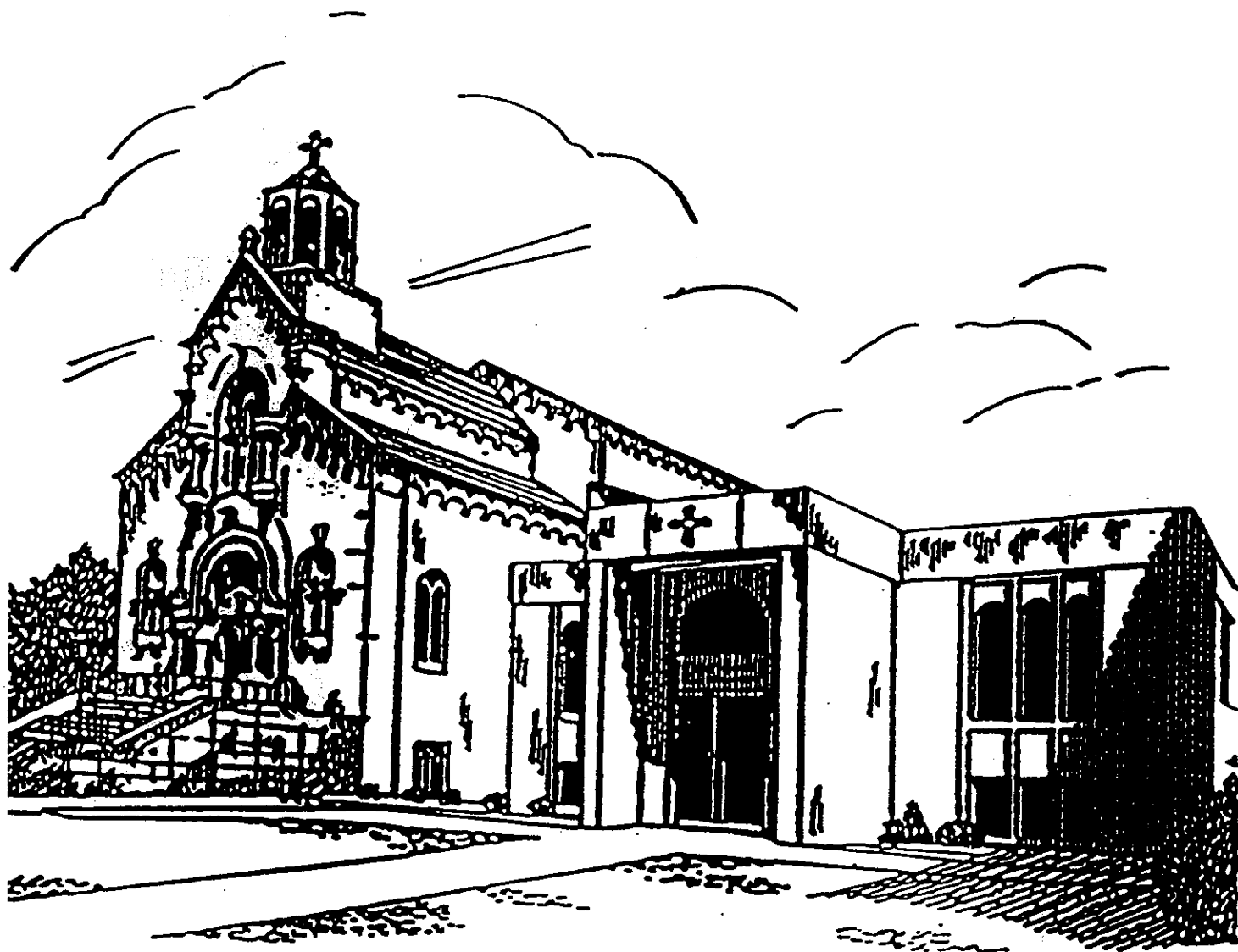


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From the Church's Records...

Deaths:

Eli Loncar of Mingo Junction, OH, on August 16 at age 88. Burial at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Steubenville.

Peter Price of Steubenville, OH, on August 28 at age 82. Burial at Union Cemetery, Steubenville.

Grant rest eternal in blessed falling asleep, O Lord, to the souls of Thy departed servants, and make their memory to be eternal! Vecnaja pamjat!

Sept.–October Altar Servers/Epistle Readers Schedule

September 12

Nick Jovonovich
Ben Rodgers
Nicodimus Karas
Epistle: Natalie Jovonovich

September 26

Nick Jovonovich
Ben Rodgers
Nicodimus Karas
Epistle: Natasha Povich

October 10

Nick Jovonovich
Ben Rodgers
Nicodimus Karas
Epistle: Jennifer Zatezalo

October 24

Nick Jovonovich
Ben Rodgers
Nicodimus Karas
Epistle: Jelena Povich

September 19

Michael Merick
Nicklas Battista
Strati Maragos
Epistle: Meya Potenzini

October 3

Michael Merick
Nicklas Battista
Strati Maragos
Epistle: Maria Karas

October 17

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Nicklas Battista
Strati Maragos
Epistle: Brittany Rodgers

October 31

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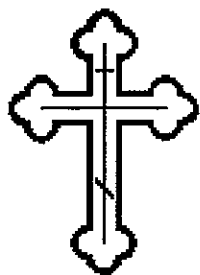
Please be sure to serve or read as scheduled. If you cannot be present that day, it is your responsibility to arrange for your replacement.

Upcoming Events

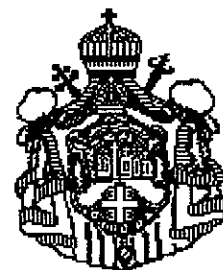
Mark your calendar now for these upcoming events...

