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ST.ELIJAH SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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101<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL SLAVA CELEBRATION  
**HONORED KUMOVI- ELI AND SAM REBICH**  
**CHURCH SERVICES**

**Saturday, August 1, 2015 VESPER SERVICE 5:00 PM**  
Followed by a free hors d'oeuvres reception in the St. Elijah Center

**Sunday, August 2, 2015 Holy Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 9:45 AM**  
With the the Procession around the church  
and the cutting of the Slavski Kolach and the blessing of the Koljivo



Our 2015 graduates will also be honored this day.

**Kylie Chichester and Demitri Loncar**



**Slava Banquet- 12:30 p.m. St. Elijah Center**

A Gourmet Grand Buffet Dinner will include:

***Chicken, Roast Beef, Potatoes, Vegetables, Salad, Rolls, Coffee, Dessert***

Donation \$25 adults Teens (13-18) \$10 - no charge under 12 years of age  
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Call 724-375-9894 to make your reservations or see Kathy Loverich

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH**

+++To guarantee seating with your family, kumovi and friends we will reserve tables of eight for you, please let Kathy know when you make your reservation who will be sitting at your table.



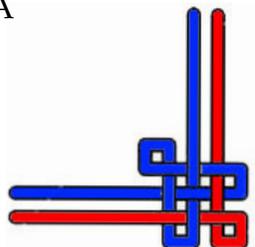
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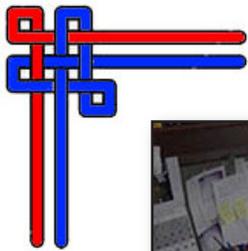
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# FROM FATHER'S DESK

Your donations would be printed in this bulletin.

I wish I didn't have to ask for your help this way, but that is the situation and the only way to help to keep this kind of quality is with your donation.

Now let's talk about happier things!

Saint Elijah, Slava!

It's been a year since the 100-year anniversary!

A whole century!

That's a big deal!

This parish has a very interesting and long history, and that's because of all of you, and your parents and your grandparents.

When they came here from Europe, they gathered together as a group and built our first church and then this beautiful church.

A place where they can thank God for everything He does for us and pray for their futures and His blessing.

They did that for their children and grandchildren, and now we take care of this church and keep it alive with our prayers and efforts, as it is the holiest place for our every day lives.

The way Serbian people (as we are the only orthodox people with slava) started celebrating slava is directly connected with becoming Christians. It is celebration of the day that family got baptized and entered Christianity, and whatever saint that was celebrated according to church calendar become that family's slava. That is why the whole villages and towns can have the same slava, being baptized all together the same day.

And that's how Saint Elijah was chosen to protect and represent our church and all those who are part of it.

In a few days we will celebrate 101 years of our parish, and the first slava of the second century of Saint Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church in Aliquippa.

That's a big moment that we should all be proud of, and I'm sure that all of your family members that are no longer with us, are watching us from above with joy as they see how well you've all taken care of what they started.

May our children learn from us as we learned from our elders, that they should take care of this Church, to be aware that it is a place to come and speak to God, place to bring there own children into orthodoxy and preserve it for

Dear parishioners,  
This is the third bulletin "The Voice of the Prophet" since I came to this parish. Hearing your kind words and reading your letters and wonderful comments about the quality and content of our newsletter, I can't help but be proud of the team that helps create it.

Using my little talents, and the talents of my children, and Kathy Loverich, on an already great quality product, bulletin that existed for decades, we have tweaked it a little bit and refreshed some ideas and designs to change the bulletin up a bit.

Thank God, this parish has provided a great color copy machine that makes our options endless.

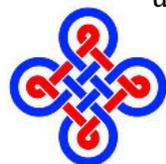
Our first bulletin together, with excitement of our many possibilities, was enriched with a lot of color and designs.

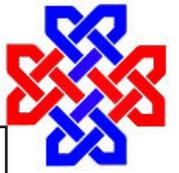
After printing and seeing how much toner was used, we tried to make the next bulletin contain minimal amount of colored pictures and effects, hoping to save money because toner is very expensive. Unfortunately we didn't save as much as we'd like.

This bulletin is made with even less pictures and color, but I'm sure we still wont be able to save a good enough amount, which will result in us using close to nothing in color on our next bulletin.

You, as members and parishioners of this church deserve to have the best quality, and you prove that with your every day hard work towards our parish.

However there are a lot of expenses for many different things around the church, including our bulletins. And only with your help by donating to "The Voice of the Prophet", and advertisements of your businesses can we keep up the quality of our newsletter.





future generations so one day our heirs can celebrate two centuries of our beautiful church.

May you all have a happy and blessed Slava! Na mnogaja ljeta!

Srećna slava to the kumovi Sam and Eli Rebich!

Congratulations to our graduates Kylie Chichester and Demitri Loncar!

*Yours,  
Father Milan with family*

IT'S FUNNY BECAUSE WE  
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OUR SITUATION, NOT  
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My dear parishioners,

As it is known to all Orthodox people, we have four Lenten periods in the year: Nativity Fast, Great Lent, Apostels' Fast and Dormition Fast.

There are also times where we fast for one day, Wednesdays and Fridays, as well as Epiphany Eve (January 18<sup>th</sup>), Beheading of John the Baptist (September 11<sup>th</sup>) and Elevation of the Precious Cross (September 27<sup>th</sup>). On those days, we don't eat meat, dairy of any sort or eggs.

However there are exceptions in certain days: the Wednesday and Friday right after Nativity until January 18<sup>th</sup> are days that we don't fast; same goes for week after Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee, week before Great Lent (Cheese fare week), and the week after Resurrection and after Pentecost.

You can read about all of these days in your pocket sized Orthodox Calendar that you receive from the priest after he blesses your home.

It often happens that a funeral falls on a Lenten day, in which case the Daća must be with fasting food.

Unfortunately another often occurrence is that the host prepares non-fasting food due to a person or two that doesn't like the fasting food.

My dear brothers and sisters, that is a sin.

After having just prayed for a loved one, we turn around and break the simple rules set to us and do the exact opposite of what our Lord asks, just so that we can please someone's taste buds for an hour.

We, as priests, obviously cannot order you what to prepare in your own home or what to order at a restaurant, but we can remind you of the rules set forth.

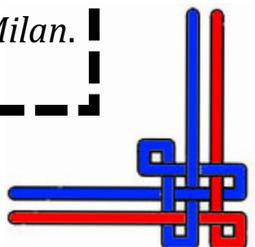
Therefore, if you invite us to bless the food, and you didn't abide by those rules, don't be surprised if we have to say no.

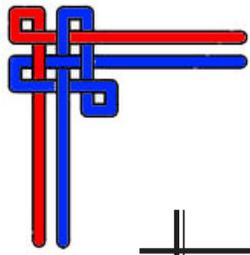
So in order to avoid an uncomfortable situation and conversation between you and your priest, it's better to not invite him to a meal like that.

Your priest is not allowed to bless non-fasting food on a Lenten day.

I hope that you don't misunderstand this message and that you know it is for your own good that I explain it to you. I ask of you, as your spiritual Father, to respect our faith the way it is taught to us by our church.

*Yours, Father Milan.*





Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It brings me great pleasure to once again invite all of you to join us for our Church Slava for evening vespers Saturday August 1 and Holy Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and Slava banquet Sunday morning August 2. A year has passed since we celebrated our "Slava of the Century" which was a memorable celebration proudly honoring our Patron Saint Elijah and the 100 years of accomplishments by our parish family.

We welcome Proto Milan Krstić to his first St. Elijah Slava as our spiritual leader. He and his family join us as we begin our second century attending to the spiritual needs of the community. Worshipping and working beside faithful parishioners like all of you makes me confident that our St. Elijah Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church will continue to be a part of the foundation of the City of Aliquippa and surrounding area for many years to come.

