

PARISH NEWS

FROM FATHER'S DESK

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

ADVENT:

When He was born 2000 years ago, aside from His mother no one prepared for His birth. The Church gave us this fasting season to prepare. This is the least we can do.

Dearest in the Lord,

I'm writing to you with very important questions. During these 40 days before Christmas are you making an effort to separate yourself from 1. Merriment like events 2. Certain foods & 3. Sinful actions? Following key questions, are you concentrating on prayers and good deeds - like almsgiving? Please answer these questions. If the answer is not satisfactory, simply make it satisfactory. Thus, on Christmas you will not just feel happiness but true joy for Christ is born!

P.S. Fast, Pray, Give Alms only according to your ability and the Lord will bless you. Even, for some of you, if this means keeping the fast only on Wednesdays and Fridays till Christmas.

Prayer for everyday of the year:

"This is the day which the Lord has made; let us Rejoice and be glad in it."

Kumovi for Church Slava 2009

First come First serve. If you would like to be the Church Kumovi for Church Slava 2009 please call me As soon as possible. Thank you.

Education Committee

By position/education/ordination the Parish Priest is the Head of education in a parish. Thus he appoints specific people to assist him in this field – like church school teachers, youth directors, bible study leaders and so on. At our last Church School Teachers meeting I felt more then comfortable in asking the Church School Teachers to not just be responsible in organizing Church School but join me in organizing/overseeing the Education in our parish, they accepted & now we have a Committee (as oppose to just one person) working on education within our Parish.

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT

Marko Bojovic and Biljana Bozinovska are engaged to be married.

Marko is a seminary graduate of our parish and Biljana a parishioner, choir member and cantor. Stay tuned for more information. Marko and Biljana, may God always bless you as you have blessed our parish. **CONGRADULATIONS!!!**

BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

He who gives to the poor shall not be in want,
But he who turns away his eye from them shall be in much distress.
Proverbs 28:29

SAYING OF THE MONTH

- *Stichera at the Lity for the Nativity*

Heaven and earth are united today, for Christ is born.

Today has God come upon earth and man gone up to heaven?

Today for man's sake is seen in the flesh He who by nature is invisible.

Therefore let us also give glory and cry aloud to Him:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, which Thy coming has bestowed upon us, O Savior:

Glory to Thee!

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for the health of: Ramsey Palmer (Haynes), Mihailo Rutovic, Elena (Milovac), Lee, Bob (Fries), Hugh (Grant), Zoya, Natasa, Judy (Ivancevich), Tomislav, Jason, Paul & Tina (Stoyanovich), Kathryn (Ralic), Ronny, Borivoje, Aiko (Yamada).

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

SHUT- INS: Phone call could be enough

We hear from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, when ever we visit/help/support one of our brethren we have done it to Him. Therefore let us not forget our shut-ins – they need us more than we know:

Paul Stoyanovich

Tina Stoyanovich

Boja Loncarevic

Mara Ogrizovic

To add/delete names or for more information on the shut-ins please call the Church office.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Baby Girl: Tennyson Hopkins – Born November 30th, 2008. Congratulations and God's Blessings to her Parents Jason & Cara.

MEMORY ETERNAL

+Zorka (Stankovic) Mother of Dorothy Stankovich passed on to the Lord. 4th of Nov.

+Milan Todorovic, brother (from the old country) of Very Rev. Jovan Todorovic passed on to the Lord on Dec. 1, 2008.

May God establish their souls where the saints repose and give their family strength to endure this temporary separation. Vjecnaja Pamjat

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Please bring non-perishable food for the needy. The collection barrel is in the vestibule and we will be collecting food during the Advent season. If you would like to donate cash that will be fine also.

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

☺= under 80

☺=over 80

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☺☺= over 110

11-02-08: 88

11-16-08: 86

11-30-08: 67

11-09-08: 85

11-23-08: 83

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THANK YOU:

- Doug Balfour & Mane Bubalo for installing the new PA system in the Church.
- Stan Cvetkovich, Mark Cvetkovich & Alex Cvetkovich for building the walkway to the storage room.
- Choir, Tanya Goris, & K.S.S. for coffee hour in November
- All those we did not mention.

THE PARISH COUNCIL:

Spending Committee

Several months ago one of our elders approached the P.C. with a request of us looking more deeply into the spending aspect of our budget. The committee was formed mostly of our elders headed by Teta Yovanka Savich. Several months later it was noted that we are on a pretty good track, but always must be vigilant. We thank all involved for their work:

Yovanka Savich, Mane Bubalo, Dorothy Milivojac, Milos Cvetinovich, Dorothy Cross, Kathy Milovac, Terri Fields

Pavilion

Few months ago we asked the membership to allow us to build a pavilion. The approval was granted however we were unable to realize the project do to a greater cost then expected. This project was postponed BUT instead (for little or no cost, thanks to our parishioners) we were able to have 2 things:

1. Candle making room
2. Passage way to more storage room.

STEWARDSHIP

At the last Annual Meeting the membership upon the recommendation of Fr. Dragan asked the P.C. to look more in to Stewardship. The stewardship committee was established and at the last P.C. meeting it was agreed upon by all present to start realizing Stewardship in our Parish As Soon As Possible. Members of this committee are:

Fr. Dragan & Bob Ivancevich by position as well as: Jackie Balfour, Stana Edwards, Rick Suder & Jim Fields.
Please stay tuned for more information on the topic.

Parish Council Members for 2009/10

If you are interested in serving on the Parish Council and are a member in good standing please call the Church office or contact Angie Devitt, Head of the Nominating Committee.

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

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

WINTER BREAK

Sunday December 7th will be the last Church School class until February the 8th 2009.