- Sat, Sept. 18..... Diocese Chapel Slava, Mars PA, 10 am.
Sun, Sept. 19..... Focus on Health presentation by West Virginia University and Parish Nursing Program, after liturgy, Lyceum.
Sat, Sept. 25..... Serbian Nite dinner at SACC
Sat, Sept. 25..... Organizing meeting for Church's 100th Anniversary, SACC, 7:30 pm.
Sun, Sept. 26..... Church School opening picnic, 1 pm, Picnic Grounds. All parishioners welcome!
Sun, Oct. 3..... Church Slava celebration [note date change]. See announcement in this Herald.
Sun, Oct. 10..... Church School classes begin, 9:30 am.
Sat, Oct. 16..... Gala Shadeland Benefit Banquet, SACC. See announcement in this Herald.
Sun, Oct. 24..... Petar Krstich Choir concert and dinner, SACC
Mon, March 14, 2005..... Great Lent begins
May 1, 2005..... Pascha (Easter)
Mon, June 27, 2005..... Apostles' Fast begins

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Church Slava



Sunday, October 3

- Liturgy, Procession and Pomen for deceased members & cutting of the Kolac, 10:00 am
- Slava Banquet, 1:00 pm, SACC

Banquet will be held at the Serbian-American Cultural Center, with a free-will offering for the banquet and church slava.

Honored Slava Kumovi:
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Tomich

Our Church slava is the time we pause to thank God for all His blessings to our parish and church community, and rededicate ourselves to its mission and future.

Let us all join that day in honoring our Holy Resurrection Church, and all the pioneers, founders and benefactors who have gone before us.

Svi nam dobro dosli!
All welcome and invited!

Diocese Chapel Slava September 18

His Grace Bishop Dr. MITROPHAN invites all members of our Diocese to share in the celebration of the St. Nikodim of Serbian Chapel slava at the Diocesan Headquarters in Mars, PA on September 18.

A vigil service will be held on the eve of the feast, Friday September 17 at 6:00 pm. The hierarchical Divine Liturgy will begin on Saturday September 18 at 10:00 am, followed by the cutting of the slavski kolac and a slava dinner hosted by His Grace for all those in attendance.

The Episcopal Headquarters is located at 138 Carriage Hill Drive in Mars, PA, north of Pittsburgh off Route 228 and then Myoma Road. His Grace Bishop Dr. Mitrophan invites all the faithful to attend their Diocese's slava.

Parishioner receives monastic tonsure

An active and beloved member of our parish, Mary Bahney, took monastic vows and received tonsure as a nun in a service at her home last month. She was given the monastic name Macrina, and is a member of the sisterhood of the Nativity of the Theotokos Convent in Saxonburg, PA.

Sister Macrina has been very active in our church community for many years, especially in the Church School, Church Board, and Diocesan Council. Her health has forced her to become less active in these ways, but has given her the opportunity to take on the even more rigorous and challenging service of monastic life, where spiritual health is far more important than physical health. We know that she will continue to serve our church community by elevating us all up before God in her prayers. Her parents Milton and Sophia Brdar and her son Christopher have supported her in this decision, and should be proud of her chosen path.

We pray for God's blessings, grace and peace upon his servant, the newly-tonsured Sister Macrina, and ask her to keep us in her holy prayers.

Connect to our parish electronically!

Send us your email address

Our Holy Resurrection Church 'Visoki Decani' is working to enter the world of electronic communication. We have established a web site, and also have email capabilities.

The web site features a history of the parish, some photos, a brief rundown of parish organizations, links to other sites of interest, and other news. The monthly Herald is also available online in .pdf format.

All parishioners are invited to browse our web site. Parishioners are also invited to send us their email addresses so that we can advise when the next Herald or other news is posted, and to allow for better communication.

The parish web site is located at: www.hrsoc-steuben.org.

Our email address is: hrsoc@1st.net.

Take advantage of this new way to stay current with what is happening at our church. Special thanks go to our resident computer wizard, Dragan Lazic, for his help in developing and maintaining this service.

Church School Welcome Picnic

Sunday, September 26 After Church

Serbian Picnic Grounds, Weirton

•Hot Dogs •Hamburgers •Games •Fun

A free picnic for all present and new church school children and their families and all parishioners to start off the new school year right.

Bring your own side dishes!

A fun day for the whole parish!

Everyone Welcome!

Lorain Church Anniversary September 25—Tickets Available

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church of Lorain, Ohio will celebrate it's 80th anniversary on Saturday, September 25. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be served at 10 am at the church at 3335 Grove Avenue in Lorain. A banquet and dance will follow at St. Mark's Church Hall on Lake Breeze Road in nearby Sheffield. Tickets are \$30 per person, and must be purchased in advance. Anyone who would like to attend and support our sister Serbian Orthodox parish may contact Fr. Rade Merick for tickets no later than September 12.

Parish School Year Kickoff Picnic September 26

Classes begin October 10

Opportunities for Learning for Everyone

One of the most important missions of the Church is to teach: to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, to introduce people to God as He has revealed Himself to us, and to show how God wants us to make His presence make a difference in our lives. Our Lord's final instruction to His disciples was, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20)

Our parish takes this mission very seriously. Faith is not meant to be blind—it must be full of understanding to have power in our lives. The purpose of our Christian education is not simply to learn information—it is to form us in the way of life, the kind of living, thinking and doing, that is Orthodox Christianity.

We will begin with a parish-wide School Year Kickoff Picnic at our Picnic Grounds on Sunday, September 26 beginning at 1:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend this free picnic. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided courtesy of the Serbian Orthodox Men's Club—bring your own side dishes.

Church School

The Church School will meet on Sundays beginning October 10 at 9:30 am. We will begin with the prayer and blessing at the beginning of instruction following Liturgy that day.

Every parent is responsible not only for his or her own spiritual life, but also for that of their children. Just as a good parent sees to their children's secular education, how much more should be devoted to the spiritual? Bring your children to Church School faithfully.

Adult Symposium

We will begin our fall schedule of discussion sessions for adults looking for a deeper understanding and participation in their Orthodox faith on Thursday, September 30. Classes will be from 7 pm to 8:30 every other Thursday, or another day of the week if desired by those attending. This year's sessions will focus on the basics of Orthodox Christian belief and on sacramental and liturgical life. Father Rade will give a presentation, and then open up the session for discussion. Participants can talk about those things that interest them, and usually have a very enjoyable time doing it. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!

