

# PARISH NEWS

## FROM FATHER'S DESK

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

#### Dearly Beloved,

Since I came to this parish, eight years ago now, I have written a special letter every year in September to all of you under the heading: "To my second Family". After six years of doing this and getting to know you and you getting to know us, it just didn't feel right to say to my "second" family, thus I changed the heading to simply but sincerely say "To my Family". Vesna, the children, and I truly feel comfortable with this.

From this point on, because of several reasons, I'm not going to write letters but (in our monthly bulletin) whole-heartedly just say we thank you and we love you. May the evil one NEVER disturb this - I pray to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P.S. You are going to have to forgive me at times, because the reality is, the more love I have for you the more protective I will be of you.

**\*\*\* Don't forget - 29<sup>th</sup> of this month is the names day of our bishop Longin**

**\*\*\* 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.**

## PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for the health of:

Nicholas (Hamilton), Dragica (Kerr), Bosiljka (Milatovic), Marie (George), Natasa, Judy (Ivancevich), Tomislav, Milutin, Jason, Elena (Milovac), Lazar (Prodic), Chester (Tasich), Paul & Tina (Stoyanovich), Kathryn (Ralic), Patty (Staletovich), Angeline (Yeftich), Jack (Mertz), George (Alavanja) Ronny, Draga (Stankovich), Borivoje.

\*If you would like to add or delete a name on the list, please call the Church office.

## MEMORY ETERNAL

+John Sovich, father of Cary & Kristina. passed away Sept. 14, 2006.  
+Albert Hogg, brother of Maria Stanjevich.  
+Cedo Risovic, Father of Jelena Ljoljic died in Serbia.  
+Dr. Mamuzic, from Lafayette, passed away Oct. 1, 2006  
May God establish their souls where the saints repose and give the families strength to endure this temporary separation.  
VJECNAJA PAMIAT

## CHOIR NEWS

The SOCA Convention was Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> in Hamilton Ont. Canada. Judy Gajic attended. Thank you Judy for representing us.

## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

☉= under 80

☉=over 80

☉=80

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9-3-06: 85 - ☉

9-17-06: 126 - ☉☉

9-10-06: 99 - ☉

9-24-06: 142 - ☉☉☉

10-1-06: 89 - ☉

## KOLO NEWS

### 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Slava

What a wonderful Slava and 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Thank you to everyone for supporting our Kolo. A special thank you to our Beloved Bishop Longin for celebrating with us. If you were not able to be here, the food was delicious, thank you Dorothy and Bogdan Milivojac. The Hall was decorated so beautifully with candles and fresh flowers, thank you Dara Todorovich and Stana Edwards, and to all the hard working K.S.S. members.

### Jewelery

The Silpada Jewelry event for our new Kitchen brought in over \$900.00! Thank you Kim Suder.

### Annual Meeting

Kolo Annual Meeting Scheduled for Sunday, October 15, 2006. Kolo members and those who would like to become members, please plan to attend.

### Bazaar

Keep November 18<sup>th</sup> open - be thinking about baking and crafts for our Fall Bazaar. Last one in our present Church Home.

## PICNIC UPDATE

The August picnic was very successful we had 34 hard workers and made over \$2,250.00. Thank you also to the Krasich family lending the Jumpy for the kids.

## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Oct. 1: Steven Stankovich, Marko Adams, Adam Arsieh

Oct 8: Garret Isch, Brian Isch, Riley Isch

Oct 15: Sam Bennett, Connor Schmok, Christopher Toth

Oct 22: Djordje Mikic, Petar Hood, Matthew Toth

Oct 29: David Bresich, Nikola Rajovic, Stefan Arsieh

Nov 5: Jordan England, Matthew & Nathaniel Thomas

Nov 12: Alex Tanaskovich, Ben Staletovich, Alec Mandich,

\*Next meeting: To be announced.

\*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.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

### First Day of Sunday School was September 17<sup>th</sup>.

We had most of the registered children present. We thank God and the Parents and all contributing. Specifically, we take this opportunity to thank Father & Popodija for sponsoring the luncheon that day in honor of his 10 year Priesthood Anniversary.

### Sunday School has begun - 43 Children Registered

### \*Good Attendance = Free Camp

If you attended Sunday school at least 15 times during the Sunday School Year, one-week in New Gracanica camp will be paid for by our parish.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FALL EVENT - KD Stables

Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> is our Hay Ride and Lunch.

Pony Rides - Petting Zoo - Face Painting - Hayride - Bonfire. Our Sunday School has made arrangements for a fun filled afternoon. Please bring your children and join us. A light lunch will be provided and our event will move in-doors for uncooperative weather. Please call the Church office or Kim Suder to sign up.