ST. SAVA – January 25th

Poems for children will be sent by the end of December, if you need them sooner call Fr. Dragan: 374-3414.

FREE CAMP

If one has attended Sunday school at least 15 times in the school year our parish will pay for your one-week at New Gracanica camp.

YOUTH GROUP ESTABLISHED!!!!!!!!!!

Youth Director/Teacher: Jim Fields

Meetings: First Sunday of the month, following Holy Communion, starting February 1, 2009. *Meet in Fr. Dragan's office.*

YOUTH PROJECT – GIVING TREE

Dear parishioners, starting December 1st and ending January 7th our youth will be hosting a hat and glove drive. All of the winter wear that we collect will go to the Fay Biccard Glick Neighborhood Center. Your donations will help our friends and neighbors in need, living in Pike and Washington Townships. **Bring any new pairs of warm gloves and hats to put in the box set up in the fellowship hall.** Monetary donations are welcome as well. Contact Alex Schuster (blackbeltqt@coalcsi.com) or in the afternoons at 317-258-2082) with questions.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CARD

Please don't forget to send your community card information and donation (\$15.00) before **December 15th**

CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM OUR CHURCH

As we have done in the past, thanks be to God we are still able to do this year. On Christmas Eve (January 6) each person will receive a prayer book. Please make sure you are present to receive such a blessing from your Church.

CHOIR NEWS

The Jovan Ducic Choir would like to thank all of the people who helped with our recent fundraising efforts. Our choir has been actively encouraging people to show their support by becoming helping members and we have received many new supporters. Also, a special thanks to all who attended out Mini Concert and Cevapcici Luncheon on November 16th. These events help our choir to maintain itself and also aids St. Nicholas Church. Thanks to all.

KOLO NEWS

BAKE SALE & BAZAAR – Thanks to all for all. Financially speaking, it brought in double the amount of the best bake sale we ever had, making it **the most successful in the History of our parish.** What was truly successful, were

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the comments from our vendors, customers, from our neighbors and surrounding community - they felt welcome, appreciated and at home. Glory to God!

***Next Kolo meeting December 7th following Divine Liturgy.

YEAR END REMINDERS

As the 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.

BIBLE STUDY – New Teacher

With the blessing of Fr. Dragan, **Marko Bojovic** has been teaching the class - Come and learn. The Group meets once a month. We are studying the Prophets. Our next gathering will be December 18th following Vespers.

About your Teacher: Graduated from elementary and High School in Belgrade Serbia. Received a bachelors degree from the University of Indianapolis in Athens Greece (majored in Economics, minored in Politics). In 2005 Graduated from St. Vladimir's Seminary in New York and has been occupied by writing and translating since.

BULLETIN SPONSOR-

If you would like to sponsor a bulletin please call the church office 471-8006

Note: In order to sponsor a bulletin, we are asking for a **donation of \$50.00** or what ever you can give.

TAMBURA GROUP:

For times and dates of weekly practices leave a message for Dylan Jensen at 471-8006 he will call you back.

TAKING CARE OF OUR HOME - Please

We hope and pray that each active family of our parish would accept a (meaning at least one) responsibility in regards to taking care of our new home. Father Dragan and/or a P.C. member may call you in the near future on this matter. In the meantime if there is something you prefer committing to please call the Church office as soon as possible. Thank you – we need everyone on board, **everyone.**

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

- Dec. 7:** Marko Adams, Stefan Arsich, Sam Bennett
- Dec. 14:** Jordan England, Nicholas Jurich, Yoseph Chernet
- Dec. 21:** Alex Tanaskovich, Ben Staletovich, Djordje Djurovic
- Dec. 28:** Nicholas Schuster, Petar Petrovic, Christian Jimanez
- Jan. 4:** David Bresich, Connor Schmok, Christopher Toth
- Jan. 6:** **Christmas Eve - All Servers Welcome**
- Jan. 7:** **Christmas – All Servers Welcome**
- Jan 11:** Djordje Mikic, Petar Hood, Matthew Toth
- Jan 18:** Adam Arsich, Garret, Brian, Riley Isch

*****Please - any Altar server who cannot attend Church the day he is scheduled is to find a replacement and notify the church office.**

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTONS TO BUILDING FUND DONOR PLAQUE

Cedomir & Mirjana Djokovic
Jeannette Djokovic
Mike & Nancy Helbich
Dimitrije & Jasmina Jovic
Jennie Pjanic
Milena Pjanic Davenport
Robert, Heidi & Alec Mandich
Faithful of St. George S.O. Church – Cincinnati
Kolo Member of St. George S.O. – Cincinnati
Owner and Employees of Household Furniture

THANK YOU FOR DONATING TOWARD THE CHURCH P.A. SYSTEM

Robert Ivancevich
Milos Cvetinovich
Mane Bubalo
Nena Popovich
Biljana Bozinovska
Milovan, Spasena, George Durovich
Yovan Ducich Choir
Circle of Serbian Sisters (Kolo)
N.N
Rudi & Cristiana Tanaskovich
Serb national Defense
Vladislav & Tamara Kolo Berdinov
Milan Milivojevich
Rev. Dragan Petrovic
Virgil & Dorothy Cross
Belinda Sharkey
Ann Foreman Stanjevich
George Stanjevich
Mile & Kathy Milovac
Judi Gajich
Yovanka Savich
Angeline, Bill & David Devitt
Hugh Scotty
Dragica & Ed Kerr
Tom Yeftich
Ron Salatich

MILOS MIKIC JOINS THE MARINES

Altar Server just a few years ago now a Marine. Milos Mikic son of Fr. Mihailo and Zora Mikic has recently joined the marines and is now in boot camp. **Let us all continually pray for him.** Few years from now he hopes in graduating from the Military Academy and then continue with his education. May God bless him.