Our pioneers that started the St. Elijah parish and all the succeeding generations faced many challenges together. Their faith, love for one another and love of their heritage gave them the spiritual strength and the will to acquire property to build Churches and even more parish facilities so they could continue enjoying their Serbian Orthodox lifestyle. It remains our responsibility to carry on their work.

Each year we celebrate our Slava to honor St. Elijah by attending Church and sharing a banquet meal together with our honored Kumovi. Our Church Slava Kumovi represent the ideal parish family members. They regularly attend Church, they participate in the Holy Sacraments and as Stewards they steadfastly support their Church. Please join me in congratulating our Honored Kumovi for our 2015 St. Elijah Slava, brothers Eli and Sam Rebich.

We also take the opportunity during Slava to recognize our graduating children for whom we pray to continue to practice their Christian Faith and to be successful and hardworking members of the community.

We hope to see many friends and families at this special event. This anniversary celebration is an opportunity to thank God for all His provisions to you and me over the years. Please contact our Church office for banquet reservations or feel free to ask any executive board member how you can be of any assistance to ensure the success of this event. Thank you and may God Bless Us!

Srećna Slava!

Milan Mrkal

*Milan Mrkal*

President St. Elijah Church School Executive Board





By Fr. Milan

Like in every other orthodox church, it's the same here with us in Aliquippa. Lazarus Saturday is dedicated to the time when Christ Resurrected Lazar. We marked that event with a Divine Liturgy, and celebrated the victory of res-



urrection against death.

Since the very next day is the celebration of another magnificent day when the people welcomed Christ in the streets of Jerusalem, we had a Vesper service, the night before the Holiday.

The Vesper service began with a procession around the church, with blessed willow twigs, and with bells renewed the joyous ceremonial entrance of the Savior's into Jerusalem.

On Sunday, the holiday **Palm Sunday**, the Holy Liturgy was served, and along with our wonderful choirs singing, a multitude of people received Holy Communion.

From that day, the Passion week began, where on Tuesday we immediately had a Holy Liturgy for the holiday Annunciation, and all throughout the week we continued with worship announcing such the big event; Christ's Resurrection.

On **Holy Thursday** evening we had a vigil service with the readings of the 12 Passion Gospels, which reminded us of what Jesus went through, and all that He suffered so that He could, with his sacrificial death, and later Resurrection, devalue death.

On **Good Friday** after the Royal Hours, the decorating of the church began for the evening service, the service with

Christ's burial, and procession.

Many parishioners, took it as their duty to make sure the church was properly decorated and prepared the exact way it always was for the upcoming services with its importance and beautification.

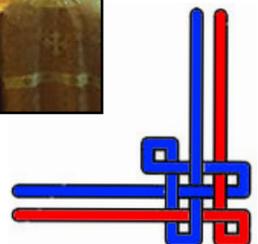
In the evening, at 7 o'clock, everything was ready for carrying out the epitaphios. Our Bishop, His Grace Dr. Mitrophan blessed us with his presence from the beginning of the service. Our current priest, Fr. Milan, along with Fr. Stevan, began the evening service with taking out the epitaphios, which later that evening all who were present (venerated) bowed down to. Our choir, under direction of George Milosh, sung the Lamentations of the Mother of God; beautiful verses that explain how the mother was feeling when she watched the men torture and kill her innocent Son.

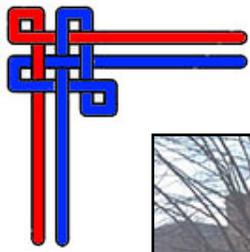
After that, the morning service began, with stasis, which Fr. Milan and Fr. Stevan switched off and sung with verses which Andy Muha read from the choir loft. At the end, along with the banners, the epitaphios was brought out for the procession around the church.

When the procession was finished, everyone present once again venerated the epitaphios, and the service that seemed relatively long, was finished.

Even though many present that night were tired from standing a long time, understood that, that small sacrifice for Christ, that small gift to Christ, which we showed by standing, shows the strength of our love and faith and, that which He did for us, means everything to us.

On **Holy Saturday**, we had a Holy Liturgy in the morning, and at 11:30 pm that evening we began the Easter morning service. The Epi-





which Fr. Milan held, received congratulations and left for their homes.

Resurrection of Christ is the happiest and most victorious Holiday; luckily it began exactly like that. Beautiful day, church full of people, the altar was full of altar boys, Fr. Milan and Fr. Stevan began the Easter Divine Liturgy, and while they're censoring the altar, they're chanting verses from the Paschal morning service.

Nick and Luka Kosanovich and Julianna Mistovich read the Antiphones.

Teodora Krstic and Julianna Mistovich read the epistle, in both English and Serbian. Happiness on everyone's face shows how much this Holiday truly means to every Christian soul.

At the end of the service, the priest

taphios was brought into the altar near the beginning of the service, and after that we began a procession around the church. At the end, after going around the church three times, the priest began the service on the steps outside the front doors. Fr. Milan sang the appropriate verses and the choir responded each time by singing the response of "Christ is risen from the dead, trembling down death by death, and upon those in the tomb, bestowing life!" After knocking thrice on the church doors, the doors open, and we were greeted with: Christ is Risen! The response of the people in the church was heard: Indeed He is Risen!, and then a procession followed the priests into the church. At this time the paschal matins continued, and at the end, the priest blessed the Easter eggs and bread, which the faithful Christians had brought. Everyone came up to kiss the Cross and Gospel



read the patriarch's message and blessed the Easter eggs and bread once again.

It's been taught in all orthodox churches that the parishioners bring in the Easter eggs and bread that they prepared at home to church so the priest can bless them before they use them, and then they take them home and eat them along with the rest of the Easter meal they have prepared.

### GOLF TORUNAMENT

The Annual Golf tournament is something that has become a tradition for our church. There's a large number of golfers, not just from ours but other parishes too, which shows that no matter what sport we play, Serbs are unstoppable.

Morning gathering in the clubhouse "Black Hawk" golf course, and the good weather and clear sky was promising that





it would be a good time.

And it was. Everyone was happy, full of jokes; we all sat in our carts and waited our turn.

Surrounded by beautiful nature, space, peace and quiet, and an occasional yell here and there, there's nothing more you could ever want.

Competition?

Who cares!

Hanging out and spending time with each player is what makes golf an intriguing sport.

Thank God, the weather was good to us, and we successfully ended our game.

After that we all went back to the center for dinner, which was prepared for us by Bryan Chichester, trained chef and his crew. We all enjoyed an absolutely delicious dinner and we continued to hang out, while awards were given out. The best players were lauded, and most importantly, we all want to go again next year.

## FOOD FESTIVAL

The Serbian Food Festival May 16th and 17th, in Aliquippa is something that is awaited for months.

Not only Serbian people, but also anyone around that knows what truly good food and sincere hospitality is, know that the right place to find it is at the St. Elijah Center.

Our parishioners prepare for weeks, so that they welcome all guests with a plethora of food.

Careful preparation of the Serbian food, and very careful measures of all ingredients, which gives our food its special taste, is what all those who prepare are most worried about. The impression we leave is very important, very memorable, and positive. And with respect toward our guests, it's what gives us as organizers strength for all that stress around



the preparation.

The only way for us to know if we succeeded is through our guests, and sure enough immediately after the doors of the center opened we received our first orders.

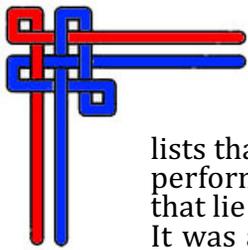
And the line went on and on, emptying out the dishes with food and exchanging with newly stocked ones, on and on like that... until late that night.

On Sunday, right after the holy liturgy, the doors of the center were opened once again, and the fact that we ran out of some food from the previous day shows us that we did well. Bravo!