As Orthodox Christians, we can never stop learning about our faith. The more we see and understand, the deeper the meaning and beauty of our lives in the Church. Education is not just for children; it is for everyone. Join us for these opportunities to learn and grow in our faith!

Choir

The Petar Krstich Choir is also a part of our education program in its own way. We encourage our teens and adults to join the Choir, learn more about our services and music, and about our Serbian heritage (and have some fun, too!).

Tammies

The Tammies are an important part of our parish educational activities. They teach our children the music and dance of our Serbian culture and heritage, and pass that heritage on to future generations. Watch for information on the beginning of Tammies practices this year.

Keep an eye out for other programs and special events through the year. Few things are as important in our parish as our opportunities for learning, instruction, and personal growth in the Lord.

The Challenge and Responsibility of Christian Parenthood

Church School Requires Commitment

When God allows us to become parents, He entrusts us with the greatest gift and responsibility He can give. As parents we are responsible not only for our own salvation, but also for giving our children every possible help and tool for helping them achieve their own salvation. Much of that responsibility is carried out at home, in our own example and our own way of life. But an important aspect of this is how we treat our faith when it comes to attending Church, participating in the Church's liturgical prayer, and learning more about our holy faith.

This requires commitment from us. We need to take our child's religious education seriously. If we treat it in a haphazard way, if we come irregularly, or if we consistently come late, we will be sending a very powerful message to our child: that our faith and our participation in our services are not terribly important. When anything and everything else becomes a valid excuse to miss Church and Church School, then we clearly teach our children that everything else is more important.

Most of our children enjoy coming to church school, and to church. We have been pleased that most of our teens come regularly, especially once they begin to drive themselves. It can seem difficult to get everybody up on a Sunday morning and off to Church, but it is no more difficult than any other day, and it is not as early. Everything comes down to what we want to do, and where we place our priorities.

Our teachers make a commitment to you and your child to be at Church every Sunday with a lesson prepared. They deserve to be respected for their efforts, and the way we can show our respect for their commitment is to return that commitment ourselves. Here are some ways to show your children and their teachers that you value their religious education:

- Please be on time. With only a half-hour of teaching time, every minute will count. Children arriving late disrupt the class and miss valuable lesson time. Please arrive before 9:30! If you are late on a particular Sunday, we respectfully ask you to take your child directly to church rather than interrupt the lesson already begun.

- Please attend regularly. The teachers are happy to work hard to present a meaningful lesson each week, and each week's lesson leads to the next week's lesson, so that the entire curriculum for that age can be completed in the course of a year. A child who only attends occasionally will not be able to keep up with the work and will learn little.

- Take an interest in your child's work from week to week. Ask what they learned and talk about it with them. Try to relate the lesson to everyday life.

- If you cannot bring your child, contact another parent or your child's teacher. They may be able to arrange for a carpool or a ride for your child.

In short, we ask parents to treat Church School with the same or greater care as they do secular education. History, math, science and language skills are important for our children's earthly success. Their religious education, both in the classroom and at home, is important for their spiritual success. And as Orthodox parents, that should be our first priority.

Let us all work together to make this a great year for religious education at our Holy Resurrection Church!

“Are We Doing our Part to Keep our Children in the Church?”

The following talk was presented by Prota Stevo Rocknage to the annual Assembly of the Eastern American Diocese of the Serbian Orthodox Church on Saturday, February 14, held at St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church in St. Petersburg, Florida. Prota Rocknage is pastor of St. Sava Church in McKeesport, PA, with qualifications and experience in psychology and counseling.

I have titled my presentation in this manner hoping that I have piqued your curiosity; or, even better, solicited an uneasy feeling in your minds – because, my dear brothers and sisters, **we are in the midst of a war.** This war is not in Iraq, or Africa, or Korea, or Kosovo, but right here in America – a spiritual conflict being fought so ruthlessly that it is no wonder some adults are at wit’s end on how to defeat the enemy. **What is the war?** The battle over the ‘souls’ of our children. **Who is the enemy?** The Prince of this world, and his demons that assail us and our youth daily! With your patience, I will clarify what this means. First—

1. Our children are very easily ‘molded’ by the world around them:

St. Chrysostom states that a child’s soul is *“like a city, and parents and teachers are to think of themselves as lawmakers for the security of the city.”* — (Homily on Vainglory and the Right Way For Parents To Bring Up Their Children)

What are the ‘gates’ to this unique ‘city’? The child’s eyes, mouth, ears, nose, and sense of touch? Obviously, for us, today, we know that our children are inundated with a constant stimuli of the senses that is NOT wholesome and/or edifying to the soul....TV, radio, classrooms, the Internet, peer pressure – all have a tremendous amount of influence on that child’s soul.

As parents, teachers, and Church leaders, it is our responsibility to guide and direct our children in what is most beneficial for them – right? Yet, as parents and teachers, do we not also fall prey to the seduction of this world as well – especially in what we do within our own homes, or our classes, seeking ways to somehow be like everyone else and be ‘normal’, thereby trying to ‘fit’ into this non-Orthodox society? [We could give multiple examples from our lives—the lifestyles we choose, the daily schedules we follow, our normal activities, even the topics we choose for our church school classes.]

What message does this send to our children?? Simply, that it is more important to belong, and be a part of ‘the norm’ of this society – than it is to be different by being truly ‘Orthodox’.

