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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.

This past Sunday (The beginning of Sunday School) the church was packed. Glory to God we have over 50 children enrolled in Sunday school of which 42 two were present. Our Sunday school staff had their hands full. Only now do you get a feeling, how during summer even though we always have between 50-75 souls present the church looks empty. Well I'm glad all are finding the way back to church, which we all need so much - this Sunday we had over 120 souls and Sunday before that we had over 90. Glory be to God. If you are still not done with your vacation, sorry, its time to come to church, we miss you. God bless all of you.

PLEA: All of us are aware of the recent storms, which have hit and devastated this country. Many people are suffering. The reality is, it's them who are somewhat far away from us and it's not us or even our families or friends. This reality can make us indifferent even though as Orthodox Christians or as human beings for that matter we shouldn't be. If we were created in the image and likeness of God we must consider the following. It is said that Jesus Christ while living on earth never laughed. The reason is obvious, being it a fact that He is also God it was unnatural for Him to laugh while at the same time seeing so much suffering in the world. Therefore He gave us a perfect example. Every person on this earth should be our concern. They are our brothers and sisters who are suffering thus let us help them. First of all let us help them with prayers and then if we are able with donations as well. Thank you. For more information call our church office.

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

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for the health of:

Faith (Baby Girl), Carol (Rayman) Mira, Tomislav, Natasa, Milutin, Diana & Corina Fischetti, Jason, Elena Milovac, Hadad, Lazar Prodic, Chester Tasich, Paul & Tina Stoyanovich, Kathryn Ralic, Patty Stafetovich, Milan Knezevic, and Angeline Yeffich.

*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 4: - 80 ☉ Sept. 18: - 122 ☉☉
Sept 9: - 93 ☉ Sept 25: - 117 ☉☉

MEMORY ETERNAL

+ Vasilije Mikic, Father of Rev. Mihailo Mikic.

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

CHOIR NEWS

Be sure and hold the date of October 29, 2005 open for our concert. Our guest choir will be the Holy Trinity Greek Church Choir. The Concert will begin at 7:00 pm at our church.
Choir Board elected for the coming year:

President - Ann Stanjevich Foreman
Vice President - Karen Christoff
Secretary - Angie Devitt
Treasurer - Judith Gajic
Librarian - Karen Christoff
Historian - Sofia Fields
Auditing Comm.- Dorothy Cross, Kara Mozina, and
Cristina Tanaskovich

KOLO NEWS

Thank you to everyone for joining us in celebrating the Kolo Slava, of the Nativity of the most Holy Theotokos. Thank you for your prayers for all of our sisters and thank you for your remembrance of our sisters who have fallen asleep in the Lord.

Baking Day October 8th 9:30 AM - Prosfora and Apple Strudels
Baking Day October 22nd 9:00 AM - Apple Strudels

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School has begun.

Last time we announced the Sunday School Teachers. This time we are announcing the rest of staff:

Spiritual advisor and director: Father Dragan
Superintendent: Dorothy Milivojac
Assistant Superintendent: Kim Suder
Assistant Teachers: Allison Jenson
Nathan Sopke
Music Program: Kara Mozina
Dorothy Milivojac (Asst.)
Tamburitza group: Dylan Jenson
Folklore group: Ana Stanisic /
Nedeljko Djukahovic
Altar Servers: Mike Mozina
Substitute Teachers: Popadija Zora Mikic
Yovanka Savich

Keep your calendars open for October 16th Sunday School

Open House All Parents of students please join us after Sunday School (12:10 pm). You can talk with the teachers and see some of the things your children have been doing.

October 22nd see flyer in this bulletin about Sunday School Hayride. Join us for the most Fun you will ever have.

YOUTH -- Calling the Youth back together-- Please call the church office (636-1404) if you are interested in participating.

TAMBURA GROUP -

If interested, please call the church office 636-1404.
The Tambura group meets in the Church office after Divine Liturgy.

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FOLKLORE GROUP

If you are interested in joining this fun group call the church office. The Folklore group meets in the largest room in Sunday School after Divine Liturgy.

INDIANA. DOWN SYNDROME FOUNDATION

Thank you to all the Walkers and everyone who donated to the annual "IDSF BUDDY WALK" \$1,400.00 was raised this year in support of our own much loved Elena Milovac.



ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

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
Oct. 30: Garret Isch, Brian Isch, Riley Isch
Nov. 6: Sam Bennett, Connor Schmok, Christopher Toth
Nov. 13: Djordje Mikic, Petar Hood, Matthew Toth
Nov. 20: David Bresich, Nikola Rajovic, Stefan Arsich

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.

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE

"And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. 1 John 4:16

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

- Please send us your favorite Bible Verses.

FAVORITE SAYINGS

From The Sayings of the Desert Fathers.

A brother asked Abba Sisoës, 'What shall I do, abba, for I have fallen? The old man said to him, 'Get up again.' The brother said, 'I have got up again, but I have fallen again.' The old man said, 'Get up again and again.' So then the brother said, 'How many times?' The old man said, 'until you are taken up either in virtue or in sin. For a man presents himself to judgment in the state in which he is found.'