## PENTECOST MEMORIAL SATURDAY

Pentecost Memorial Saturday began with a holy liturgy in the chapel. After that, Fr. Milan served a parastos for all of those who passed and lay in the cemetery and for those on the





lists that many had given him. Then he went to perform a pomen at the graves for the people that lie there.

It was a very hot day, but it didn't stop many people from coming out for a service and asking father to perform a pomen for their loved lost ones.

Let's not forget, by remembering our lost ones, and reading a prayer for them, we're showing God and them that we haven't forgotten them and they're always in our hearts.

Let that small gift we can give to them make their stay even more beautiful in the Heavenly Kingdom.

**PENTECOST**

50 days after Easter is **Pentecost**.

That is the day when the Christian church was established. The day when the Holy Spirit came down appearing in the form of



**CORNERSTONE MEN'S CLUB PICNIC**

From very early that morning of June 6th, when men were preparing for the men's picnic, the pigs and lamb that Alex and his team prepared were letting off wonderful smells, which would later on bring plenty of Serbs from all over, who would never want to miss it.

Around 2 o'clock in the afternoon, they begin to form lines by Rich to buy tickets. Dan Baron and his team were cutting and measuring the meat making sure they don't leave anyone unsatisfied.

Soon enough the music arrives, and the fun had begun.

And it went on all afternoon.

We're hoping that this experience will happen again on August 8th.

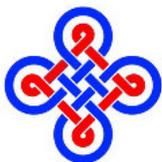


"cloven tongues of fire", on the heads of the Apostles; the day when they went around the world to spread the word of God.

That's the day that nature and all greens are reborn, that's the time when we as people in our hearts have to renew our promise to God that we're with Him and for as long as we have Him as our leader and guide, we know that everything is possible through Him.

That day in all orthodox churches, after the holy liturgy, we begin with the evening service, where the priest kneels and reads prayers praying for God's blessing for parishioners, and all of those who need his grace.

During the prayers, the faithful people in the church also kneel, and make wreaths or crosses out of the grass that was brought into the church and given to everyone.





**FYI**  
**ANNUAL DUES**

Annual Dues are being collected. They are payable each Sunday following Divine Liturgy or you may mail your check, card and a stamped self - addressed envelope to:

St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church  
2200 Irwin Street  
Aliquippa, PA 15001  
Attention: Financial Secretary

In order to be a member in good standing, your dues must be paid by June 1st.

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF OUR CHURCH BUT SHOULD BE?**

Why not obtain an application from the Financial Secretary and sign them up today!  
Requirements for membership are:

- Must be 18 years of age
- Must be baptized Orthodox
- Must belong or originally belonged to our parish boundaries.

**MEMBERSHIPS**

Voting Members (male or female)...\$150  
Orthodox women all benefits "except voting/holding office" ...\$75  
Students 18 and older and attending college...\$2 Military...\$2

\*\*\*Please note once you turn 18 you need to fill out an application to the church; you no longer come under your parent's membership.

**ARE YOU MOVING**

Please let us know as soon as possible so that your envelopes or any correspondence will not be delayed getting to you.

**WE HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS:** [stelijah@comcast.net](mailto:stelijah@comcast.net)

**WE HAVE A WEBSITE ADDRESS TOO!** Check it out!  
If you miss church the Sunday bulletin can be found here!  
[www.stelijahserbianorthodoxchurchaliquippa.com](http://www.stelijahserbianorthodoxchurchaliquippa.com)

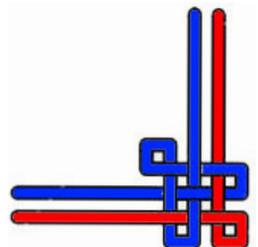
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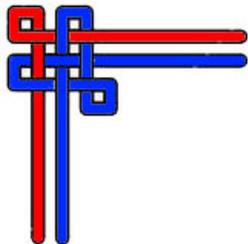
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**SAINT ELIJAH SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH  
CORNERSTONE MENS CLUB**

**LAST PICNIC OF THE SUMMER**



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

Please join the Cornerstone Men's Club for good  
Food, Fun, Friendship,  
and good old  
Serbian Music and Dancing!

**St. Elijah Picnic Grounds STARTING AT 2:00 P.M**

“Specializing in our

“Hot Barbecued Lamb / Pig”

Orchestra – Dan, Doki and Prsti

Donations of Baked Goods will be appreciated!



## KSS NEWS

The KCC meetings are held the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. We are always looking for new members. We are currently making noodles on Tuesdays and we are always in need of help! If you would like to come and donate a few hours of your time please contact chairperson Paulette Arbutina at 724-774-7835. If you need noodles you may place your order with her also.

Patty Cekoric is the chairperson for nut roll, poppy seed rolls and apricot rolls. We introduced apricot- nut and lekvar rolls at the May Food Festival and many of our customers complimented our new selections.

We will celebrate our eighty-third Krsna Slava Sveta Petka on Tuesday, October 27th. Holy Confession will be heard at 9:00 a.m. and Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:30 p.m. Followed by a parastos for all of our dearly departed sisters. We will have the cutting of the Slavski Kolach. As tradition, we will proceed to the American Serbian Club where our delicious lunch will be served.

Our Annual Christmas Bake Sale will be held in December. This is a pre-order, pre-pay bake sale and it is becoming quite successful. Please call the church center office to request an order form to be sent to you. All orders and payments must be received no later than Sunday, November 15, 2015. Pick-up will be on Saturday, December 12, 2015 from 10 am-1 pm.

## ST. ELIJAH CHOIR NEWS

Our St. Elijah Choir is busy rehearsing once again for our Annual Concert on September 19, 2015. Our concert guests for the weekend are:

Petar Krstich Choir- Steubenville, Ohio, Dr. Laza Kostich Choir- Midland, Holy Trinity Cathedral Choir- Pittsburgh and the Czarica Milica Female Choir. This should be an entertaining concert! For your listening and dancing pleasure we will once again have the orchestra DRUSTVO. Concert/dinner/dance tickets are still just \$25.

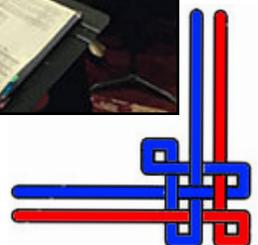
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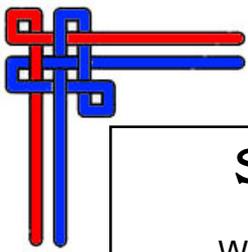
Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to our Stephanie August who married Matt Stagl on Saturday, July 25th Stephanie has been an active member of the choir for over 10 years. Ziveli na mnogaja ljeta!

We sent get well wishes to several of our choir members who were in the hospital recently:

Moe Arbutina, Adam Loverich, and Joe Zavada it is great to have them back singing in the choir loft once again.

Our CD is still available email [praise.ye.st.elijah@gmail.com](mailto:praise.ye.st.elijah@gmail.com) to place an order or you may see Cheryl Leydig following Divine Liturgy to make a purchase donation is just \$15.00.





## ST. ELIJAH CORNERSTONE MEN'S CLUB

We would like to send a great big "Thank You!" out to all those who attended, baked and worked for our June 6th picnic and hope that you had an enjoyable time.

Our next and final picnic of the year will be held on August 8th beginning at 2pm. and we are looking forward to seeing all of you there. We will have our usual delicious hot lamb and pig, slow roasted on a spit along with food from the kitchen. And don't forget the baked goods and plenty of refreshments. Please come and enjoy some fellowship and listen to the music provided by Doki, Dan and Prsti.

Our Men's club membership is very small now and we are always looking for new members. Our monthly meetings are short, we all get along and get the job done, what's not to enjoy? If interested, you can see any member for an application. Not able to join right now? Maybe you can just lend a helping hand for the upcoming picnic by helping at a work session or baking for the picnic. Any help will be appreciated.