Our children need guidance and direction that is “Christ-centered” NOT “ME-centered.” It is quite fashionable today to see parents who, believing they are helping their children learn to make choices”, set no moral absolutes or rules for spiritual growth in their offspring—they want to be their child’s “best friend”, the one he/she can talk to as they mature, the one who allowed them to “be the best they can be”. They are thereby affirming to the child that what he/she wants to be in life is most important, rather than being what God intended him or her to be. By doing this, the parents are abdicating the God-given responsibility of *being* the parent, the one who sets limits and standards of behavior that are pleasing to God. For some parents, it is much easier to ‘go with the flow’, and allow the child to do what his/her friends are doing, as long as it is not anything really serious, rather than have a long, heated debate where feelings are hurt and egos bruised. This is not only tragic, it is sinful, and something we will have to answer for! [Again, there are many examples that could be given: the athlete who is allowed to miss Sunday Liturgy to play or practice, or the young teen who worked late or was out late on Saturday, so the parents never got her up for Church in the morning.]

As St. Paul reminds us, **“If anyone does not care for his own, and especially for his own household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever!”** (1 Timothy 5:8)

2. As parents and teachers, in order to overcome the enemy, we have to look at ourselves FIRST before we can hope to raise our children in Christ!

St. John Chrysostom, in his homily of 1600 years ago quoted above, attacked his parishioners for their sinful pride.

‘This world’ rewards pride (boasting of one’s own achievements, place in society, etc.). Yet, such pride is tearing our Church apart, causing fights and jealousy amongst brethren, and disrupting the love willed by God! Do we realize that God does not care about our place in society, or our material possessions, or any titles we have attached to our names – but He does care about whether or not we are ‘bringing the children to Him’ in word and deed: *“Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for of such is the kingdom of God...”* (Mt. 19: 14)

In today’s world, as parents we take ‘pride’ in our children and their accomplishments...what could possibly be wrong with that – right?

Yet St. John Chrysostom tells us that having pride in our children and what they do, and who they are (especially when compared to other children), actually blinds us to raising them wisely in Christ! For example, how often have we as parents allowed to be put aside something as important as the services of Holy Week in favor of a school play, or prom, or some other activity which makes us ‘proud’ of our child?

When I was asked to speak on this topic, the more I prayed and meditated on what to say, the more I realized that **the key question is NOT how to keep our youth active and involved in the Church/Faith – but rather comes back to us adults!**

We must be examples of Christ to our children!! This means: living lives of faith, love, holiness, sobriety, and all the other wonderful Christian virtues that are affirmed in the Holy Scriptures. Of course, the implication here is that we are well-grounded in God’s Word – but are we? Ask yourselves: Do we read the Scriptures with our children, regardless of their age? In my youth, there was a saying used in my generation when children questioned parents’ behavior, that went something like this: *“Do as I say, not as I do!”* Most of us are much better at telling our children how important it is to read the scriptures than we are at actually reading them ourselves!

Those who raise children and teach them most effectively are those whose life reflects Christ. Again, let us ask ourselves: do we in our way of life and behavior reflect a Christ-centered parent, teacher, or pastor to our children?

If we are truly open and honest with ourselves, we humbly realize that we have been negligent in ‘reflecting Christ’ via our lives to our children! In some parishes, more emphasis is placed on having our children involved in basketball, soccer, and folklore festivals and tournaments than in bringing them to the rich and powerful liturgical services our Faith offers!

3. Some Practical things we can do to help keep them living ‘the Orthodox Way of Life’:

a. *Read the Holy Scriptures together* (especially the stories/parables from both the Old and New Testaments), and discuss them as family.

b. *Pray together as family* (and not just before meals), so that all members can share in the grace of being ‘connected’ to God. (Setting time aside daily is crucial for this to work.)

c. *Share in the Life of the Church first*, before other ‘worldly things’: fast together *regularly*, come as family to Holy Confession *regularly*, and of course, receive Holy Communion *regularly* as a way to put the Church FIRST in their (and our) lives! (Again, Matthew 19: 14 quoted above means that once children are baptized & chrismated, they are open to all the Mysteries of the Church – and we have that responsibility as parents, teachers, kumovi, and pastors, to set the example for them to follow.) This is crucial: when children see that their parents are taking the Faith seriously as family, they will also....attending vespers, workshops, classes, seminars, sends a strong message!!

d. *Avoid double standards:* As adults, we consider drug abuse a terrible disease and sin; yet, alcohol in our Church social activities is an acceptable fact – just ask our children what they

experience! In a similar vein, we expect our clergy to adhere to the teachings/canons of our Faith, but we exempt ourselves and our children from these teachings and standards, such as fasting, or appropriate behavior and dress. If our children do not see us taking the faith seriously, why should they?

e. *Encourage our peers* (other parents, teachers, families) within the parish to 'bond' in activities that are both spiritually and socially gratifying. Some examples:

- Schedule a "Family Night" where families get together at the Church for Vespers, then fellowship after, that does not have to involve alcohol. (Dinner, with a speaker; or going out bowling; etc.)

- Schedule fellowship activities that involve families bonding with one another in the 'Faith' context – bus trips to the Lenten Vespers, I've found, are particularly uplifting; inviting families to Pre-Sanctified Liturgies in the evenings, with a 'pot-luck' dinner after that includes a discussion or meditation on a Faith aspect is very rewarding.

- Our parish goes in with another Orthodox Parish and gets a bus for the 'March For Life' in Washington, DC.

REMEMBER: despite all their protests to the contrary, our children want (and need) our spiritual/moral guidance and direction...so, let's stop giving in to the 'appropriateness' of being 'like everyone else'!

4. In Conclusion:

The most perfect way for us to inspire a love for the Faith and the Church in our youth is for us, as adults, to **allow the Church to be precisely "herself"**: by simply clinging to her traditional piety, by encouraging the fullest possible liturgical life within our circumstances, by nurturing the concept of the Church as "home" for our families, and by fostering strong relationships with our Spiritual Fathers, we will provide the means for keeping our youth close to the Church. We need to make our "One, True Faith" **first** in our lives, our homes, and our daily routines, so that our children see it at work, and working well! Of course, the results of our efforts will be of *quality*, not *quantity* – because, my dear brothers and sisters, it is vain to expect that the Church will be preserved by numbers – for if those numbers are plagued by mediocrity of Faith, we will only become enfeebled. (Just look at the past 50 years in our parishes – we had huge numbers....but how many of our children of the 60's and 70's are now adults practicing their Faith in our Churches?)

