

PARISH NEWS

FROM FATHER'S DESK

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

REPOSE OF OUR PATRIARCH + PAVLE

On Sunday the 15th of November after receiving communion the Patriarch of the Serbian Orthodox Church passed on to the Lord. May His memory be Eternal.

All of the Faithful of our Church are asked to pray for His soul these upcoming 40 days.

At Church we had the 9-day Parastos on Nov. 24th.

Also, please know that the Election of the new Patriarch is going to be on January 22, 2010. We need to pray to our Good God that He does not give us a Patriarch according to what we deserve but rather according to His Mercy and Loving kindness. Please pray daily (and fast) for our bishops who, in Co-operation with The Holy Spirit, will be making this choice.

Just one question for you, Did you return your Pledge Card? Even if you commit one cent for this upcoming year and offer to pray regularly for the well being of our parish as your time and talent commitment – it's enough – please put your name on the card and return it to church. We need you on board. The whole idea of this process is to see, out of so many folks we have on our mailing list, who truly desires to be part of this family in Christ – our St. Nicholas PARISH. Thank God already we have more stewards than we had members (in good standing) this past year. Thus far we are on a Good Path. Special thanks goes to all those who turned in their pledge cards.

Dear to the Lord

Aside from Sundays we have many other Feast days on which we serve Divine Liturgy during the week. I'm privileged/blessed (thanks to all of you) to be able to serve on all of them – while most of you are committed to a specific work schedule. It is because of your support that I don't have to have a full time job elsewhere and be taken away from responsibilities at Church – thus every time I serve Divine Liturgy I think of that. However, there are those who don't have a specific work schedule and may be able to come and join in prayer. Please take this as an invitation / reminder, we need you, this parish family needs you and you need it.

CALENDAR ** Someone once commented that every once in a while things change in the calendar of events from week to week – how then can we know what is going on? The answer is simple – come to Church regularly ☺ the calendar of the upcoming week is always announced following Div. Lit.

SAYING OF THE MONTH

May your words be soft and your arguments strong!

+ Patriarch Pavle

2010 TRIP TO SERBIA

So many people in the past have asked me to organize a trip to Serbia and I never did. Thus, I'm calling on all those interested to once again give me a call, and if we can gather a few folks we'll organize a trip in the summer of 2010. The cost will be between \$1,500.00 - \$1,900.00 per person for 10-14 days. Call me: 317-374-3414.

PRACTICE AFTER DIVINE LITURGY

There are two Troparia which every Orthodox Christian should know, that is of Pascha and Christmas. Last Year we learned the Troparion for Pascha. Following every Divine Liturgy during Advent we will have a 2 minute practice of the Christmas Troparion both in English and Church Slavonic with hopes of learning it by Christmas. Please join us.

BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called – that you might inherit a blessing. *1 Peter 3:8-9*

CHOIR NEWS

We have scheduled two rehearsals for December: Sunday, the 13, 8:30 a.m. and Sunday, the 27, 8:30 a.m. We will be going over Christmas music, and it would be appreciated if all choir members would try to attend.

Special thanks to Biljana Bojovic who directed the choir in church twice in November. Great Job!

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

John (Monsanto "Trey") Love the Third. Born on October 9, 2009. Congratulations and God's blessings to his parents Leslye Ogrizovich and Monsanto Love Jr.

MEMORY ETERNAL

+ Patriarch Pavle, Father of all faithful of the Serbian Orthodox Church
+ Bojana, Grandmother of Marko Bojovic
+ Thomas Lalos
+ Christian Nelson, Father of Christian Jimenez
May God establish their souls where the saints repose and give their family strength to endure this temporary separation. Vjecnaja Pamjat.

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for the health of: Zana, Sabo, Reg, Mary (Mandich), Lee, Hugh (Grant), Zoya, Natasa, Tomislav, Jason, Paul & Tina (Stoyanovich), Kathryn (Ralic), Ronny, Borivoje, Sandy Hardy Brown, Jenny Newman.

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

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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.

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

☺= under 80 ☺☺= over 80
☺☺= 80 ☺☺☺= over 110

11-8-09: 93 11-22-09: 95
11-15-09: 115 11-29-09: 97

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Altar Server list is being reorganized. Call the Parish Priest if you would like your son to be a helper. The child should be 1st grade and older. During this time feel free to bring your child into the Altar to Serve. In your Stewardship Pledge Card there is a category for Altar Servers, we will use that to compile a list. Thank you for your help.

FOLLOW THE DAILY NEWS OF YOUR CHURCH FROM HOME

Our Parish Office Administrator (Terri Fields) will be posting daily news of our Church on our website. She is in on Tues. – Weds. - & Thurs. Follow St. Nicholas happenings daily. Our Web site address is:
www.st-nicholas-indy.org

THANK YOU:

- Ed and Dragica Kerr for the new room dividers for the Fellowship Hall.
- Becky and Mike Rayman for the new Altar Server robes.
- Rada & Fanny Savich for donating the beautiful baby grand piano, in memory of Donna (Stobodanka) Ivanoff.
- Coffee hours for Sept. and Oct. & Nov. Augustina Voss, Yovanka Savich, Dorothy Milivojac, Archie Boyett, The Djukonovic family, Milivojac family, Tatiana Goris, the Kolo.
- All those we did not mention.