Alex Brnjilovic – President  
John Tomei – Vice President  
Bob Baron – Treasurer  
Rich Chesla – Secretary

*Thank You!*

Dear Ladies,

I would like to thank all of you that came to my bridal shower for making the day more memorable with your smiles and happy wishes. As I'm sure all of you saw, my mother did an amazing job cooking and baking and setting everything up. It was more beautiful than anything I could have imagined. With the help of my hardworking bridesmaids, friends, and future mother-in-law, she managed to prepare food that was better than any catering we could

have ordered and welcome you all with warm hospitality.

So many of you came and it was so exciting!

I got about 200 hugs and so many beautiful wishes and prayers that this next big step in my life may be filled with happiness and love. And as if that wasn't enough, you showered me with generous gifts that meant so much to me, as they are what I will build my first home with and help me feel comfortable and cozy in place that is four hours away from my parents.

I haven't been here long but you all made me feel like I grew up with you and as though I've known you forever and that kind of love and kindness is priceless.

Thank you for making an already exciting day so much more memorable.

You all mean a lot to me and I can't wait to see your faces in church every time I visit my parents!

Love, Jefimija (soon to be) Kuljanin





ST. ELIJAH CHOIR WISHES TO EXTEND A MOST HEART-FELT  
 "CONGRATULATIONS" TO ST. ELIJAH CHURCH FAMILY ON THE OCCASION,  
 OF OUR "101<sup>ST</sup> SLAVA"! "ZIVELI"!!!



*Have you purchased your copy of our CD "Praise Ye"? There are still copies available  
 please contact any choir member to make your purchase.*

♪♪ OUR 85TH ANNUAL CONCERT will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2015  
 we promise an evening full of fun, music, dancing, culinary delights and the very best  
 hospitality. Please join us! ♪♪

*Doors open at 4:30 p.m.; Delicious dinner buffet at 5:00 p.m.*

Concert begins at 6:30 p.m.  
 Dance starts at approximately 8:00 p.m.

*Dinner, Concert, Dance - Donation \$25.00 Concert/Dance Donation - \$10.00 Dance  
 Only Donation - \$5.00*

Dinner reservations are a must! Please call before Monday, September 14th : 724-375-9894

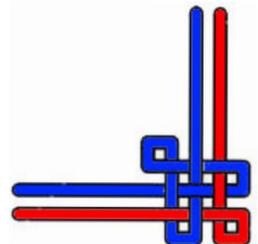
We are proud and excited to share our anniversary with the following talented choirs:  
 Petar Krstich Choir- Steubenville, Ohio  
 Dr. Laza Kostich Choir- Midland  
 Holy Trinity Cathedral Choir- Pittsburgh  
 Czarica Milica Female Choir

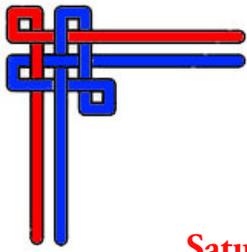


For Your Listening and Dancing Pleasure: **DRUSTVO!**



Please join us for a wonderful evening!





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# 18th Annual Serbian Food Festival

Saturday – Oct. 3rd 11 AM to 7 PM

Sunday-Oct 4th 12 noon to 4 PM

St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church Center  
2200 Main Street, Aliquippa, PA 15001 (724)-375-9894

## Featured Menu Items: (While quantities last)

Lamb  
Lamb Sandwich

BONELESS BBQ Lamb  
¼ # lamb on a bun



Gibanica  
Cevaps & Pljeskavica

Cheese Casserole  
Grilled Seasoned Serbian Sausage  
and Hamburgers Hot Off the Grills

Burek  
Sarman  
Chicken  
Rice Pilaf  
Green Beans  
Mashed Potatoes  
Cabbage & Noodles  
Serbian Potato Salad  
Serbian Cole Slaw  
Serbian Salad

Dough filled with seasoned meat  
Serbian “pigs in a blanket”  
½ Roasted to perfection at our BBQ pit  
Our own delicious specialty  
Serbian style  
With a few secret ingredients  
Cabbage/onions seasoning and butter  
Potatoes, onions, vinegar & olive oil  
Slaw, vinegar, olive oil  
Cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers,  
onions, vinegar, olive oil

### SOUPS

Gra i Kupus  
Chicken Noodle Soup  
Coffee

Beans & Sauerkraut Soup  
With homemade noodles

sm. Lg.  
sm. Lg.  
free refills

## Sample of Pastries Sold at Our Bake sale: VARIOUS PRICES

Pogaca  
Palacinke  
Pitas  
Nut rolls/Poppy Seed  
Strudel  
Tortas

Round Bread  
Serbian crepes filled with cheese  
Fruit filled squares  
Nut/ and Poppy seed filled rolls  
Apple/cheese  
Our specialty cakes- Light and Fluffy in sev-  
eral varieties  
All made the old fashioned way  
Homemade noodles



~Basket Raffle Too~ Donated Themed Gift Baskets of \$50 or more are greatly appreciated!  
Please bring them to the Center Friday, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>





**July 13, 2015 (Baltimore, MD)**

One thousand miles separate Syria and Serbia, but the desperation to flee their war-torn country is driving thousands of refugees from Syria, as well as some from Afghanistan and other countries to make the long and dangerous journey. Their trek is a combination of boats, buses, trains, and walking. Many land in Greece first. From there, they head north on foot, walking hundreds of miles through the Balkans to the European Union. In the past six months, more than 37,000 refugees have endured rough terrain, temperatures hovering near 100 degrees, a lack of food and water, and violent attacks from predatory gangs along the way to reach Serbia.

According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Serbia is receiving by far the largest percentage of refugees seeking international protection in southeastern Europe. The refugees are using the route through Serbia to reach their desired final destination of Western Europe. Now Serbian authorities face an emerging crisis as they struggle to care for the growing masses of exhausted, hungry, and injured refugees making the arduous journey to hoped-for asylum.

International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), from its office in Belgrade, is on the ground responding to the urgent needs of the Syrian refugees in southern Serbia with food assistance and logistical support. Working in cooperation with the Serbian Orthodox Church and the Red Cross of Serbia, IOCC is providing support for more than 3,500 meals per day for refugees and local people in need from the towns of Bujanovac and Preševo. IOCC is also assessing the current situation to determine if additional assistance is needed for the refugees.

In Greece, IOCC, an ACT Alliance member, is also extending relief to the refugees as they land on the island of Chios. IOCC is providing Syrian refugees arriving at the Greek immigration reception center with access to improved shower and sanitation facilities and distributing hygiene kits so that they can take care of their personal hygiene in privacy and with dignity. IOCC is providing immediate and ongoing humanitarian assistance to families in need who have endured four years of Syria's brutal civil war. Since 2012, IOCC has responded with relief to three million people displaced inside Syria, or living as refugees in Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Armenia, Greece, and now Serbia.



#### HOW YOU CAN HELP

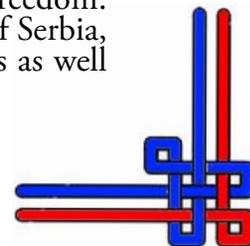
You can help the victims of poverty and conflicts around the world by making a financial gift to the IOCC International Emergency Response Fund which will provide immediate relief, as well as long-term support through the provision of emergency aid, recovery assistance and other support to help those in need. To make a gift, please visit [ioccc.org](http://ioccc.org) or call toll free at 1-877-803-IOCC (4622), or mail a check or money order payable to IOCC, P.O. Box 17398, Baltimore, MD 21297.