Finally, reflect on this quote from our blessed and God-bearing Father St. John Chrysostom's homily on Ephesians 6: 1-4:

"...When we teach our children to be good, to be gentle, to be forgiving – all these are attributes of God – to be generous, to love their fellow man, to regard this present age as nothing, we instill virtue in their souls and reveal the image of God within them.... This then, is our task – to educate both ourselves and our children in godliness; otherwise, what answer will we have before Christ's Judgement Seat?"

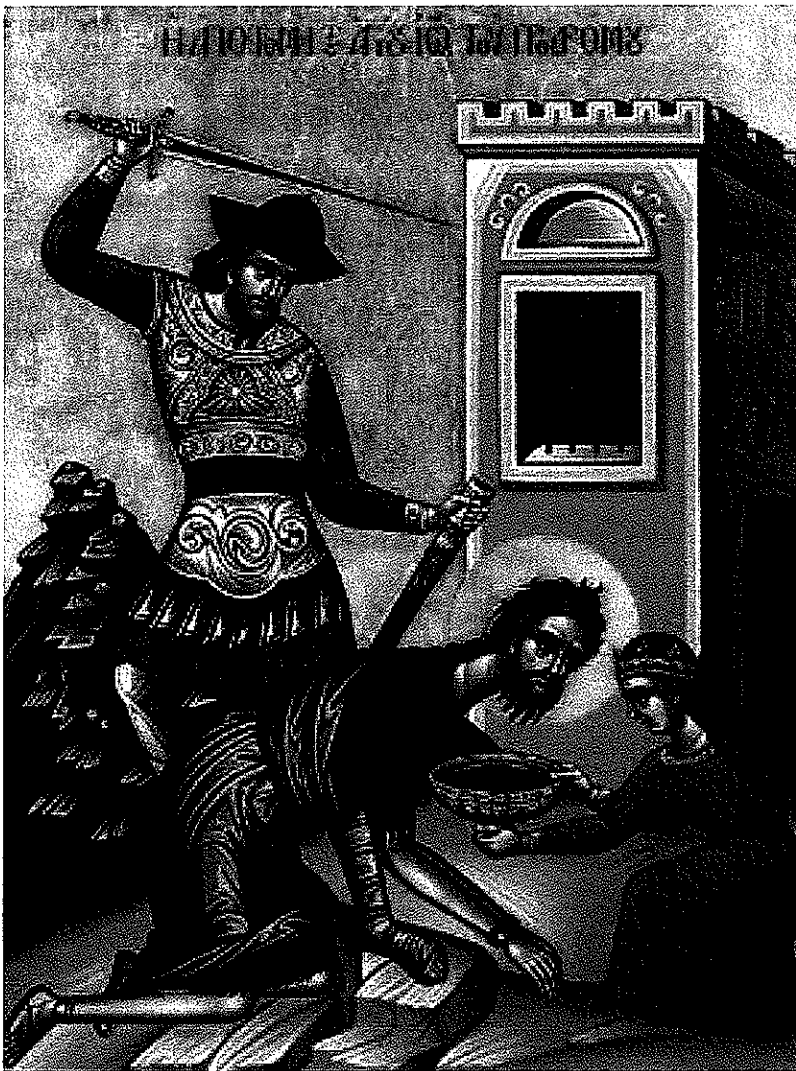
Today, my beloved in Christ, let us ask ourselves as parents, as teachers, as pastors, as Godparents: have I done this for my children?

The Beheading of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John

September 11 (Aug. 29)

Troparion, Tone 2:

The memory of the just is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for you, O Forerunner; for you have proven to be truly even more venerable than the Prophets, since you were granted to baptize in the running waters Him Whom they proclaimed. Wherefore, having contested for the truth, you rejoiced to announce the good tidings even to those in Hades: that God has appeared in the flesh, taking away the sin of the world and granting us great mercy.

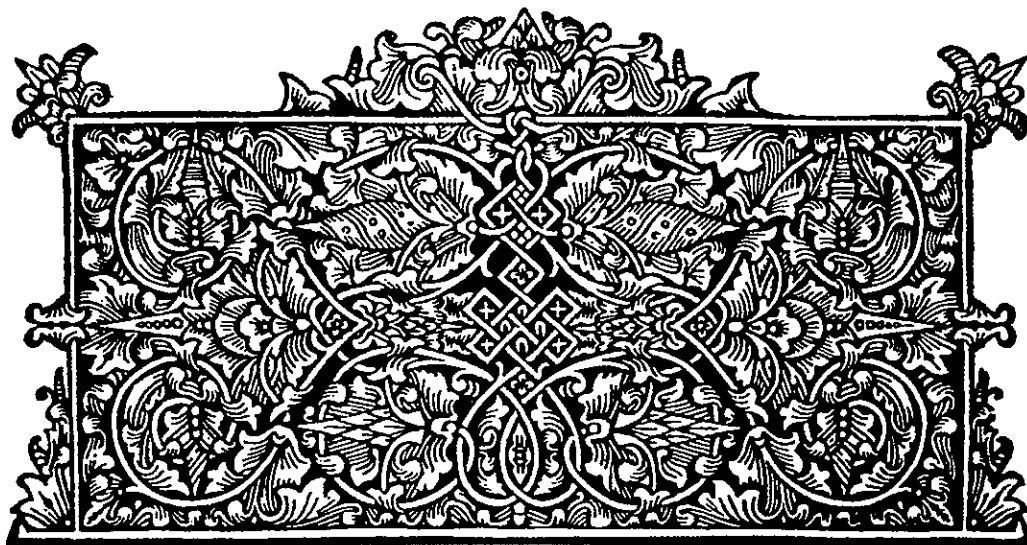


The divine Baptist, the Prophet born of a Prophet, the seal of all the Prophets and beginning of the Apostles, the mediator between the Old and New Covenants, the voice of one crying in the wilderness, the God-sent Messenger of the incarnate Messiah, the forerunner of Christ's coming into the world (Esaias 40: 3; Mal. 3: 1); who by many miracles was both conceived and born; who was filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb; who came forth like another Elias the Zealot, whose life in the wilderness and divine zeal for God's Law he imitated: this divine Prophet, after he had preached the baptism of repentance according to God's command; had taught men of low rank and high how they must order their lives; had admonished those whom he baptized and had filled them with the fear of God, teaching them that no one is able to escape the wrath to come if he do not

