

# PARISH NEWS

## **FROM FATHER'S DESK**

Dear Parents,

The average attendance in our Sunday School is almost 50% of all the children we have. If we compare ourselves to other parishes, we are doing OK. However, I believe that we can do a lot better if we made a special effort and commitment. It is so important for them to have God in their lives at this stage. It is our obligation before God, who entrusted us with these children, to teach them about their Heavenly Father and about His Son, Jesus Christ, who established the church of which we are a part. **Bring your children to Sunday School so that they may grow with CHRIST.**

Please know that our Sunday School teachers are making an extra effort to learn more about the subject they are teaching by meeting with me each month and listening to a 2-hour lecture. They do this with a lot of love and hope that they will be able to pass on this teaching to as many children as possible. Please consider this seriously and start bringing your children to Sunday School regularly. Forgive me for being so direct.

## **PAYING THE LAND OFF**

First of all, I want to thank all of you for your continuous support. It is wonderful to see how many people, directly or indirectly, are helping and giving in hope to see our land paid off and a new church home on it. Please know that we are doing this as an offering to God and as something we and other generations can use as a helping tool for salvation. Having this in mind, let us give and pay off the land as soon as possible so that we can continue with our church project. Just imagine going to church and having a park around you, having space in it and many other things we need for our children. I am looking forward to this with all my heart and soul. **LET US REALIZE OUR DREAM.**

## **I WISH IT HAPPENED EVERY DAY**

I was pleasantly surprised when a few days ago I received a phone call from a young lady who said the following. "I am calling to ask if I could volunteer." When I asked what she was interested in, the answer was even more overwhelming. She said, "Whatever you need me for." This gives me an opportunity to again and again thank our present volunteers and ask those who are not involved to give us a call and take an active role in the church. **PLEASE HELP!!**

## **BEGINNING OF CHRISTMAS FAST**

Christmas Fast begins on November 27 and lasts until January 7 (Christmas). If you are not fasting at the time or partaking of the Holy Sacraments of confession and communion, please make an effort to begin. Believe it or not, this effort will bring you closer to God and will establish in you strength, health and happiness. For more information on how you can begin fasting, please call me. (317-374-3414)

## **MEMORIAL SATURDAY**

Another Memorial Day on November 2. I will have a memorial service (parastos) at our church at 11:00 a.m. Please come and, through lighting candles and prayer, remember your loved ones.

## **NOTE: VERY IMPORTANT**

Every year, we let people know that they should not throw away the icon portion of the wall calendar; however, we failed to mention that there is a proper way of disposing everything and anything that has an icon, a cross or the word of God on it. Some of these things include church stationery, monthly bulletins, prayer books, bibles, religious books, paper icons, wall and pocket calendars, etc. To dispose of these, you have two options: 1) burn or bury it yourselves or 2) to bring it to church for disposal.

## **PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Please pray for the health of: Angelina Yeftich, Todor Stanjevich, Zivko Maric, and Jovan Vuynovich. **To add your name to the list please call Fr. Dragan.**

## **GOD'S MIRACLES**

We wish to introduce to you the youngest member of our Church family: Hannah Hagy, born on September 15, 2002. Parents: Rick Hagy and Olivia Gentry.

## **UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT**

**OUR CHURCH SLAVA (Patron Saint)!** We will celebrate our church Slava on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendar and make an effort to be here. This is a very special day for our church family and if there is a day in a year on which we don't plan to do anything else but go to church and be with our family, friends and acquaintances – it is this day. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY & BE THERE ON THE 15<sup>th</sup> OF DECEMBER!**

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## KOLO UPDATE- BAZAAR- NOV 2

The KSS Bazaar (Bake Sale – Crafts – Chill Luncheon) Saturday, November 2.  
Door opens at 8:30 a.m. Luncheon: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## TRIP TO CINCINNATI- NOV 3,2002

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church in Cincinnati will be celebrating the mortgage pay-off of its hall. We encourage our parishioners, if they are interested, to go and take part in this celebration. For more information, call Father Petar, parish priest of the St. George Church at 513/681-2350.

## YOUTH/SUNDAY SCHOOL BOWLING- 11/10/02

All of our teenagers and Sunday School children are invited to a fun afternoon of bowling on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, following the Divine Liturgy and folklore practice. During coffee hour a light lunch will be served to the bowlers, and the bus is scheduled to depart at 1:00 p.m. for the Western Bowl at 6441 West Washington St. The group will return to church at approximately 3:30 p.m. If you have any questions, call Dawn Bresich at 773-9572.

## NIGHT IN BELGRADE – NOV 16

Saturday, November 16, at the St. George Syrian Hall, 4020 North Sherman Drive. Good Food – Live Music (Priateljji) Come and join in the fun! Door opens at 6:00 p.m.

## LENTEN COOKBOOK

Recipes are coming in very slowly. It would be appreciated if you would support this KOLO endeavor and share some of your lenten recipes with us. Please send them to Angie Devitt, 1310 N. Keystone Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46201 or drop them off at our church office.

## CHURCH DUES - 2002

Have you paid your church dues for this year? If not, please send your payment to the attention of Dorothy Cross, financial secretary. Also, keep in mind that all dues should be paid by the fall of 2002, in order to vote at our Annual Meeting in 2003. If you are unable to pay, please call Fr. Dragan. Your conversation will stay confidential. Thank you.

## CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CARD

Be on the lookout for a letter that will come to your home in the near future. Please respond to it as soon as possible. We thank you for your participation in the past, and we ask for your participation in the future.

## HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

As we concentrate on the spirit of giving during the months of November and December, we will have a collection bin for food donations to help some of our Church family members during this special time of the year. We will take non-perishable items and/or cash contributions that will be used for hams or turkeys. For more information, please see Kathryn Ralich or Father Dragan.

## BULLETIN SPONSORS

Should you wish to donate for the upcoming bulletins, please call the church secretary, Kathryn Ralich, at 842-8553. The donation amount we are asking for is \$150.00

## STOCK ACCOUNT

In the event any of you are interested in making a stock contribution to our church, we want you to know that we do have an open account. Please contact Rick Suder (823-4145) if you are interested.

## Bowling Tournament Oct 11,12

Your church hosted the Diocesan Bowling Tournament. We thank those who participated in various ways for their gracious support. This 2 day event typically generates interest in other parishes, however due to low turnout from other parishes, this nice net income will be considered a local bowling tournament and our treasury will maintain the profits for this event.

## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

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10/06/02	115	souls	☺☺☺
10/13/02	84	souls	☺☺
10/20/02	101	souls	☺☺☺
10/27/02	93	souls	☺☺☺