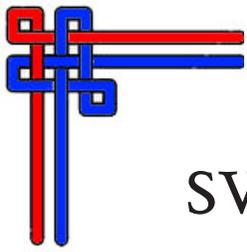
#### ABOUT INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES

IOCC is the official humanitarian aid agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America. Since its inception in 1992, IOCC has delivered \$534 million in relief and development programs to families and communities in more than 50 countries. IOCC is a member of the ACT Alliance, a global coalition of more than 140 churches and agencies engaged in development, humanitarian assistance and advocacy, and a member of InterAction, the largest alliance of U.S.-based secular and faith-based organizations working to improve the lives of the world's most poor and vulnerable populations. To learn more about IOCC, visit [ioccc.org](http://ioccc.org). Media contact: Rada K. Tierney, IOCC Media Relations, 443-823-3489, [rtierney@ioccc.org](mailto:rtierney@ioccc.org)

#### PHOTO CAPTION

Syrian refugees gather outside of the police station in Presevo, Serbia, where they are waiting to be registered for assistance. Many have traveled more than 1,000 miles in their flight to freedom. IOCC, in cooperation with Red Cross of Serbia, is providing meals to the weary travelers as well as to local people in need.





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# SVETA PETKA KOLO SRPSKIH SEŠTARA



## Eighty-third Anniversary and Krsna Slava

Tuesday, October 27, 2015 Holy Confession - 9:00 am Divine Liturgy - 9:30 am

Following Liturgy a Parastos will be held for all of our dearly departed sisters,  
followed by the Cutting of the Slavski Kolach

**BISA AND STEPHANIE KOVACEVIC  
WILL BE THE HONORED KUMOVI FOR OUR SLAVA**

Banquet to follow at the *AMERICAN SERBIAN CLUB*

*LET US- Honor our Saint Sveta Petka*

*LET US-pray for the souls of our departed sisters*

*LET US-show respect for our Kuma*

*LET US-confirm our love and support to our dedicated sisters of Sveta Petka*

**ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!**

For reservations contact Kathy Loverich 724-375-9894 OR Diane Baron 724-378-8979  
or see her following Divine Liturgy





The ST. ELIJAH CHURCH WILL SPONSOR A

# SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

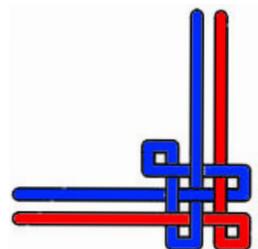
On SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>  
From NOON until 6:00 p.m.

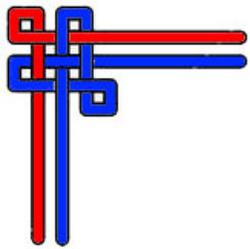


*Dine in/ or take-out*

Donation: \$10.00  
All proceeds to benefit the  
**Church Center Relief Fund**

**Your support will be greatly appreciated!**





Eli Rebich was born on August 26, 1932 on Green Street in Aliquippa. The son of Eli and Bertha Rebich he had two sisters Mildred and Dorothy and five brothers Pete, Nick, Sam, Duchin and Mike. He attended Center Elementary and Monaca High School and graduated in 1952.

Football was one of his sports. He entered the army in 1953 and took combat engineer training during the Korean War. He graduated from Garfield Business Institute of Beaver Falls majoring in Accounting and Business Administration in July 1957.

Eli has been a member of the Lion's Club for forty years. Lions International gave aid for the flood victims in Serbia in the amount of \$70,000 and to Serbia Bosnia Croats. Beaver Falls Lions gave \$1000 as well. Lion's members from nearby countries came to our aid also. He was District Governor for five counties with over 1500 lion members for his District.

Eli's wife Alice died in 2000. He has a son Todd and a daughter-in-law Michelle and two lovely granddaughters Allison and Faith. He was past president of St. George Serbian Orthodox Church in Midland in 1997.

Kum Eli was in the beverage business for 40 years; in 1985 he was in a very severe automobile accident which left him disabled for many years.

Kum Eli attends church regularly, donates generously, and is a great supporter of the St. Elijah Church Choir.

Kum Eli is very honored and grateful to be selected as Kum for our church this year.

Ziveli na mnogaja ljeta!



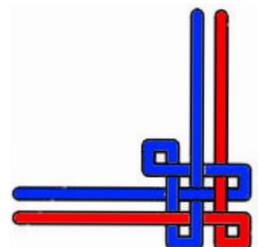


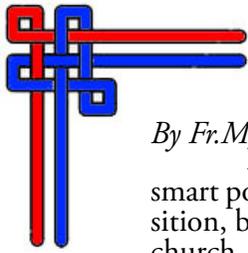
Sam Rebich was born July 21, 1927 on Green Street in Aliquippa. Sam attended Aliquippa High School and in 12th grade he joined the Marine Corp and his basic training was held in Paris Island, South Carolina. Sam was transferred to Camp La June, North Carolina. He was processed and shipped to North China. Sam was in the 1st Marine Division and after the war was over, he stayed for an additional year supporting Chiang Kai-Shek. It was the first Marine division known as the "China Marines". Every year the China Marines get together and have a reunion and an annual banquet in a different city.

After Sam's discharge from the Marines he then graduated from Aliquippa High School. Sam worked in the J&L Blacksmith department for 15 years as the head Blacksmith. He left J&L to manage Penn Beverage as President for forty years.

In 2013 when our church bells needed to be replaced Sam as well as his brothers Eli and Duchin generously donated the new church bells in memory of their late brothers Mike, Nick and Peter Rebich. Kum Sam can be found in one of the front pews, with his brother Eli every Sunday.

May God grant Kum Sam many more years! Ziveo!





By Fr. Milan

### SUMMER CAMP

Looking into the future is done by every smart politician, every smart leader in whatever position, but mostly when it comes to a parent and a church.

As children grow older, parents try their hardest to make sure their kids have a wonderful future with good discipline and good schools. I'm separating education from discipline because unfortunately today's school systems all over the world don't give teachers the chance to also discipline the children, and that's why in school, children mostly just get education, and they get discipline at home.

Every parent is ready to do everything they can to give their child a chance at a good school, and secure them a good future.

The church, like one big family, participates with parents in disciplining the children; and by teaching the children Christian values, we prepare the kids to be good people.



thing, they have fun, and get to know each other better.

This year, camp started on a Monday morning at 9 am, it began with prayers in the church, followed by breakfast, and then Fr. Milan had a talk with the children about the camp theme; "Serbs have talent". After that, Adam Loverich showed them a film about our famous scientist Mihajlo Pupin. Later on, the kids had lunch and then they all went bowling. Then, at the end of the day, they all came back to the church for evening prayers and they all went home afterward. The second day, the kids went to the movie theater with Diane Knapp and Linda Mistovich, and after that, they went back to the church where Mim Bizic gave a wonderful presentation with many pictures and stories about the great history of Serbia, and many of our talented Serbs. Later, they said evening prayers and everyone went home.

On the third day, in the afternoon, Julianne Taylor and Kathy Loverich organized a craft for the



Our church, St. Elijah, which has had hundreds of kids over the years, has always been prepared for that, and thankfully because of that, we have a church full of people who have stepped up to help take care of things concerning it.

For a long time, thanks to the idea of Fr. Stevan and many of the board members, our church has a summer camp for the kids of our church.

Today's parish is much smaller than it used to be. Because of jobs, many have moved away to different parts of the country where they go to other churches, but the church summer camp is still here.

Even though there are fewer people here, the teachers and mother's club still put in work like before, and the camp is very successful.

Every year, the camp themes change. But the basic idea stays, that the kids are taught some-





As soon as we got back, we said evening prayers, and after that, camp was over.

The great efforts put into this all to secure that the kids: Nick Kosanovich, Eli Kosanovich, Luka Kosanovich, Elijah Sklack, Alexander Taylor, Julianna Mistovich, Kathrine Sabek, Noah Sye, Julia Knapp, Alyssa Knapp, Mark Knapp, Teodora Krstic, Rachel Mamula and Richard Mamula, have a successful camp experience, is all because of: Mildred Snyder, Diane Knapp, Susan Mamula, Adam Loverich, Juliann Taylor, Kathy Loverich, Linda Mistovich, Mimi Bizic, Seya Mabee, Marlene Maravich and Protinica Sava.

