

# PARISH NEWS

## FROM FATHER'S DESK

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

My dear spiritual children,

It is so wonderful to see everyone back in church again after a long (at least for me) summer of less attendance than usual. September is the beginning of the church year and we are all looking forward to the upcoming events. Thanks to God for that. We have many events in the upcoming New Year both spiritual and social. Please note that none of these events are possible without your participation. We need your presence and we need your support. I mentioned a few times in the past that there are only a handful of people who do most of the work—they are getting tired—who knows how much longer they'll be able to do this. We truly need more volunteers. Please be so kind and call the church office (636-1404) and ask to be used to serve God and his people (His Church). I thank you in advance.

### What would you like to help with?

- building of our new home (Building/Fundraising Comity)
- helping in the Kitchen
- being part of the Clean up crew (here we would really need you since not very many people ask for this job)
- being involved in the Sunday School
- taking over the Community Card project
- helping in the Church Office
- make candles
- assist the Priest
- assist the Parish Council Members
- Maintenance of our Church, Parish Home and New Property
- Organize Social Events
- Bookstore
- Church Library
- Technical/Mechanical Support
- Refreshment Area
- Monthly Bulletin

**Special Note:** Please know that prior to coming to Liturgy, traditionally we don't (shouldn't) eat or drink anything—if we are able. The first thing we should have (if we are not receiving Holy Communion) is the Holy Bread. This does not apply to children, ill persons and/or pregnant women.

### COMMUNICATIONS

In addition to our monthly bulletin and calendar, I plan to make announcements after each Divine Liturgy on Sundays regarding services and events for the upcoming week. Rarely will I announce services and events for the entire month or months to come. However, this might be done for a very special event. Therefore, the most accurate way of being informed will be to be in Church on Sundays.

**Special Note:** Preparation for those who frequently take of Holy Communion:

- 1) Confession at least once in 3 months
- 2) Daily prayer
- 3) Keep the Wednesday and Friday fast and the 4 fasts of the year.
- 4) Be at peace with everyone

- 5) Live a clean and pure life—no deadly sins
- 6) Attendance at Vespers (if possible) the evening before—a quiet and peaceful evening.

### Giving, Giving & Giving

At times you heard about the fact that giving is one of the most important thing in our lives. Maybe this will be a surprise to many, but it is. Please consider that we are leasing and renting something, we need to pay for it. Who do we pay or to whom do we give, and what do we give? It's very simple. We give to our Heavenly Father—but what do we give him? Again, very simply—ourselves—that's all He wants. One of the prayers during the Divine Liturgy explains it best ...Let us give our whole life onto Christ our God.... My dear spiritual children, let us not come to that point where that which we are renting or leasing will be taken away from us because we didn't want to give back.

### PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS:

KSS has Lenten Cookbooks for sale for \$8.00.

Gross income for Golf Tourney was \$5,849.

Our choir has received an invitation from the St. Demetrius Serbian Orthodox Church in Akron, Ohio, to celebrate their Slava. Council voted to pay for the cost of the bus for their transportation so that our devoted singers may attend.

Building Committee members met with three more architectural firms to obtain bids and information. Rest assured, we will not proceed until the best possible price for the best workmanship is obtained.

David Rayman offered to donate and construct a very primitive small, stone, perpetual chapel on new property by the Legacy Tree.

Stephen's Mortuary has volunteered to underwrite the cost of a new parish directory.

It was decided to replace the torn carpeting in entry hall, repair bathroom on third floor, repair part of the wall in the Sanctuary, which was damaged by the weather, and repair defective lights in church hall.

### SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

⊗= under 80	⊙=over 80
⊙=80	⊙⊙= over 110
7/27/03	55 souls ⊗
8/10/03	70 souls ⊗
8/17/03	56 souls ⊗
8/24/03	88 souls ⊙
8/31/03	57 souls ⊗
9/7/03	89 souls ⊙
9/14/03	147 souls ⊙
9/21/03	105 souls ⊙

### PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for the health of:

Milica Vranjes, Patty Staletovich, Zivko Maric, Jovan Vuynovich, Nikola Marich, Sasa Nedic, Kathryn Ralich and Angeline Yeftich.