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Direction: I-74 West to Lizton/Lebanon Exit SR 39 Turn Rt. Off exit onto SR 39 Follow 2.6 miles to 750S and turn left. Follow 1.6 miles to the 1<sup>st</sup> stop sign and turn right onto 500. KD is the 4<sup>th</sup> farm on the left (there is a sign)

**YOUTH (Ages 13-18)** : The next get-together will be October 29<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 PM. The Youth will meet on Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> at our Church, plan to be there especially then. Call the church office for more information.

## **TAMBURA GROUP**

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

## **The Buddy Walk Is Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Please call the church office to sign up with Elena's team. On the day of the walk registration starts at 10AM with the walk beginning at 12 Noon at Military Park at the corner of West and New York Street. Last year our team raised \$1,400. We hope to go over that this year.

## **Support THE FUTURE PRIESTS**

Saint Sava School of Theology of the Serbian Orthodox Church, His Eminence the Most Rev. Christopher, the Dean, Metropolitan of Midwestern America, with Faculty Members and students invite you to the Twentieth Anniversary Celebration of St. Sava School of Theology. To be held on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Archangel Michael Serbian Orthodox Church 1500 186<sup>th</sup> St., Lansing, IL. Divine Liturgy at 10AM - Anniversary banquet at 12:30 PM at St. Michael's Social and Cultural center. The banquet is donation only, but please call St. Michael's Church office 1-708-474-8417 or Narrow Path Bookstore 1-708-474-8417 to reserve your seat by October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH**

Without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him. Hebrews 11:6

## **SAYING OF THE MONTH**

Abba Anthony said, 'Whoever hammers a lump of iron, first decides what he is going to make of it, a scythe, a sword, or an axe. Even so we ought to make up our minds what kind of virtue we want to forge or we labor in vain.'

From: "The Sayings of the Desert Fathers"

## **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. **The building is going up fast and will be done soon.**

## **BULLETIN SPONSOR- THANK YOU**

The October Church Bulletin is being donated by Maria Hogg Stanjevich and family in loving memory of +Albert Hogg, brother of Maria, who passed away in their hometown of Stetten, Germany on September 16, 2006. May his memory be eternal.

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

VJECNAJA PAMJAT

## **CORRECTION TO SPONSOR FOR SEPTEMBER BULLETIN**

September bulletin was sponsored by the Phil Michael family, please forgive the spelling error, and thank you Michael's family

**Note: In order to sponsor a bulletin, we are asking for a donation of \$200.00 or what ever you can afford. We could also use donated copy paper.**

## **ORTHODOX YOUNG ADULTS**

Orthodox young Adults of Indiana has been meeting regularly. The hope is to unite all Orthodox young adults (ages 18-30) in Indiana together for learning, spiritual growth and fellowship.

If you have an interest please call Hanna at: 317-750-7951.

## **CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CARD - BOZIC 2006-07**

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 and 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 its Slava on October 14<sup>th</sup>. 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, please send it to: The Serbian Orthodox Metropolitanate of New Gracanica, Diocese of America and Canada, PO Box 371, Grayslake, IL 60030

## **AKATHIST SERVICES, AT STATE HOUSE**

Every Wednesday at noon at the State House downtown Indianapolis, faithful of the Orthodox Church use part of their lunch hour to arm themselves with the Lord through Prayer. If you are interested in relaxing spiritually go to the State House, room #432 - Every Wednesday at noon.

## **FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL**

**My Fellow Parishioners, Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

The first autumn leaves have found their way to the ground and the crisp fall air has arrived. The fall, at least for me, marks the start of a new year. Thoughts of a new school year bring back happy memories and the "back to work" feelings that mark the end of summer.

This fall is also the start of something new for St. Nicholas. As we had prayed, our building will be completed in this fall season. The work should be done sometime in mid-November. While we won't have a formal dedication until spring, there is still some preliminary celebrating to do!

The first discussions of "the first event" have occurred with the Parish Council. However, there is still construction work to be done with many details including HVAC, painting, carpeting, tiling, and other finishing. The building committee reports that the project is both on time and on budget. There remain a few challenges...

- Our sewer variance has yet to be granted. We meet with the City on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September. Please pray for our parish.
- We have very little money for landscaping. We will need to have a landscaping plan approved by the City before we can occupy the building. Please pray for our parish.

We need your contributions, now more than ever. For those of you who have not started fulfilling your campaign pledges, we need you. For those of you, who wanted to see more before increasing your

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pledge, see & please contribute. For others of you who can afford to give more, please know that we need more.