works worthy of repentance; had, through such preaching, prepared their hearts to receive the evangelical teachings of the Savior; and finally, after he had pointed out to the people the very Savior, and said, "Behold the Lamb of God, Which taketh away the sin of the world" (Luke 3:2-18; John 1: 29-36), after all this, John sealed with his own blood the truth of his words and was made a sacred victim for the divine Law at the hands of a transgressor.

This was Herod Antipas, the Tetrarch of Galilee, the son of Herod the Great. This man had a lawful wife, the daughter of Arethas (or Aretas), the King of Arabia. Without any cause, and against every commandment of the Law, he put her away and took to himself Herodias, the wife of his deceased brother Philip, to whom Herodias had borne a daughter, Salome. He would not desist from this unlawful union even when John, the preacher of repentance, the bold and austere accuser of the lawless, censured him and told him, "It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife" (Mark 6: 18). Thus Herod, besides his other unholy acts, added yet this, that he apprehended John and shut him in prison; and perhaps he would have killed him straightway, had he not feared the people, who had extreme reverence for John. Certainly, in the beginning, he himself had great reverence for this just and holy man. But finally, being pierced with the sting of a mad lust for the woman Herodias, he laid his defiled hands on the teacher of purity on the very day he was celebrating his birthday. When Salome, Herodias' daughter, had danced in order to please him and those who were supping with him, he promised her -- with an oath more foolish than any foolishness -- that he would give her anything she asked, even unto the half of his kingdom. And she, consulting with her mother, straightway asked for the head of John the Baptist in a bowl. Hence this transgressor of the Law, preferring his lawless oath above the precepts of the Law, fulfilled this godless promise and filled his loathsome banquet with the blood of the Prophet. So it was that that all-venerable head, revered by the Angels, was given as a prize for an abominable dance, and became the plaything of the dissolute daughter of a debauched mother. As for the body of the divine Baptist, it was taken up by his disciples and placed in a tomb (Mark 6: 21 - 29).

This day of the Beheading of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John is observed with a strict fast. Many have the custom of not using knives on this day in remembrance of his manner of death. Divine Liturgy in observance of this holy day will be held at our church on Saturday, September 11 at 10:00 am.



From the Presidents Desk:

The church is in the process of all of the "back to school" activities that are normally associated with the beginning of the fall season. For our parish, this is also a time to think about "back to church" activities. In a few weeks, the Sunday school will be back at work after a summer vacation. On September 26 we will mark the start of the Sunday school season with a picnic at our picnic Grounds. Likewise the tammies will start preparation for the coming year.

The start of school also means that the church slava is not far away. This year's honored Kumovi for the slava celebration are Walter and Nancy Tomich. The church slava is also a day that we should all connect with our kumovi and set aside a day for praying together and meeting for fellowship at the slava dinner at the cultural center. The date will be October 3 and all are welcome.

The Slava banquet will also be the occasion of the awarding of our scholarship. This year's recipient will be Richard Fair, the son of Shirley and Robert Fair. Congratulations to Richard and his parents. He will be attending West Virginia University.

The Cultural Center is returning to profitability and is beginning to seek new ways to develop business. On Saturday, September 25 the Center will feature a "Serbian Night" with all the usual Serbian delicacies and other treats. We will use this date to kick off the planning for the 100th anniversary of the founding of our church. At 7:30 pm we will hold an informal discussion to identify those who wish to be involved in the planning and to start to develop ideas for the celebration.

Fred Kosanovic has pushed forward the purchasing of software to help ease the church bookkeeping activities. The church board is looking for a person who has experience with Quickbooks and who can learn the new church based software. We have persons in the church familiar with this software and will help teach the candidate how to use it. We prefer someone from the church for this paid position, but will advertise in the general public if necessary.

On another matter, the bingo change from Wednesday to Monday is proceeding very well. So well that in fact we need more workers to take care of the crowd and to help take the pressure off the staff. Please consider helping and then stopping off at Monday night Football at Tesla's Lounge. There is never enough help.

Don't forget the fund raiser for Shadeland that will take place at our center on October 16.

See you in church,

Mark

Fr. Thomas Hopko to speak at University Sept. 20

Well known Orthodox teacher, author and theologian Fr. Thomas Hopko will speak at the Franciscan University of Steubenville on Monday, September 20. He will discuss the present situation of the Church in eastern Europe and will answer questions.

Fr. Hopko is Dean Emeritus of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary in New York, and a dynamic speaker and experienced teacher of Orthodoxy. Many may remember his visit to our parish for the Sunday of Orthodoxy a number of years ago.

He will offer two talks at the University. The first will be at the Galley Room of the JC Williams Center at 11:00 am. The second will be in the Seminar Room of the St. Joseph Center at 7:30 pm. The public is invited to both talks, and our parishioners are encouraged to attend.

Serbian Nite at SACC Sept. 25

Our Serbian American Cultural Center will feature a special evening of fine Serbian cuisine on Saturday, September 25. Old Serbian favorites and perhaps some specialties you have not yet enjoyed will be featured on the menu, with Serbian dinner music in the background for atmosphere. Call the Center at 304-723-7372 for more information, and plan on enjoying a Serbian evening with your friends.

