

PARISH NEWS

FROM FATHER'S DESK

PAYING OFF OUR LAND

My dear spiritual children. We need \$ 77,000.00 more to pay off the land. When it is paid off we can say that this is our piece of land and we can now go on with future projects. It seems a lot of money ,but if we would only have 70-80 families give \$ 1,000.00 each or close to that, we could pay off the land as we intended, before we go into the new year. Then we can look forward to building our future home in the year of 2003 – God willing. Please think about this and respond generously – Make this a Significant Christmas Present to your Church and to your Lord. Coming up is a letter from our Fundraising Committee in regards to this subject. Thank you for being patient, kind and generous in this matter.

BUILDING OUR NEW HOME

Please know that a lot of Orthodox communities are not privileged to build a church in their lifetime. Let us take advantage of this opportunity. Just imagine: a larger place of worship, a room for holding bible study, a bigger place for social events, room for a library, room for a bookstore, a choir room, classrooms for our Sunday School, offices, KSS quarters, a bigger kitchen, play room for the little ones, storage rooms, picnic grounds, football, soccer and baseball fields, etc. We need this now and in the future. Thus, let us all support it as much as we can. This is also a great opportunity for us to learn how to give back to our Lord.

CHURCH SLAVA

Our Church Slava will be celebrated on December 15. Please be advised that this is your Slava (Patron Saint) as each of you is a part of this church. Please make an effort to be there to celebrate it with your church family. Kum/Kuma (Godfather/Godmother): for this year is Violet Ljubica Guynn (Despotovich). The Kum/Kuma serve as the host/hostess for this special event and they most generously offer to contribute financially for the expense of this event or give a donation they can afford. If you would like to have this honor you may call the church office and ask to be a Kum/Kuma for next year or you may respond to the plea of the Parish Priest during the Celebration of this years Slava. The priest will ask "Who would like to be a Kum/Kuma for next years Slava." We are looking for someone to respond. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS FAST

Be reminded that Christmas fast continues until January 7. This is a time of bringing ourselves closer to God and preparing ourselves to partake from the Great Mysteries: Holy Confession and Holy Communion. If you are baptized in the Orthodox faith, it is necessary for you to partake in these Holy Sacraments.

Communion, especially, is food for your souls!

For more information on how you can begin fasting, please call me. (317/374-3414)

ST. SAVA CELEBRATION APPROACHING

St. Sava Day is approaching, and I will be mailing a letter and poem to the parents in preparation for this event. Please make sure that your children participate in the program. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S, MOTHERS' AND FATHERS' DAY

At this time of the year, our Serbian Orthodox traditions are abundant. The first one is Serbian Children's Day. This is celebrated on 12/22/02 and is the day the children give gifts to their parents.

Serbian Mothers' Day, celebrated on 12/29/02, is the day the children tie the legs of their mother with a little rope and untie them when they receive a gift.

Serbian Fathers' Day, celebrated on 1/5/03, is when the fathers are tied like the mothers.

In most cases children wake up early, before their parents, and tie their legs up in bed; and in order to free themselves, they give presents to their children.

PCCIOCC POCKET CALENDARS

These calendars are sponsored by the Presbyters Council of the Central Indiana Orthodox Christian Churches (PCCIOCC). These calendars contain information regarding all of the Orthodox Churches in Central Indiana. You should be receiving one in the next months bulletin.

SECOND ALTAR BOY MEETING (Sunday, 12/8/02)

We had an Altar Boy Meeting for the first time on November 17. We discussed our future gatherings and learned how to do different things in the altar. It was informative, educational as well as fun.

Since we only had 13 altar boys present, we decided it would be best if we had another meeting soon. Therefore, it would be appreciated if the parents would make a special effort to have their children present for this meeting. At this meeting, we also will take a group picture of all the altar boys. **Parents of boys five years of age or older are reminded to sign up their sons for this sacred service to the church.**

NIGHT IN BELGRADE – NOV 16

On November 16, we held our annual fall event, Night in Belgrade. It was a great evening filled with our Serbian culture and fellowship. Everything was great.....the food, the Prijateljji Orchestra and our Folklore Dance Group. Special thanks to all those who worked that evening and to all who made donations toward this event.

KOLO CHRISTMAS DINNER 12/ /02

Like every year our Kolo will be hosting its Christmas Dinner. Look forward to more information. You may contact Dorothy Milivojac if you have questions: 317-862-3593.

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VISIT FROM OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN – 12/7/02

On December 7, our children will visit a few of our parishioners who are unable to come to church. They will offer them a gift as well as a few songs. If you fall in this category and would like to have them visit you, call the church office at 636-1404.

CHOIR ANNUAL MEETING – 12/22/02

The Yovan Duchich Choir will be having its annual meeting after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 22, 2002. All members are urged to attend. We also encourage anyone interested in joining the choir to attend this meeting.

CHRISTMAS& DONATIONS PASCHA(EASTER)

These are two very special Holy Days in our church calendar. Also, they are two great fund-raisers for our church since we do ask for special donations during these particular times of the year. Please consider this in your yearly financial planning and attempt to make a special donation on these feast days. Please know that this year's donations will go toward the paying off of our land

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Would you like to have the choir sing at your house this holiday season? If the answer is yes, please take this opportunity to schedule a visit of the Yovan Duchich Choir. The choir is planning to make visits to share the holiday spirit via traditional Serbian and American Christmas carols. Call the church office for more information.

YEAR- END REMINDERS

* As this year comes to an end, remember not to discard wall calendar Icons. If you will not reuse these Icons, please bring them to the church office.

* Diocesan 2003 Calendars are for sale at the candle stand at our church. Please see one of our Tutors.

* If you have not paid your membership dues for this year, this will be the last reminder in order to maintain your voting privileges for the annual meeting scheduled in February 2003. Please forward payment to Dorothy Cross. If you are financially unable to respond, please call the church office to make arrangements. (Your conversation will be confidential.)

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for the health of: Dragica Kerr, Carol Guynn, Nikola Marich, Jovan Vuynovich Angeline Yeftich, Todor Stanjevich and Zivko Maric. If you would like to include your name on the list please call Fr. Dragan at 374-3414.

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 call the Church Office.

LENTEN COOKBOOK

Recipes have been coming in very slowly, and consequently the deadline for turning in your recipes has been extended. The sooner you turn in your recipes, the sooner we will be able to get this project into motion. Please support this Kolo project by sharing your Lenten recipes with us and by sending them to Angie Devitt, 1310 N. Keystone Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46201 or drop them off at our church office.

BUILDING/FUNDRAISING/PLEDGE COMMITTEE

The following people are part of these committees: Fr. Dragan, Rick Suder, Mirko & Marija Millivojac, , Chuck Schuster, Peter Rankovich, Xenia Vekovic, Mitch Sever, Ronald Salatich, Bob Djordjevich, Kathryn Ralich, Stanley Cvetkovich, David Rayman, Svetislav Arsich, Dan Guynn, Jordan Vukas, Nicholas Babich, Darcy Lash, Milan Milivojevich and Butch Kresojevich.

If you are interested in being a part of this group, please call the church office.

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

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11/03/02	64	souls	☺
11/10/02	88	souls	☺
11/17/02	102	souls	☺