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FROM FATHER'S DESK

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

Dear Parents,

To date, we have 57 children registered in our Sunday School. Our attendance on Sundays has been between 22-30 children. To those parents who bring their children regularly, I thank you. To those parents who don't, I encourage you to do so. Please bring your children regularly and please bring them exactly at or before 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. This will help the teachers with their lectures as well as help the children with their learning.

It is obvious that 60% of the children registered attend regularly, and for some this may be good enough. However, please note that our intention is to have 100% attendance. This only will be possible if you, the parents, make an effort to bring your children regularly. Please bring them so that they may grow in Christ.

CAN WE BUILD A NEW HOME?

The answer is "yes," if we only continue giving the way we have been and a little more, if we are able. I spoke with one of our parishioners recently, and we concluded that if one family can afford to have a home, surely a parish composed of many families can afford to have one home.

BEGINNING OF CHRISTMAS FAST

Christmas Fast begins on November 28 and it lasts until January 7 (Christmas). Please make sure that you fast, partake of Holy Confession and Holy Communion during this particular time. This will bring you closer to God and will establish in you strength, health, and happiness. If you have questions as to how to prepare for the above-mentioned, call me at 317/636-1404.

MEMORIAL SATURDAY

Saturday, November 1, is noted as another Memorial Day by the Orthodox Church. On this day, at 4:00 p.m., we will have a Memorial Service at our church, and we ask all of you to come and, through this service, remember your departed loved ones. Bring a favorite dish to share, in memory of the departed ones, with those who are present for this service.

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.

Special Note: Preparation for those who frequently partake 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.

PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS:

It was decided that the income from the Night in Belgrade refreshment area will go to support our choir. Main discussion was about the building of our new home. Three proposals have been received for plans for our new building. Interviews are scheduled, and a decision will be made at the next Council meeting. Pocket calendars will be purchased and distributed (free of charge) to our active members. On advice of our attorney, Workmen's Compensation will be purchased. A new Parish Directory is in the process of being compiled.

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

⊕= under 80	⊕=over 80
⊕=80	⊕⊕= over 110
10/5/03	126 souls⊕⊕
10/12/03	123 souls ⊕⊕
10/19/03	112 souls ⊕⊕
10/26/03	82 souls ⊕

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for the health of:

Patty Staletovich, Zivko Maric, Nikola Marich, Kathryn Ralich, Anna Ralich and Angeline Yeftich.

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We especially need to help each other. If there is anyone in the parish who needs a job, or who 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

Dr. Cari A. Sovich & family.

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.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

We are grateful to Bill & Karen Christoff for directing donations in memory of her mother, Frances Mulholland, to our Church Building Fund.

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

MEMORY ETERNAL TO: Frances Mulholland, mother of Karen Christoff. May God establish her soul where the saints

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DINNER & DANCE IN CINCINNATI—11/1/03

On Saturday, 11/1/03, the St. George Church will be having a Dinner & Dance, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Entertainment will be the Ljubisa Ilc Orchestra from Toronto with a singer, accordionist and pianist playing your favorite songs from the "Old Country." Delicious traditional dinner will include: BBQ, pite, salads & desserts. Location: 5830 Glenview Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio. Music & Dinner: \$15 for adults; \$7 for children (under 18). For reservations, call 513/542-4452.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

NEW IN SUNDAY SCHOOL....Beginning in November, the Sunday School children will participate in the entire Divine Liturgy with their families on one Sunday of each month. (For children 4 and under, one of the classrooms will be open during the Liturgy.) During coffee hour on these Sundays, Father Dragan will be teaching the children about church services and other topics. The lessons will include some liturgical chanting. Please watch for these "FAMILY SUNDAYS" on the calendar in the church bulletin, and be sure to bring your children. The first Family Sunday will be November 30.

SPECIAL NOTE: Starting with the month of November, we will be announcing in our bulletin what the Sunday School children will be learning in the upcoming month. The reason for this is for parents to be aware of what the children are learning. During the month of November, the children will be learning about the seven Holy Sacraments.

HAYRIDE & BONFIRE - FAMILY NIGHT

On October 18, we had a get together on our new property. The parents and the children both enjoyed the evening very much. We went on a Hayride through the property of Mr. & Mrs. Ropkey where we saw old airplanes, tanks, big World War II guns and much more. When we came back, we went on a pumpkin hunt on our field. Then we had Teta Dorothy tell us a story in the tepee which was built just for this occasion. After the story, we ate around the bonfire and played some more. Make sure you come next year.

