responsibility in regards to taking care of our new home. Father Dragan and/or a P.C. member may call you in the near future on this matter. In the meantime if there is something you prefer committing to please call the Church office as soon as possible and/or note it on the pledge card. Thank you – we need everyone on board, **everyone.**

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Anyone that has a trade or owns a business, A directory of Orthodox Businesses of Central Indiana will be put together in the near future, if you are interested in being listed in the directory, (for **no charge** except what you chose to contribute), please call the church office, or email to: fr.dragan@st-nicholas-indy.org

CHRISMATED:

Abigail Foreman was Chrismated on August 16th. Her Kuma is Dara Todorovich. Many Years to Abbie, her Kuma and all family.

GREEK FEST

September 11th 4 – 11pm and 12th. Noon – 11pm. Food, pastries, marketplace, live music, Greek dancing, Church tours. General admission \$5.00, kids under 12 Free with adult. www.IndyGreekFest.org

GOLF OUTING – RUMANIAN CHURCH

October 11th 1:30 PM tee off at 2:30 pm Eagle Creek Golf Course. \$75.00 per golfer or \$300. for a foursome. If you would like to register or for more information please email fatherjazz.evans@gmail.com. This is to benefit their 100th Anniversary.