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL:

Everything is Good. Please Bring back your 50K boxes on December 20th 2009. This will financially help us tremendously. Thanks to all those who have already sent their Pledge Cards for Year 2010 – we are already at around \$100,000.00 income for the up coming year and the volunteers are overflowing.

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

IT'S THAT TIME! – 50K BOXES

By now, you should have around \$346.00 in your box. Continue putting a dollar a day in it and by SLAVA (20th of December 2009) you'll bring \$365.00 to Church times 150 families will equal around \$55,000.00 to pay down our mortgage.

THE TRICK IS – **ALL MUST PARTICIPATE, PLEASE**

P.S. if you are writing a check, in the memo space please note 50K box donation.

Also, if you can, please write a check instead of bringing in cash. It would help us greatly. Thank you

MONTHLY BULLETIN \$12.00

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE- As everyone else is cutting back on expenses, so are we. This is not because of financial struggles – thanks be to God and good people who love to support the Lord's Church – we are doing well.

As we are sending the bulletin out to over 700 addresses, we want to make sure it is not going to waste.

It is very important if you are not a steward/parishioner of our St. Nicholas Church, that you send us a minimum of \$12.00 a year with a simple note: "I would like to receive the bulletin in the year 2010." This will confirm to us that you are reading it. If you don't have \$12.00 just send in the note and we will still send you the bulletin.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD

Don't forget to send in your name and donation for the Community Christmas card. We need the names turned in by December 10, 2009.

87 STEWARDS THUS FAR

Additional names:
Stankovich, Bob and Dorothy
Cvetinovic: Milos & Eftimia
Suljic: Dragan & Bosa
McGuire: Dijana & Tom
Maric: Petar & Janet

PLEASE

Please call or write to us how we can improve on any of the stewardship material we have sent to you. This is new to all of us. Thanks

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Visit from The Director of Christian Education

We had a wonderful visit with Father Tom Krazich on November 14th and 15th. The teachers and children always benefit greatly from Fr. Tom's visits.

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YOUTH GROUP – SPECIAL MEETINGS

We're continuing with the bible study for youths the first Sunday of each month. In addition to this **Fr. Dragan has been meeting with the Youth twice a month** just to chat. There's a lot to chat about at this age Just Come☺. The dates for December are: Wed. the 9th and Wed. the 16th at 7pm at St. Nicholas Church. Ages 12 – 18.

YOUTH GROUP HAT AND GLOVE DRIVE

The youth group will be collecting hats, gloves and scarves again this year from Dec. 13 – Jan. 10th. The hats and gloves will be delivered to the Glick Family Center here in Pike Township.

** Sunday the 13th of December after Liturgy we as a church family will be putting up our Christmas tree.

Our Family Pavilion

The only other thing left to do is the inside ceiling. We are very happy and blessed to have completed our project of constructing the "Family Picnic Grounds". We have been so blessed by all of our church family and friends that have worked so hard and given so much. Material costs were higher than anticipated but thanks to your support it doesn't hurt as much ☺. We have a beautiful addition to our church grounds and we thank God and Good People. **To mention a few more: Nic & Cheryl Babic, Zoran Mitic & a **special visit** from Vera Smajevic who entertained some of our Kolo sisters while her father, Marko worked on the pavilion.

SOUP DURING ADVENT

On Sundays after Divine Liturgy during Advent we will have a light luncheon: Soup, salad and bread. Glory to God we have sponsors for all the Sundays. Thank you so very much.

KOLO NEWS

***November 21st the Kolo had our Bake Sale and Bazaar.** It was a great success, as good if not better than last year. Thanks to all who participated.

*Watch the windows in the fellowship hall; they will soon be getting dressed up.

*****December 3rd KSS Christmas Dinner.**

This year we will be going to Embassy Suites off of Michigan Road. They have a beautiful restaurant. Please call the church office and let us know if you will be attending.

Embassy Suites Indianapolis North

3912 Vincennes Road

Indianapolis, IN 46268 Direct: 317-715-4906

***** Prosfora baking -** Join the Sisters on Saturday December 5th for Prosfora Baking. 9AM

BULLETIN SPONSOR-

The December Bulletin sponsor is- -----☺-----
We are waiting for you ☺

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 afford.

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Anyone that has a trade or owns a business, A directory of Orthodox Businesses of Central Indiana will be put together in the near future, if you are interested in being listed in the directory, (for **no charge** except what you chose to contribute), please call the church office, or email to: fr.dragan@st-nicholas-indy.org

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forget to
bring/
send your
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by the end of
the Year.

Thank you.