**NOTE:** If you would like to include a name on the list, please call the church office.

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## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

We especially need to help each other. If there is anyone in the parish who needs a job or is offering a job, or who knows people who need employees, please contact the Church office. We may be able to make a match and in such a way help each other. **Please take this seriously, especially if you are offering a job. Thank you.**

**Special Note:** We have put up an Advertisement Board in the Social Hall by the Refreshment Area for you to advertise your business and or things to sell or buy.

## **BULLETIN SPONSORS**

Would you like to sponsor our Bulletin for the next month? Please consider this & call the Church office: 636-1404. It would be nice if we could have our monthly bulletin supported by those who read it and benefit from it. Thank you in advance.

## **LAND PAYOFF CELEBRATION**

The evening was an exceptional and memorable one. The atmosphere was overwhelming. It started with Vespers. Many people were present. It continued with the banquet. The food was delicious and there was music in the background. Awards were received by most from our Parish with the presentations being made by our Bishop Longin. Our \$50,000.00 donors, Bogdan and Dorothy Milivojac, were announced and acknowledged. May God grant them many, many, many healthy and prosperous years and, most of all, may God grant them Eternal Life.

Even though this was not meant to be a fund-raising event, our clear income, which is going directly to the building fund, was over \$7,000.00. This was all thanks to you.

## **Highlights of Fr. Dragan's Speech**

God needs us to have more room and space. It's obvious. We wanted 3 to 5 acres of land; we bought 12. We wanted to pay less money for the land (\$15,000), which would have put us way out in the country. We ended up paying over \$30,000 per acre and being minutes away from the main highway. We thought it would take us a few years to pay off our land, and we did it in approximately 1-1/2 years. Guess what the future is bringing!

Special thanks to our \$50,000 donors, Bogdan and Dorothy Milivojac, **who took out a loan from the bank to pay off our land.** Many thanks to them and to all of our contributors.

We are looking forward to building a new home for us in the near future. This only will be possible with your continued support.

## **MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

We are grateful to Thomas Hanes and Family for directing donations in memory of their Mary "Seka" Hanes to our Church Building Fund.

May the memory of our dear beloved Seka be eternal, and may God establish her soul where the just repose and give all of her family strength to endure this temporary separation.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The Sunday School has started and we have only received registration forms for 25 children. Parents are asked to mail these in as soon as possible. Also, Please remember to bring your children exactly or before 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. This would help the teachers with their lectures as well as the children with their learning.

## **HAYRIDE & BONFIRE – FAMILY NIGHT**

On October 18, we will gather at our new property (79<sup>th</sup> & Marsh) at 5:30 p.m. for a wonderful evening. (This should last until about 8:30 p.m.) There will be fun and fellowship for everyone. We will have a big bonfire with hot dogs, chips, marshmallows and drinks. We will also tell stories by the fire. Then we will go on a hayride through Mr. & Mrs. Ropkey's farm where we will see many interesting things, such as old airplanes, tanks, big World War II guns and even a submarine. This property is located across the street from us.

## **ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE**

- Oct. 5: Matthew Thomas, Nathaniel Thomas & Marko Adams
- Oct. 12: Steven Stankovich, Connor Schmok & Stefan Arsich
- Oct. 19: Peter Hood, Nikola Rajovic & Jordan Vukas
- Oct. 26: Garrett Isch, Brian Isch & Riley Isch

**Note:** In addition to their schedule, children are always welcome to serve in the altar.

**Important:** Any altar server who cannot attend church the day he is scheduled is to inform Fr. Dragan at 374-1414.

## **Reminders 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.

## **KOLO NEWS**

We were honored to have Bishop Longin in attendance at our Slava, which turned out to be very successful. Also, we were privileged to have the President of the National KSS organization, Regina Sekulich, in attendance. A big thank-you to all who attended.

**LENTEN COOKBOOKS ARE FOR SALE AT \$8.00 EACH.**

Please support this organization by purchasing a cookbook.

**BAZAAR & BAKE SALE—SATURDAY, NOV. 22, 2003**

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Chili Luncheon beginning at 11:00 a.m.

We are asking for donations of craft items and baked goods. Donations will be accepted at the Church hall on Friday, November 21, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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Please do support the KOLO and Church by making a donation or by visiting us at this event. If you should have any questions or if you would like to volunteer to help, contact Dorothy Milivojac at 862-3593.

## **CHOIR REHEARSAL DATES**

Oct. 7 (Tues.) 7:30 p.m.  
Oct. 19 (Sun.) 8:30 a.m.  
Oct. 26 (Sun.) 8:30 a.m.