We hope that those who didn't take advantage this year, reconsider and try to bring their kids to camp next year, so that all the kids can have yet another great experience.

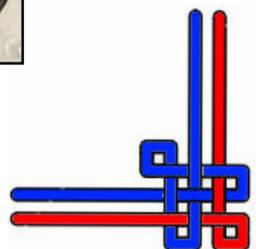
kids to do, and after that, Linda Mistovich invited the campers to go over to their house to play games. Then they all went back to the church for evening prayers and went home.

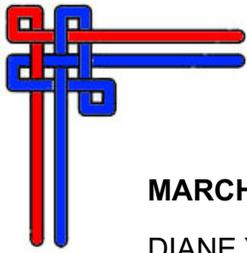
On the fourth day, after breakfast, Fr. Milan showed and explained to the kids some short clips of many monasteries in Serbia, and after lunch, they all went to visit the monastery of the Holy Transfiguration in Ellwood City.

There, Mother Paula and Abbess Mother Christophora awaited them. Because of how welcoming they all were, the campers felt comfortable at the monastery.

Mother Paula explained the history of the monastery, and then the abbess came and spoke about the monastic life. After that, there was a service, "Hours", and then the campers went to the gift shop, and went back to the church.

A beautiful experience like that is something the kids will remember forever, I'm sure.





SPECIAL DONATIONS FROM  
MARCH 1<sup>st</sup> THROUGH JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>

**MARCH 1, 2015**

DIANE YANCHIK 50  
IMO HUSBAND PETE YANCHIK

**MARCH 8, 2015**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF FRED MILLER SUBMITTED BY THE FAMILY

ROBERT/DIANE BARON 25  
TED BELICH 20  
PAT CEKORIC 20  
MICKEY PALMER 25  
PHILIPS 35  
GARY STITELER 40  
M/M DENNIS VALASIC 50  
DOLLY/LISA/DALE TIA AND JIM GROSSER  
MILKA VUCETICH 25

IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOHN KORDOWSKI SUBMITTED BY THE FAMILY

ALBIN/DIANA/ABRAMOVICH AND SON 20  
TED BELICH 20  
MARY LOVERICH 10  
MILKA PESUT 25  
DJORDJO POPOVICH 20  
CLYDE/JOYCE SCURSATONE 25

SAM BULAT 50  
IMO PETE YANCHIK

DIANE IANNINI 25  
IMO DAD 9 YEARS 3/12/15

ALICIA KOLEDIN 20  
IMO JOVANKA KOLEDIN

ELAINE LORICH 10  
IMO HUSBAND DAN LORICH ON HIS BIRTHDAY 2/23

MARY LOVERICH 10  
IMO NADINE ROBBINS

VIOLET SMOLANOVICH 20  
IMO SISTER ANNIE S RICHARDS 2/16/08

GEORGE SUDER 30  
IMO MARY SHEPEL

**MARCH 16, 2015**

CHERYL LUFKIN 100  
IMO WILLIAM ROBBINS

CHERYL LUFKIN 100

IMO BABA SAVA BRDAR

CHERYL LUFKIN 100  
IMO PETER LUFKIN

ALBERT/CAROL RADULOVICH 50  
IMO FATHER AND GRANDFATHER STANLEY (BOOMIE) MANOJLOVICH

CARSON ROBBINS 100  
IMO BABA SAVA BRDAR

CARSON ROBBINS 100  
IMO FATHER WILLIAM ROBBINS

**MARCH 22, 2015**

ROBERT/DIANE BARON 20  
IMO MILE VUCETICH CENTER RELIEF

PATRICIA CEKORIC 100  
IMO MARY AND THOMAS CEKORIC

CHERYL LUFKIN 100  
IMO SON JOHN KORDOWSKI

NELL/DALE/TIM MUKANOS 20  
IMO HUSBAND AND FATHER SPYROS MUKANOS

DIANA MC CONAUGHY 25  
IMO PETE YANCHIK

CARSON ROBBINS 100  
IMO ROY/OLGA CHERAN AND JOHN KORDOWSKI

**MARCH 23, 2015**

DOROTHY BRDAR 50  
IMO JOHN KORDOWSKI

LAURIE JOVON 25  
IMO JOHN KORDOWSKI

MELANIE KOMAZEC 25  
IMO BROTHER STEVE CREVAR JR

CHERYL LUFKIN 100  
IMO SON JOHN KORDOWSKI

M/M MITCH MENCANIN 20  
IMO SIMO RADOVICH AND DAN BIELICH

CARSON ROBBINS 100  
IMO JOHN KORDOWSKI

JOHN/VIOLET TOMEI 20  
IMO SON JON TOMEI ON HIS BIRTHDAY



**MARCH 28, 2015****IN LOVING MEMORY OF STOJAN KOVACEVIC  
SUBMITTED BY THE FAMILY**

MIM/NICK/DANA/JOCEY BIZIC 50  
 M/M NICK BRUICH 40  
 MICHAEL/MARIANNE GEDMAN 20  
 DIANE KNAPP 20  
 M/M NICK MISTOVICH 25  
 M/M MILAN MRKAL 15  
 M/M GEORGE VOLITICH 25  
 MARK ZATEZALO FAMILY /JENNIE ZAKOVICH  
 30  
 DOROTHY MINICH 20  
 MITZA/MARKO TRBOVICH 25  
 DAN MAXIN 30

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF BOB KOVACEVIC  
SUBMITTED BY THE FAMILY**

ALBIN/DIANA ABRAMOVICH 20  
 YVONNE/JOHN BAKER 20  
 MIM BIZIC 20  
 M/M PAUL DUSENBERRY 20  
 RANDY/ANNA MARIE GLEASON 25  
 CHESTER/IRENE HAYDEN 20  
 KUMОВI GREGG/DIANE KNAPP 50  
 DOROTHY KOVACEVIC 50  
 M/M JERMAH LYONS 50  
 M/M NICK MISTOVICH 20  
 ELI/JOYCE/SOFIA/ELI MARAVICH (KUMОВI)  
 100  
 M/M MICKEY MRKAL 20  
 CHARLES/MARLENE MARAVICH 50  
 NADINE/ MICHAEL E MARAVICH 100  
 MICHELE RANICH 20  
 MARIE REBICH 20  
 M/M STEVE RODICH 20  
 TONI RODICH 50  
 JOHN/PATTY SERGEANT 35  
 DAVE/DOROTHY/ELIJAH SKLACK 40  
 MILDRED SNYDER 15  
 GEORGE/ SHIRLEY TADICH 20  
 M/M JOVAN VUKMARAVICH 100  
 GEORGE/MARLENE VOLITICH 100 (KUMОВI)  
 GEORGE/SONDRA KUSIC 100  
 KUMA VALERIE BACKO 50  
 BOB/NANCY TOPICH 25  
 RAY/SHIRLY POPOVICH 25  
 GEORGE/BARBARA TOPICH 25  
 NINO/MILANA KARAS 25  
 DAN MAXIN 30  
 ART/LOUISE RODICH 50  
 M/M MICHAEL WUCHENICH 50  
 M/M DAN KOBALY 10  
 MIKE/ANNA KAMINSKI 20