WOULD YOU HELP BUILD 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.

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Building Update October – 2005

My Dear Parishioners and Brothers & Sisters in Christ, Again this month we have much to be grateful for and celebrate. Fortunately, the grace of our Lord permitted the advance of our building project. There is much to report.

1. We have finalized the financing of the building. After several weeks of evaluation, financial models, and negotiation, our Parish Council selected the offering from Bank One. Our mortgage payments will be based upon a 20-year term and a fixed interest rate (about 6.9%). We will be able to make extra principal payments as often as we would like and annually adjust the payment (called a reset) based upon the remaining principal and term. The agreements have not yet been drafted but we expect to formally sign the paperwork by no later than mid-October. We are further blessed with the help of Ron Salatich who will review the loan documents for us. Thank you to everyone who helped in the process, especially Stana Edwards and Chuck Schuster. I also wish to acknowledge the hard work and wisdom of our Parish Council, as they were essential in the bank selection.
2. Our building committee has sent requests for proposals (RFP's) to three qualified general contractors, one of whom will be selected to erect our family life center. The general contractor will then work with the architect on a 'design and build' process to select qualified subcontractors for the various parts of our building. We hope to select a general contractor by early October as promised. Good Lord willing, the warm rays of the early spring sunshine will arrive in late February and early March to welcome the start of the building erection process.
3. Our building plans have been formally approved by Pike Township and the City of Indianapolis last week. Our new neighbors in Pike Township heard about our requests for building modification (we wanted a metal roof) and upgrades (we offered in exchange all masonry exterior construction). We also shared the vision of our consecration and dedication and welcomed everyone to share in our celebration. Special and profound thanks are owed to Mitch Sever for his help in moving our project through the maze of the building approval process. Again, we also thank Chuck Schuster who was so very important during the final public hearing!
4. We hope each of you will respond to the letter requesting confirmation of your donation and plans to monetize your gift. We really need your input in order to plan our cash flows and minimize our borrowing costs. Our bank loan also requires this information so please do not delay.
5. You will be receiving an invitation to a special meeting of our members to formally ratify the process to begin the sale of our church home. Our bylaws require the congregation to assemble for such a request. We will be asking your permission for the Parish Council to put the property up for sale. Our plans are not to move out until the new home is ready. Realtors we have spoken to advised that the sale of a property like our church can take

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a year or more. Since our new home will be ready in about one year, it is time to start the process. We can never replace what this special building means to our parish; however, we can honor the legacy as we celebrate the past and future in our new family life center.

6. Lastly, the new building will have many details and thus requires the help of EACH OF YOU to become a reality. We will shortly be discussing the formation of committees to deal with landscaping, Sunday school, furnishings, kitchen, church office, museum, etc. Please find the time to help when one of your fellow parishioners calls for your involvement. It really does take a village to build this home....

With the support of our Parish Council, the prayers of Father Dragan, and blessings of our almighty Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I remain faithfully yours.

Milan Milivojevic

The month of October is the anniversary of buying our land. We have gone quite far since then. Thanks be to God.

Notice: The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for October 11th 6:30 PM

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

BULLETIN SPONSOR- THANK YOU

James and Perrette Davidson, in celebration of their Wedding. Congratulations!!

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

If you are what you have - What are you when you loose it?

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Jonah, Son of John and Liz Pasalich Born September 21, 2005. Congratulations and may God Bless all. Many Many Many years.

BOOKSTORE NEWS

We have recently completed several special orders of Icons and books for parish members. If there is something special you have been seeking, please let us know how we can help you.

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. Please check the flyer in the bulletin for more information and to sign up to volunteer your time.

FOR THOSE WHO TAKE PLEASURE IN GIVING

We are continuing to collect donations for the victims of the hurricanes. There is a basket (next to the venerating icon) for your donations.

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.

The sign up sheet is in the vestibule of the Church or you can send your information to The following e-mail address: stnicksecretary@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.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CARD - BOZIC 2005-06

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. Please note that the proceeds from this project will mostly go to the Seminary Students and the rest to the poor and needy in our community.

DIOCESAN MONTH - MONASTERY SLAVA

Our Monastery of New Gracanica is celebrating it's Slava on October 14th 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.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Do to the fact that people work until 5PM we will be having Vespers at 6PM always. In the past it was 6PM during summer and 5PM during winter. Of course at times, it may change so please always following the monthly calendar.

THANK YOU

Suder family for donating air conditioners, blinds and other things for Sunday school.

***Two sets of Vestments have been donated for our new church -Thank you to Milo and Sofia Cvetkovich

Milica Lalich

GUATEMALA CATECHUMAN

While on a mission trip to Guatemala Cheryl Babich was made catechumen (a person learning about the faith). We congratulate her and we look forward to her being Chrismated in the church.

BAPTISM/CHRISMATION

James Davidson has gone through his catechism period and has been recently baptized/chrismated in the church. Many Many Many years.

Statistics: In the past seven years 103 people were Baptized/Chrismated, out of which 40 came into the Orthodox Church from different dominations.