Organizing meeting for 100th Anniversary Sept. 25

The year 2006, only two years from now, will mark the 100th Anniversary of our Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Church community. In 1906 our early Serbian pioneers, including the ancestors of many of our current members, took on the tremendous task of establishing a church serve the Serbian Orthodox Christians of the Upper Ohio Valley. From that first church in Mingo Junction, the community later found property in downtown Steubenville, where our present church was built in 1948.

Naturally, we as a parish will want to mark this landmark occasion in a fitting way, with the preparation, thought and attention to detail it so richly deserves. That means that we must start planning for this event NOW.

We will hold a first organizational meeting to begin work towards planning our Church's 100th Anniversary on Saturday, September 25 at 7:30 pm at the Cultural Center, right after the Serbian Nite dinner. Anyone and Everyone who would like to have input into planning our anniversary in any capacity is urged to attend this meeting, at which we will begin to work on ideas for our observance. This will be a major project of our church for the next two years. Be a part of it from the beginning, and help to make it a fitting tribute to our past and a springboard to the future!

Note of Thanks to Church

Please accept this check in the amount of \$25 as a 'thank you' gift to your church and in honor of Ted Zatezalo. Ted was very considerate and thoughtful to us with our VEIN family reunion at the picnic on July 25, 2004. Your church is blessed to have such a dedicated servant!

Everyone had a wonderful time. We were able to pass onto our children this experience from their Serbian heritage, which was inherited from our lovely parents, grandparents and great-grandparents Dobre and Milija Vein.

It was nice visiting with Nick and Mary Drazich along with many others who worked very hard to make your church picnic a great success. We had a great time!

Sincerely, Mary Vein Eastridge

*His Grace Bishop Dr. Mitrophan
invites you to participate in a gala event:*

An Evening for Shadeland

Saturday, the Sixteenth of October, 2004

An evening of fine dining, fine music and dancing to benefit the Diocesan St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Children's Camp at Shadeland, PA, to be held at

*The Serbian-American Cultural Center
1000 Colliers Way Weirton, WV*

*Cash Bar Cocktail Hour and V.I.P. Reception, 5:30 o'clock
Dinner and program in the Grand Ballroom, 6:30 o'clock
Youth dinner and dance in the Garden Room, 6:30 o'clock*

*Music for listening and dancing by
Orchestra 'Frula' of New York & Orchestra 'Drustvo'*

Please join us as we look back at over 50 years of Shadeland Camp history, remember many of those who have made the Camp program possible, and provide for Shadeland's future development. And perhaps reminisce with old camp-mates about your time at Camp as campers or parents as well!

Please order your tickets in advance using the accompanying order form, and specifying your choice of entrée. Dinner includes hors d'oeuvres, four-course dinner with choice of Chicken a l'Orange, Stuffed Flounder or Filet of Beef entrée, and complimentary red or white wine. Adult tickets: \$50. Youth buffet tickets and dance, \$10. Donations are also welcomed.

Contact the Church Office or Martha Zatezalo at 304-748-3739 for more information on the program, tickets, or to place an ad in the Commemorative Book.

All proceeds benefit the St. Sava Shadeland Camp building program.

An Evening for Shadeland
Donor information and Ticket Order Form

Tickets for the Grand Banquet and program in the Grand Ballroom are \$50 per person and include, soup, salad, entrée choice of Chicken a l'Orange, Stuffed Flounder, or Filet of Beef, wine, bread and butter, coffee or tea, and dessert. A cash bar will be available. The orchestra 'Frula' from NYC will provide music during dinner and after for dancing.

Young people aged 18 and under, especially present or former Shadeland Campers, are invited to a special Youth dinner and reunion dance with a buffet menu and live music in the adjoining Garden Room. Tickets are \$10 per young person.

Those who commit to enhanced levels of participation (individuals, parishes or organizations) will receive special recognition, including space in the evening's commemorative book, admission to an exclusive open bar VIP Reception before the Banquet, recognition at the Banquet, and inclusion on a commemorative plaque to be enshrined at Shadeland. These enhanced levels of participation include:

- Supporter: \$500. Includes two VIP reception admissions and listing on Donor's page in Commemorative Book and on the commemorative plaque.
- Donor: \$1,000. Includes two VIP reception admissions, and listing on the Donor's page in the Commemorative Book and on the commemorative plaque.
- Builder: \$5,000. Includes four banquet tickets, four VIP reception admissions, one-half page in the Commemorative Book, and listing on the commemorative plaque.
- Benefactor: \$10,000. Includes a table for ten at the Banquet with ten VIP Reception admissions, a full-page ad in the Commemorative Book, and listing on the commemorative plaque.
- Great Benefactor: \$25,000. Includes the above, plus an individual bronze plaque at Shadeland
- Founder: \$50,000. Includes the above, plus the naming of one of the new cabins in your honor.

Ticket Order Form

Please send me _____ adult tickets at \$50 per person. Entrée selections are (please give number of each):

_____ Chicken a l'Orange _____ Stuffed Flounder _____ Filet of Beef

Please send me _____ youth tickets at \$10 per person.

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ payable to "An Evening for Shadeland."

I am sorry I cannot attend, but please accept my tax-deductible donation of \$ _____ as my gift to St. Sava Camp Shadeland. Mail this form to 'An Evening for Shadeland' P. O. Box 11071, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

Accommodations have been reserved at the new AmeriHost Inn & Suites in Weirton, West Virginia. It is ideally located within a mile of the Serbian American Cultural Center. Please call 1-800-434-5800 to reserve any rooms you may require.

For more information about Shadeland or this event, or to make arrangements for enhanced levels of giving at An Evening for Shadeland, please contact Camp Secretary Vesna Meinert at 304-842-2927, or write her at vgtm@earthlink.net.

All proceeds from the Diocesan Gala event, An Evening for Shadeland, will be used for the next phase of construction and improvements at St. Sava Camp Shadeland.