## **Christmas Community Card-Bozic 2004**

Be on the lookout for the information that will come to your home in October/November. We thank you for your participation for our community card and look forward to another successful card for this Christmas season! Thank you. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

## **FREE ICONS**

In the vestibule of our Church, there is a basket with large and small icons. Find yourself an icon, take it home, frame it, or put one in your car or in your wallet.

## **DIOCESAN MONTH-MONASTERY SLAVA**

Our Monastery of New Gracanica is celebrating its Slava on October 14<sup>th</sup> of this month. If you are able to go, please call our church office, and we will assist you with directions and/or other information you may need. If you are unable to go and are interested in sending a donation, following is the address:

The Serbian Orthodox  
New Gracanica Metropolitanate  
P.O. Box 371  
Grayslake, IL 60030

This would be the most proper time to contribute to our Diocese.

What does our Diocese do? In conjunction with all of its parishes: It helps the needy here and abroad; it helps small parishes; provides religious education materials for our children; along with the K.S.S., organizes the Summer Camp for kids; provides priests with a pension plan; supports our seminary in Libertyville Illinois; maintains the monastery property for all of us to enjoy and so on.

To put it in a nutshell, our Diocese nurtures & promotes our Orthodox Faith and heritage. Please support our diocese, they need it to continue doing what they do.

## **POCKET CALENDARS**

It is very important for all Orthodox Christians to acquire a pocket calendar. It tells us when our fast days and holy days occur, when the fasting season begins and ends, about compact (free of fast) weeks, when we can or cannot have weddings, when we cannot hold Memorial Services, etc. Aside from that, they have much more useful information. They are more practical than the wall calendars. Our Diocese prints these pocket calendars. It is very important that you have one. They are in both Serbian and English.

## **MEMORIAL SATURDAY**

Saturday, October 11, is noted as Memorial Day by the Orthodox Church. On this day, at 11:00 a.m., we will have a Memorial Service at our church as we do every year, and we ask all of you to come and, through this

service, remember your departed loved ones. Those of you who are unable to visit the cemetery that day should make a special effort to partake of this service. Bring a favorite dish to share, in memory of the departed ones, with those who are present for this service.

**MOMORY ETERNAL TO:** Carl Dawes Swander (father of Paul Swander). May God establish his soul where the saints repose and give his family strength to endure this temporary separation.

## **SPECIAL THANKS TO:**

Mr. & Mrs. Milan Milivojevic for donating a window air conditioner for our Sunday School space and a new computer for our Church office.

Milo & Sofia Cvetkovich for donating covers for the communion set and a special bookmark for the Gospel.

Stan Cvetkovic for replacing the torn carpet in entry hall, repairing bathroom on third floor, repairing part of the wall in the Sanctuary, which was damaged by the weather, and repairing defective lights in church hall.

*MAY GOD REWARD YOU ACCORDINGLY!*

## **PARASTOS SERVICES FOR:**

-Mika Radlovic on Sunday, October 19, after the Divine Liturgy.

-Mary "Seka" Hanes on Friday, October 31 (40-day Parastos).

## **PAN-ORTHODOX EVENT—Sunday 10/26/03, 5 PM**

Flyer enclosed. This will be a gathering of Orthodox Christians of Central Indiana for a prayer and a lecture by Archimandrite Daniel Byantoro who is an Apostle to the Muslim Indonesians and who once himself was a Muslim. This will be a lecture that you will not want to miss.

## **CHOIR TRIP TO AKRON, OHIO, 11/8/03**

Our Choir will be traveling to Akron, Ohio, to celebrate St. Demetrius' Slava. The bus will leave Indianapolis on the morning of Saturday, November 8, returning on Sunday evening, November 9. Definite times have not been set as yet; however, if anyone is interested in making this trip with the Choir, please contact Angie Devitt, 638-8170.

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As always, this issue is printed with no intended offense to any one person(s). If this issue has excluded anyone's name, please notify the office (636-1404), and it will be corrected in the next issue. **If you do not wish to receive this publication, please notify us.**

Do you have something for the "Newsletter"? Send it as soon as possible—don't wait! Share your children's accomplishments and so on!

*Call us or write with your critiques, compliments or other interesting news. We would like to hear from you!*