**MARCH 31, 2015**

BESSIE BRATICH 25  
 IMO THEODOR VUCENICH

BESSIE BRATICH 10  
 IMO FRED MILLER

MELVA CYANOVICH 10  
 IMO IVANA PUSHAK

DOROTHY KOVACEVIC 25  
 IMO MILO MAROVICH

LARRY/MILANA MILOSH 50  
 IMO SAM MILANOVICH SR

JOAN NAIRN 10  
 IMO FATHER SAM RADOVICH

M/M ELI PEICH 50  
 IMO KUMA IVANA PUCHAK

NADIA PRISUTA 50  
 IMO MILO BE PRISUTA

DAN RADA KOVICH 100  
 IMO MOTHER ANA/FATHER NICK/ BROTHER  
 GEORGE AND WIFE DONNA

ROSE RESANOVICH 25  
 IMO ROBERT KOVACEVIC

JOANN SEMOVOSKI 20  
 IMO DAD NICK MRAOVICH

MARION TAYLOR 25  
 IMO PARENTS GEORGE/SMILYA MARAVICH  
 FOR EASTER

MIKE VIGNOVICH 25  
 IMO THEODORE VUCENICH

**APRIL 10, 2015**

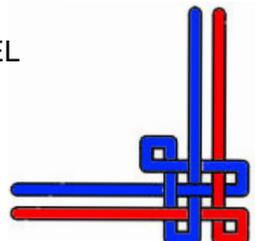
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 IMO THOMAS AND MARY CEKORIC

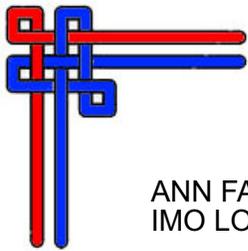
M/M STEPHEN KATEKOVICH 50  
 IMO BROTHER TED SUDER JR

DOROTHY KOVACEVIC 20  
 IMO STOJAN KOVACEVIC

STELLA MRAOVICH 20  
 IMO GRANDSON ERIC SEMOVOSKI 4/9/06

SYLVIA/RON MICHIC 35  
 IMO GRANDMOTHER MATUSHKA ETHEL  
 KARAFFA





ANN FAGAN 50  
IMO LOVED ONES

BARBARA SAHAR  
IMO SERGEI TUDAY

STEVAN STOJANOVIC MOKRANJAC CHOIR  
250  
IMO STOJAN KOVACEVIC

CARSON ROBBINS 100  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF SAVA BRDAR

JOANN SEMOVOSKI 50  
IMO SON ERIC SEMOVOSKI

**APRIL 16, 2015**

PETE BELICH 25  
IMO MOTHER MARY E BELICH

ANN LOUISE CLAY 10  
IMO LOVED ONES

MILDRED KORPASH 10  
IMO LOVED ONES

PETE BELICH 100  
IMO PETE/MARY BELICH FOR EASTER

**APRIL 20, 2015**

ROBERT/DIANE BARON 30 EASTER  
IMO LOVED ONES

ROBERT/DIANE BARON 50  
IMO FATHER'S GEORGE BARON AND MILE  
VUCETICH

ANN BALJAK 50  
IMO MARY/ELI/& BROTHER GEORGE

M/M NICK BRUICH 100  
IMO PARENTS CHARLES/VIOLA BRUICH AND  
RADOVAN IGNATOVICH

BARB BUFFALINI 30  
IMO GEORGE/FRANCES KOZLINA

CAROLE MARAVICH 25  
IMO PARENTS NICK AND ANN MARAVICH

MELISSA HENNESSY 50  
IMO PARENTS JOHN/SARA MUSOLIN

MELISSA HENNESSY 50  
IMO MOM SARA MUSOLIN

GEORGIANNA KROSS 100

IMO PARENTS GEORGE/FRANCES KOZLINA  
EASTER

HELEN LINKOVICH 20  
IMO SISTER SARA MUSOLIN

PETE MILICH 50 EASTER  
IMO ALL DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS

STELLA MRAOVICH 25  
IMO VUJO/ANNA POLOJAC

MILEVA MERVIS 10  
IMO SISTER SARA MUSOLIN

M/M ELI PEICH 50 EASTER  
IMO HELEN PEICH

MILO/LJUBE PRISUTA 100 EASTER  
IMO MILO B PRISUTA

DAN RADAKOVICH 100 EASTER  
IMO ANNA/NICK/GEORGE AND DONNA  
RADAKOVICH

LUANN THOMPSON 100  
IMO GRANDPARENTS NCIK/ANNA  
RADAKOVICH AND PETE AND LUBI BELICH

JOANN SEMOVOSKI 30  
IMO SON ERIC SEMOVOSKI

**APRIL 24, 2015**

DOROTHY BARON 25  
IMO HUSBAND GEORGE –EASTER

DOROTHY BRATICH 25  
IMO BELOVED HUSBAND RODY BRATICH

RODNA BRATICH 25  
IMO PRECIOUS FATHER RODY BRATICH

MARTY RADULOVICH 50 EASTER  
IMO LOVED ONES

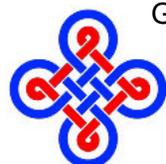
MILLIE YANUZZI 20 EASTER  
IMO RAY YANUZZI/PETE/BEATRICE AND SAM  
MERVOSH

**APRIL 29, 2015**

SAM BULAT 50  
IMO TEODOR/ANGELINE BULAT

MARKO/DESA TOMICH 50  
IMO STOJAN KOVACEVIC

DIANE HARMON 20  
IMO NICK AND ANN TORBICH





DIANE IANNINI 50 EASTER  
IMO LOVED ONES

M/M STEPHEN KATEKOVICH 100 EASTER  
IMO TODE/HELEN AND TED SUDER JR

ELAINE LORICH 20 EASTER  
IMO BELOVED HUSBAND DAN LORISH

MARY LOVERICH 20 EASTER  
IMO HUSBAND JOHN LOVERICH

NADINE MARAVICH 25 EASTER  
IMO HUSBAND ELI MARAVICH

NADINE MARAVICH 25  
IMO HUSBAND ELI 1 YEAR MAY1 ST, 2014

NADINE MARAVICH 25  
IMO OUR MOTHERS MRS. HELEN TOPICH  
AND MRS SOKA MARAVICH

KAREN MCNARY/ ANDREA MILLIKEN 25  
EASTER  
IMO PARENTS DOROTHY AND ANDREW  
YANCHIK

MARGARET FALTENOVICH 40  
IMO JOHN KORDOWSKI AND MIKE KLAICH

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS FROM SOUTH  
WESTERN PLACE 25  
IMO MILKA MICHIC 25

MARK BRADICK 50  
IMO BOB KOVACEVIC

ROSE RESANOVICH 100 EASTER  
IMO HUSBAND ALEX RESANOVICH AND  
LOVED ONES MOM, DAD AND BROTHERS

GEORGE/MARLENE VOLITICH 20  
IMO JOANN TOMICH

M/M GEORGE WINOVICH 50  
IMO MARTHA REBICH

MRS/ SAM PERICH 25  
IMO SAM PERICH

MELANIE KOMAZEC 50  
IMO KATA/STEVO AND STEVE CREVAR JR  
EASTER

#### **MAY 4, 2015**

PAT CEKORIC 50  
IMO MARY CEKORIC

ANN FAGAN 100  
глас проποка

#### IMO LOVED ONES

ANN FAGAN 50  
IMO MARY RADOVICH AND SALLY ZERNICH  
RADOVICH

DIANE KOVACEVIC/DAUGHTER/SON AND  
FAMILIES 100  
IMO ROBERT KOVACEVIC

#### **MAY 13, 2015**

ALBIN/DIANA ABRAMOVICH 20  
IMO DAN PAICH SR

MATT ARBUTINA 25  
IMO DAN PAICH SR

DIANE/BOB BARON 20  
IMO DAN PAICH SR

VIOLET BENEDICT 25  
IMO DANICA RADANOVICH

MIM BIZIC 100 MOTHER'S DAY  
IMO LAURA KARLO/DOROTHY BIZIC/MILICA  
KLAICH/ANN MANOJLOVICH

CATHY COLEMAN 100  
IMO DAN PAICH SR

MELVA CYANOVICH 20  
IMO STOJAN KOVACEVICH AND ROBERT KO-  
VACEVIC

MILEVA CYANOVICH 15 MOTHER'S DAY  
IMO AMELIA STEPANOVICH AND MILDRED  
CYANOVICH

KATHY FEENSTRA 20 MOTHER'S DAY  
IMO NELL LAMPICH

MICHAEL/MARIANNE GEDMAN 50  
IMO FATHER GEORGE PEVAC

MELISSA HENNESSY 20  
IMO DAN PAICH SR

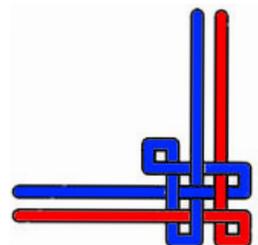
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IMO DAN PAICH SR