It is also clear that the good Lord gave us other resources to pay our mortgage debt. Our church hall will need to generate income around \$35,000 annually over and above our current operating surplus. We have time to plan how that will be achieved; however, the Parish Council has taken on that burden too.

We will need to rent the hall and conduct some catering business activities. A subcommittee has been assembled to create an appropriate set of policies to govern our actions in service to one another and especially our Lord. There are many voices regarding this important source of income. Time and patience will lead us to the proper answers. I thank the subcommittee for taking on this huge task.

We are also close to selling our old building; however, things are never done until the money is in the bank. Please continue to remember your fellow parishioners in your prayers. Good things will continue to come to us!

Yours in Christ, Milan

\*\*The next Parish Council meeting will be Oct. 10th 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.

\*\*\* This month is the Anniversary of buying of our new land.

## **Important Deadline; Please read and respond**

Dear Parishioners & Friends, Soon the paint will dry, the parking lot will be paved and, God willing, we will celebrate our first Divine Liturgy at our new church home at 79<sup>th</sup> and Marsh Road. If you have not taken the time to drive by the building, you should do so. You will be amazed at our progress.

**IMPORTANT** We will begin production of a plaque listing those who have made donations to the building fund. This plaque will be installed in the entrance of the new church. Attached is our list of those who have made a donation to the building fund. If you have made a gift and we have inadvertently left your name off the list, please call the church office, *confirm your donation and your name will be added*

**IMPORTANT** If you have not made a donation or made a five-year gift in our Make a Promise Campaign and wish to have your name (your family's name) included on this plaque, please do so as soon as possible. **ONCE WE SEND THE LIST TO THE COMPANY THAT MAKES THIS PLAQUE, WE CANNOT CHANGE IT.** The deadline for making a gift so that your name will be included on the plaque is Thursday, NOVEMBER 16, 2006 (The date commemorating the dedication of the Church of St. George).

Without your prayers, support and dedication to St. Nicholas Church, we could not have achieved this. Thank you all.

With the Blessing of Father Dragan

Robert Ivancevich

Vice President of the Parish Council and Chairman of the Fundraising Committee

Please forgive us if we have left anyone off or misspelled any names:

Milivojevic family	Ivancevich family
Suder family	Klevickes family
Helen Marich	Pavlovic family
Fr. Dragan & family	Angie Devitt
Iglendza family	Mick & Marija Milivojac & family
Cross family	Guyrn family
Saljic family	Cvetinovich family

Mandich family	Judy Gajich
Nathan Sopke	Maria Stanjevich
Toth family	Nada England & family
Mitchell family	Anica Foreman & Family
Sekulich family	Jovanovic family
Fields family	Milo & Sofia Cvetkovich
Micanovic family	Stevic family
Barbara Bachmura	Hunerkoch family
Patty Staletovich	Vasileff family
Kazacoff family	Knezevich family
Mrakich family	Mijic family
Leona James	Petar Dedic
Massimino family	Vukas family
Herke family	Hood family
Milanovic family	Karras family
Jankovich family	Jandric family
Goris family	Stankovich family
Anna Stanisic family	Michael family
Tanaskovich family	Schuster family
Janet Nichols	Rankovich family
Zoran Mitic	Kovalenko family
Kerr family	George & Stacy Stanjevich & family
Christoff family	Vera Moyer
Ralevic family	Mozina Family
Jason & Jill Pasalich & Family	Roksandic family
Rutovic family	Milovac family
Kovacevich family	Babic family
Vosevich family	Jensen family
Ljoljic family	Sever family
Greg & Kimber Pasalich & Family	Salatich family
David & Diane Regich	Davidson family
Bresich family	Andrews family
Marich family	Mamuzic family
Savich family	Gataric family
Balfour family	Bronko Yerich
Godfrey family	Seat family
Arsich family	Latinovich family
Mark Rouleau	Ralich family
Mitchell family	Baldwin family
Zarko Milivojac	Mikic family
St. Nicholas Hamilton Canada	Newland family
Tomich family	Maur family
Burt family	Jim & Fran Pasalich
Jimenez family	Milka Vuynovich
Belinda Sharkey	Builders Concrete
Edwards family	Dave Rayman

## **ANNIVERSARY - CONGRATULATIONS**

This past month was Fr. Dragan's 10 year Anniversary from Ordination (from the time he was made a priest) and 8 year Anniversary of being our parish Priest.

## **INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL**

### **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Contact Vera Schuster via email - v.schuster@lilly.com or call 339-1776.

The Festival will showcase a food booth and cultural booth (represents our group to the community and provide info).