ALTAR SERVERS' SCHEDULE

- Nov. 2: Milos Mikic, Stefan Arsich, Peter Hood
- Nov. 9: George Mikic, Christopher Toth, Marko Adams
- Nov. 16: Alex Tanaskovich, Ben Staletovich, Alec Mandich
- Nov. 23: Mark Mozina, Matthew Thomas, Nathaniel Thomas
- Nov. 30: Steven Stankovich, Matthew Vukas, Matthew Toth
- Dec. 7: David Bresich, Nikola Rajovic, Jordan England
- Dec. 14: Garret Isch, Brian Isch, Riley Isch
- Dec. 21: Milos Mikic, Sam Bennett, Connor Schmok

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.

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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 and Bean Soup will be available for lunch, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

If anyone would like to put in a special order for certain baked goods, please contact Dorothy Milivojac at 862-3593.

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.

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

Tuesday, November 3, at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Community Card-Bozic 2004

Be on the lookout for the information that will come to your home in 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.

NEW GRACANICA MONASTERY SLAVA

Fr. Dragan visited the Monastery to celebrate its Slava on October 14. Many people were present, and the beautiful service and delicious banquet were enjoyed by all. During his speech, Bishop Longin singled out our parish and said many good things about it, including thanking all of our members for the beautiful, hand-painted Icon that we contributed to our Monastery.

GOD'S MIRACLES

We wish to introduce to you the youngest member of our church family: Nikita, born on October 5, 2003, to parents: Tetyana & Maxim Belonozhko.

POCKET CALENDARS

It is very important for all Orthodox Christians to acquire a pocket calendar. It tells us when our fast days and holy

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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.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Sveto Arsich, Bill Christoff, and Miroslav Mizdalo for volunteering to make necessary repairs in our church building.

MAY GOD REWARD YOU ACCORDINGLY!!

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 and others in our neighborhood 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.

Please take this seriously because every year we receive phone calls from needy people in our neighborhood asking for assistance.

CHURCH DUES—2003

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 2003 in order to vote at our Annual Meeting in 2004. (\$100 per person or \$150 per family for one year.) If you are unable to pay, please call Fr. Dragan. Your conversation will remain confidential. Thank you.

SOCIAL HOUR AFTER CHURCH SERVICES

We would like to start having this as a pitch-in on Sundays after church services—previously it was organized. So, whenever you are able, please bring your favorite food for this occasion to share with other parishioners.

NOTE: Be sure to bring Lenten food during fasting periods. Christmas Fast begins on November 28.

DR. ASHANIN MEMORIAL LECTURE

This lecture will be held at the Christian Theological Seminary, Shelton Auditorium, 1000 W. 42nd St., Indianapolis, IN on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2003, at 1:00 p.m. Subject: "Living Well, Dying Well": A Major Battle in the Culture Wars, by Prof. H. Tristram Engelhardt, Jr., Ph.D., M.D. (See enclosed flyer for more information.)

GIVE & GIVE REGULARLY

- I want to support my church regularly!
- I will try my best to give how much I can on a regular basis—every week of the year!

This is what we ought to tell ourselves (not allow ourselves to be told) if we want our church to prosper. There is no doubt that in today's world, this is a reality. Please, let us all consider it seriously—and not just while building a church, but always.

UPCOMING EVENT—CHURCH SLAVA (PATRON SAINT) DECEMBER 21, 2003

We will celebrate our Church Slava on December 21st. Please mark your calendar and make an effort to be here. This is a very special day for our church family. If there is one day in the year when we shouldn't plan to do anything else but go to church and be with our family, friends, acquaintances, it is this day. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY AND BE THERE ON THE 21ST OF DECEMBER!**

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!

QUOTES

Measure wealth not by the things you have, but by the things you have for which you would not take money.

You can't base your life on other people's expectations.

Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

Muriel Strode

The only people you should ever want to get "even" with are those who have helped you.

John Honeyfeld

Carry On

Nothing in the world will take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than the unsuccessful person with talent.

Genius will not; un-rewarded genius is almost a proverb.

Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts.

Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan "press on" has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race.

Calvin Coolidge

Every passing day is one of that is gone forever. Make sure it is one in which you have done something for others, especially those who cannot do for themselves.

Pride is tasteless, colorless and sizeless. Yet it is the hardest thing to swallow.

August B. Black

One of the most lasting pleasures you can experience is the feeling that comes over you when you genuinely forgive an enemy—whether he knows about it or not.

A. Battista in QUOTE Magazine

Money will buy a pretty good dog, but it won't buy the wag of his tail.