

# PARISH NEWS

## FROM FATHER'S DESK

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

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

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/Fund-raising Committee)
- 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
- helping with 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

## 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.

## Pray for your Church Family

**Please pray for the health of** Elena Milovac, Lazar Prodic, Chester Tasich, Paul & Tina Stoyanovich, 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

Sept. 5	73 souls	☉
Sept. 12	128 souls	☺☺
Sept. 19	112 souls	☺☺
Sept. 29	103 souls	☺

## KOLO NEWS

**Kolo Annual Meeting - 11/14/04, after the Divine Liturgy.**

Please try to attend this special meeting.

\*\*\*Members are urged to check with Millie Arsich to see if your dues are paid up.

### **Bake Sale – Saturday, November 13**

We will be glad to accept any baked goods donations for this event. Someone will be on hand Friday evening to accept your donations at our church hall.

If anyone is interested in ordering a pita, nut roll, or some specialty in advance, please notify Dorothy Milivojac at: 862-3593.

## CHOIR NEWS

We will be having rehearsals, starting at 7 PM, every Tuesday evening (except the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month) during the months of September

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and October. The singers are urged to try and attend every rehearsal, if possible.

### **Choir Annual Meeting**

#### **Newly Elected Officers:**

Ann (Stanjevich) Foreman – President  
Dara Todorovich – Vice President  
Angeline Devitt - Secretary  
Judy Gajic - Treasurer

**Choir Concert** – We will be having our fall concert on October 30, and the guest choir will be Aleksa Shantic of South Bend, Indiana. The concert will be held on Saturday evening, at 7:00 p.m., followed by a dance. The Aleksa Shantic Choir will sing the responses during the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, October 31. Please try to keep this weekend open for this special occasion. More details will follow later.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

**Sunday School has begun - Attendance is Great – please continue bringing the little ones.**

Have you registered your children? Only the children who fill out the registration form will be considered as part of the Sunday School Program .

### **Sunday School Events**

**1)** Indiana Down Syndrome Foundation Buddy Walk. This will be held Saturday, October 16, 2004 at the Military Park, Indianapolis, IN  
Registration: 10 a.m.  
Walk Begins: 12 p.m.

We especially encourage the Sunday School children and their parents to participate in this special event. We are walking as part of the team of Elena Milovac – our parishioner.

**2)** There will be a special outing at Forest Park, Noblesville, Indiana, on Saturday, October 23, from 3 to 6 PM. It will be a lot of fun for all. The main attraction is a train museum. Also, there is a volleyball court and grills. See you there.

### **YOUTH SEMINAR**—Nov. 12, 13 & 14, 2004

A Youth Seminar will be held at the Serbian Orthodox Monastery—Protection of the Mother

of God—New Gracanica—35240 N. Grant St.  
Third Lake, Illinois

Theme of the Seminar: *Spiritual Survival*

Registration of the participants will be Friday, November 12, from 4:00 p.m.

Fr. Dragan plans to attend the sessions on November 12 and 13 only. Therefore if you are interested in attending, contact the Church office for further details.

**\*\*\* Please note that our Youth Group is being rejuvenated. First meeting for this School year: October 15 at St. Nicholas Church.**

### **BULLETIN SPONSOR – THANK YOU!**

#### **LJOLJIC FAMILY FROM LAFAYETTE**

**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 tamburitizens. Practices are 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, please let us know. Please contact Bob Mandich at 255-9693 for further details.

### **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

**September 5:** Djordje Mikic, Petar Hood, Matthew Toth

**September 12:** Alex Tanaskovich, Ben Staletoich, 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:** ALL ALTAR SERVERS WELCOME

**October 24:** David Bresich, Nikola Rajovic, Stefan Arschich

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**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 VERSES

It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: But I say unto you, that whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery. *Matthew 5:31,32*

And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth. *Mark 10:11,12*

### SAYINGS OF THE HOLY FATHERS

Abba Daniel said, "The body prospers in the measure in which the soul is weakened, and the soul prospers in the measure in which the body is weakened."

### Christmas Community Card—Bozic 2004

Be on the lookout for the information that will be coming to your home in November. We thank you for your participation in the past & we are looking forward to another successful card for this Christmas season! If you have any questions, please call the church office.

### WE ARE REMODELING THE PARISH HOME

**LATEST:**

A new porch door and an air conditioning unit have been installed.

Any donations for this project would be greatly appreciated. Call the Church office please.

### 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

A great success!! Thank you to all of you and especially to Savo Stojcevic for preparing and donating the barbequed pork. It was delicious!

### 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. 67<sup>th</sup> 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.**

### CORRECTION

Please note we made a mistake by putting under the Altar Server Schedule that our Church was going to be closed on Oct. 17. THIS IS NOT SO. Thank you for your understanding.

### Parish Directory

As a reminder, please review the information sheet that is being sent to you and send it back to the church if your personal information has changed. If we don't have a response from you, we will utilize the information that is currently on file.

The Parish Council has decided not to have business pages within this year's directory, mainly because it would take a lot of time to compile this information. Also, the last time we tried it, it didn't go over very well; and the directory must be printed as soon as possible.

Also, we have a policy of NOT advertising in the Monthly Bulletin. This brings us to a point where we must apologize to Sever and Associates for not advertising the business even though last year we received \$100.00 to do so in our Parish Directory. At the same time, we want to thank the Sever family for their understanding and for their donation. May God bless you for it.

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### **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 and 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 9, is noted as Memorial Day by the Orthodox church. On this day, at 9:00 a.m., we will have a Memorial Liturgy at our church 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.

**Memory Eternal to:** Jim Trusler (stepfather of BeLinda Sharkey). May God establish his soul where the saints repose and give his family strength to endure this temporary separation.

### **St. George Orthodox Christian Church Middle Eastern Fall Dinner**

4020 North Sherman Drive  
Indianapolis, IN Reservations required:  
Call (317) 547-9356 for tickets and to select 1<sup>st</sup>  
or 2<sup>nd</sup> seatings.

**Saturday, October 2, 2004—4 to 6 PM  
or 7 to 9 PM**

**Adults: \$18 (by 9/30)**

**\$23 (after 9/30)**

**Children (7-12) \$12 (by 9/30)**

**\$17 (after 9/30)**

**Children 6 and under: Free**

### **Performance at Franklin College on November 1 by the Teofilovic Twins, a world-renown Balkan musical group**

The Teofilovic Twins will be performing in the Chapel on the campus of Franklin College at 8:00 p.m., 11/1/04. There is no cost—it is FREE. After the performance, everyone is invited for a reception honoring the Teofilovic Twins. They have performed at a number of International Music Festivals and most recently at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. If you would like more information on the Teofilovic Twins, you can visit their website at: <http://www.teofilovici.co.yu/>.

If you should have any other questions, call 317/738-8119.