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The hours of the Festival are as follows:

**November 2-5, 2006- 3-hour shifts are available**

**Thurs., Nov. 2  
9AM to 3PM**

**Friday, Nov. 3  
9AM to 9PM**

**Sat., Nov. 4  
9AM to 9PM**

**Sunday, Nov. 5  
11AM to 6PM**

St. Nicholas will be participating in the International Festival at the State Fairgrounds. We will once again need help from all. If you were a part of last years Festival you know what a wonderful and fun experience it was.

## AN EVENING WITH MOTHER INES

Please join us Sunday, November 5th as the Central Indiana Orthodox Missions Council hosts an evening with Abbess Ines, head of the Orphanage in Guatemala. The evening will begin with an Akathist to St. Herman at 5 p.m. followed by dinner, highlights from the recent Council mission trips to Guatemala and Alaska.

The event will be at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church 4011 N. Pennsylvania St. Indpls. IN. November 5<sup>th</sup> 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Reservation information will be available at the church office. We are requesting a donation of \$25.00 for the dinner (Youth and children reservations will be available). Proceeds from the evening will help support the upcoming 2006/2007 works of the Central Indiana Orthodox Missions Council.

If you have ever felt the call to participate or have supported mission work, this will be an informative, fun and interesting evening. Join us!

Yours in Christ,

The Central Indiana Orthodox Missions Council

## ACADEMIC COURSE IN THE FAITH

Please take the time to review the information about a series of classes that will take place starting Nov. 11, 2006. The Presbyters' Council of the Central Indiana Orthodox Christian Churches is offering classes which will enhance the knowledge of our faith. We pray that there are those in our church community, who will consider taking advantage of these classes. We would like to sponsor one of our parishioners, thus, the first to express an interest in attending all the classes and be willing to share what they learn will be accepted.

Classes will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month starting November.

### Course Topics:

Session 1: The Search for Faith

Session 2: The Christian Understanding of God

Session 3: Being Human: Fully Alive

Session 4: Why did Jesus come to us?

Session 5: Why on Earth the Church? Isn't God enough?

Session 6: Living the Faith (part 1): the Liturgy

Session 7: Living the Faith (part 2): The Holy Mysteries.

Session 8: Living the Faith (part 3): The Bible.

Session 9: Living the Faith (part 4): Prayer & Fasting.

Session 10: Living the Faith (part 5): Christian Behavior.

Session 11: Heaven on Earth: Members of the Church and Citizens of the World.

### A typical day will include:

- Prayer to begin the day at 10:00 AM
- Review of previous material
- Main talk by a faculty member
- Communal Meal (furnished)
- Question and Answer period
- Concluding prayer at 3:00 PM

### Faculty:

Educated Clergy and laity of Central Indiana will be the primary faculty members for the course. Each student will be assigned a local Orthodox priest to serve as their supervisor during the course.

### Study Material:

A variety of materials will be used from various textbooks, articles, the liturgical books of the Orthodox Church, and the Holy Scriptures. Students will be expected to purchase select books that will be available from the Center or from local bookstores.

### Costs:

To cover necessary costs the fee for the course is \$25. per session or \$250. for all eleven sessions.

### Foundations of Orthodox Christianity Course Format

The course will be conducted one Saturday each month for a total of eleven sessions. At the end of the course of study, the student will select a topic and compose an essay or do a project that will demonstrate their knowledge of an element of the course. The essay or project must be approved by the faculty. A Certificate in Orthodox Study will be granted at the end of the course upon completion of all classes and demonstration of satisfactory accomplishment.

### Center's Mission Statement

The mission of the Indiana Center for Orthodox Christian Study is to provide Orthodox Christians and the general public with courses of study designed to deepen their knowledge and understanding of Orthodox Christianity.

In this introductory course, *Foundations of Orthodox Christianity*, students will gain greater familiarity with the fundamental beliefs, practices and liturgical books of the Orthodox Church, enabling them to appreciate the mysteries of the Faith more deeply and to attend the divine services of the Church with greater knowledge and more meaningful participation.

### For More information on the Course:

Indiana Center for Orthodox Christian Study

1516 N. Delaware Street

Indianapolis, IN 46202

[fatherstevan@indy.net](mailto:fatherstevan@indy.net)

(317) 631-1344

## MIKE'S CAR WASH TICKETS

Don't forget - if you still have Car Wash Tickets to sell

Let Marija Milivojac know. And if you are interested in buying tickets please call the Church Office. Start the Fall with a Clean Car.

Additionally, you could help the church by selling them to Family and Friends, it would be much appreciated.