Ad Book Form
An Evening for Shadeland

October 16, 2004

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): _____

PHONE /ADDRESS: _____

AMOUNT \$: _____

CHECK #: _____ PAYABLE TO: **"An Evening for Shadeland"**

Ad deadline Sept.25, 2004. Mail to 'An Evening for Shadeland,' P.O. Box 11071, Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Ads may also be sent to: Shadeland, c/o 540 North 12th St., Weirton, WV 26062 by Sept.25, 2004

Full page ad	\$100.00
Optional picture in full page only please add \$20.00	
1/2 page.....	50.00
1/4 page.....	25.00

Please write your ad or attach ad to this paper. Paper size is 8 1/2 x11.

Holy Resurrection Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church Wellness Program

Gospel of St. Matthew, 25:40 "The King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of these my brethren, you did it to me.'"

September 2004

**Tell me where the time went!
Just yesterday we were basking in the hot summer sun.
And the day before that we were shoveling snow.
I guess today is the fall season and time for the harvest.**

Harvest. What does it mean to an Orthodox Christian?
I can't speak for everyone, but to me it means time to get out there and do some extra good work for the Lord, and then not brag about it.

To harvest my talents, time, finances, knowledge and good will to entice others to do as
I DO, not as I **SAY** I will do.

To harvest the best I can be in truth, honesty and the Christian way.

Starting to sound like a politician you say. What is my platform, my goal;
what is in it for me, you say?

UNITY in our love for Christ Jesus.

Working hand in hand with each other to strengthen our Church.

Helping those in our own church community who need to hear "I'm sorry", "Forgive me", "Thank you for caring", "So glad you called", "I pray for you everyday", "I love you no matter what your past actions have been or what past words were said", "I'm here to talk so we can work this out", "I'm here to help where needed".

Do I need to go on? Do you get the idea here?

WELLNESS starts inside each one of us.

Once we ourselves are well then we can unite together for God's plan to work throughout our church community so His Will can be done through the harvest of souls.

Next Focus on Health session September 19

Focus on Health will continue on September 19, in the lyceum after Liturgy. Facilitators from West Virginia University will present another program on health, wellness, and spiritual life. Please plan on staying after Liturgy to learn more, to help in their important study, and to show our support to WVU for all they are doing for our church community.

I will be checking with the church office each week, if you have an issue to discuss just let them know so I can call you. You can call me directly at 304-723-6019

Thank you all for this opportunity to serve our God in this way by helping you.

Until next time --- See you Sunday --- Diane◊-<

Donations Received

Church Donations

Eli "Sonny" Visnic Family	200
M/M Milan Orbovich, Jr.	25
Christina Lisciandro	20
Louise Vagnoni	20
Jennie Zakovich	10

Relief Fund

Anonymous	310
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Happy 90th Birthday Wishes To Mildred Kvocka (Columb)

Anna Zolgas & Mabel Krnich	50
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In Honor of Ted Zatezalo

Mary Vein Eastridge (Vein Family Reunion)	25
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Imo John Kosanovich, Sr.

Eli & Terri Kosanovich	100
Jennifer Kosanovich	100
Jennie Zakovich	10

Imo Mary Drzayich

Dr. & Mrs. M.M. Milic	100
John & Irma Falane	50
Fred & Marsha Fadeley	50
Donna Karas & Family	50
John & Suzie Smurda	50
John & Margaret Tabacci	50
Emil & Sheryl Zatezalo	50
M/M Arthur O'Mery	30
John & Debrah Karas	25
Dottie Vudrogovic	25
Al Auvil	20
Sophia & Milosh Divich	20
Mrs. Emil Drzayich	20
M/M Oran Kramerer	20
John & Rose Karas	20
Helen Hesske	20
Nino & Milena Karas & Fam.	20
M/M Andrew Kisha	20
Dom & Mary Kay Sissinni	20
Dorothy Bossert	10

Imo Mary Drzayich (cont)

Mildred Dojonovic	10
Robert & Mary Kay Dojonovic	10
M/M Anthony Gampolo	10
Dewey & Dorothy McKay	10
M/M George Martich	10
Sophia Schoolcraft	10
M/M George Vukelich	10
Mark & Martha Zatezalo	10
Mary Zelich	10
John & Dorothy Benko	5
Mary Vukelich	5

Imo Mary Drzayich (Cemetery)

Tony, Elaine, Brian & Brianne Pietro	50
Mildred Y. Kvocka	25
Dorothy Yurjevic	25
M/M Robert Yurjevic	25
Sharon Musulin & Sons	20
Mildred & Louise Vuckovich	10

Imo Mary Drzayich (Bldg. Fund)

Peter Drzayich	50
M/M Geno Ardito	20
Nick & Mary Drazich	20
M/M Nick Karas	20
Daniel & Sophia Kakasick	20
Ann Roberts	10

Imo John & Mary Drzayich

George & Barbara Topich	25
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Imo Nick Enich, Sr.

Steub. Teamster Retirees Club	25
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Imo Nick Enich, Sr. (Bldg.Fd)

Ed & Kathy Bowman	20
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Imo Brent Capozzoli

Marie & William Rinehart	25
Delich Sisters	20
M/M George Vukelich	20

Imo Anthony Santilli

M/M George Vukelich	20
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Imo Mellish/Cavlina Families

Nicholine Mellish Core	25
Mrs. Zoran Hodjera	25
Marian M. Thomas	25

Imo Nick Jovonovich, Sr.

M/M George Vukelich	20
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Imo Nick Jovonovich, Sr. (Building Fund)

Nick & Mary Drazich	20
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Imo Nick Sudar (Bldg. Fund)

M/M Nick Karas	20
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Imo Mildred Mickey Boich

Donald & Martha Orbovich	50
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Imo Mika Boich (Cemetery)

Ann Mavromatis	25
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Imo Parents, Milos & Lubinka Trbovich

Rose Marie Trbovich	200
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Imo Eli "Sonny" Lonchar

Frank Falkowski	10
Betty Rock	10

Imo Danny Vukotich (Hilandar Fund)

Jimmy & Sonia Lee	25
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BUILDING FUND

Payment on Pledge

Mrs. Mildred Drazich	40
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