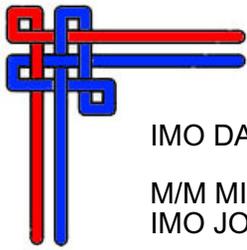
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IMO MOM ON MOTHER'S DAY

M/M STEPHEN KATAKOVICH 50  
IMO MOTHER HELEN KARAS SUDER

GEORGIANNA KROSS 50  
IMO MY MOM FRANCES KOZLINA

STELLA MRAOVICH 20  
август 2015





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IMO DAN PAICH SR

M/M MILAN MRKAL 20  
IMO JOYCE GILL

CHARLES/MARLENE MARAVICH 50  
IMO DAN PAICH SR

M/M MITCH MENCANIN 25  
IMO DOROTHY MENCANIN AND MARY  
RADOVICH

DAN/ANN MENICH 25  
IMO PARENTS STEVEN/RUZICA MENICH

MILEVA MERVIS 20  
IMO DAN PAICH SR

SYLVIA/RON MICHIC 50  
IMO MOTHERS IRENE KOWALCHICK AND  
ANNA MICHIC

MIRKO ARBUTINA 50  
IMO DAN PAICH SR

IMO DAN PAICH SR 20

SUSAN PRISUTA 50  
IMO SAM PRISUTA

GEORGE/YVONNE JERICH PAICH 100  
IMO DAN PAICH SR

ALBERT/CAROL RADULOVICH 100  
IMO MOTHERS MILDRED S MANOJLOVICH/IS-  
ABELLE RADULOVICH AND GRANDMOTHERS  
LJUBA SALAJA AND ETHEL FRIEDMAN

CARSON ROBBINS 500  
IMO A WONDERFUL MOTHER NADINE

CHERYL LUFKIN 100  
IMO NADINE ROBBINS

VIOLET SMOLANOVICH 25  
IMO SISTER MILDRED SMOLANOVICH 5/5/06

VIOLET SMOLANOVICH 100  
IMO PARENTS RADE/LUBA SMOLANOVICH  
AND SISTERS MILDRED/JENNIE/DOLLY AND  
BROTHERS NICK/MILTON/AND BOZIDAR

JOHN/VIOLET TOMEI 20  
IMO DAN PAICH SR

JOHN/VIOLET TOMEI 20  
IMO MOTHER AMELIA ZERNICH AND SISTERS  
SALLY, LOUISE, AND RUBY

ANN TURKOVICH 10  
IMO SAVA MUSULIN

ANN TURKOVICH 40  
IMO THE MUSULIN FAMILY

GEORGE/BEA VULA 10  
IMO BEATRICE MRVOSH AND MARY VULA

DALE VULA 10  
IMO GRANDMOTHERS BEATRICE MERVOSH  
AND MARY VULA

### **MAY 23, 2015**

MELISSA HENNESSY 50  
IMO MOTHER SARA MUSOLIN

MELANIE KOMAZEC 10  
IMO DEAR MOTHER KATA CREVAR

MELANIE KOMAZEC 25  
IMO KATA STEVO AND STEVE CREVAR JR

MILDRED KORPASH 10  
IMO MY MOTHER ON MOTHER'S DAY

EMILY LAMPICH 50  
IMO MOM NELL LAMPICH

PHILIP/ BETTY LALAEFF 20  
IMO MOTHER DOROTHY RONYECZ FROM  
BETTY

NATALIA PAICH 100  
IMO DAN PAICH SR

MARTY RADULOVICH 10  
IMO BROTHER MITCH TRIVANOVICH

MARTY RADULOVICH 20  
IMO MOTHER KATA GRKOVICH

VIOLET SMOLANOVICH 25  
IMO MOM LUBA SMOLANOVICH

### **MAY 25, 2015**

BARB BUFFALINI 10  
IMO GEORGE/FRANCES KOZLINA

NIKOLA COKIC 20  
IMO MILKA MICKEY MIJIC

MELISSA HENNESSY 25  
IMO MOTHER SARA MUSOLIN

MILKA KEIFER 50  
IMO MILKA MICKEY MIJIC

HELEN LINKOVICH 20  
IMO MOTHER MILICA LINKOVICH

M/M MITCH MENCANIN 20





IMO MOTHER DOROTHY MENCANIN

MILEVA MERVIS 20  
IMO MOTHER MILICA LINKOVICH

MILTON/JOHN SKARA 50  
IMO MILKA MICKEY MIJIC

HELEN MOLTAR 50  
IMO MILKA MICKEY MIJIC

JOAN NAIRN 10  
IMO DOROTHY MENCANIN

MILKA VUCETICH 25  
IMO MILKA MICKEY MIJIC

### MAY 30, 2015

SAM BULAT 20  
IMO MOTHER ANGELINE BULAT

SAM BULAT 20  
IMO BROTHER MIKE BULAT

DOROTHY KOVACEVIC 10  
IMO JOANN TOMICH

NELL KOZLINA 50  
IMO MOTHER ANA KOZLINA AND SISTER  
YOVY MANOLOVICH

EMILY LAMPICH 50  
IMO DAD ED LAMPICH ON FATHER'S DAY

BETTY MISTOVICH 20  
IMO MOTHERS ANA AND MARA

MICHELLE MCGREGOR 10  
IMO GRANDMOTHER DOROTHY BEILICH  
5/31/07

RON/SYLVIA MICHIC 35  
IMO MOTHER IRENE KOWALCHICK 31 YEARS  
JUNE 1ST

M/M DAMJAN MJANOVIC 100  
IMO MICKEY MIJIC

ROSE RESANOVICH 50  
IMO HUSBAND ALEX

BARB SAHAR 25  
IMO MOTHER IRENE KOWALCHICK

### JUNE 13, 2015

YVONNE BAKER 25  
IMO UNCLE BOB MERVIS

YVONNE BAKER 25

IMO MOTHER SARA MUSOLIN

MELISSA HENNESSY 25  
IMO UNCLE BOB MERVIS

HELEN LINKOVICH 25  
IMO STEVAN LINKOVICH

HELEN LINKOVICH 25  
IMO BOB MERVIS

MILEVA MERVIS 25  
IMO HUSBAND BOB MERVIS

DAVID LAZORIZAK 200  
IMO MY MOTHER JOANN TOMICH

CLYDE/JOYCE SCURSATONE 20  
IMO ANN P MARAVICH FOR MOTHER'S DAY

STELLA ZINAICH 40  
IMO BRONKO ZINAICH AND BOB MERVIS

KATHY ZINAICH 30  
IMO KUM BOB MERVIS AND BRONKO ZINAICH

LYNN ZINAICH  
IMO KUM BOB MERVIS AND BRONKO ZINAICH

### JUNE 14, 20105

ALBIN/DIANA ABRAMOVICH 20  
IMO NICK LACKOVICH

ALBIN/DIANA ABRAMOVICH 10  
IMO LOIS CROXTON

MARY BELICH 10  
IMO LOIS CROXTON

BESSIE BRATICH 50  
IMO NICK LACKOVICH

BESSIE BRATICH 20  
IMO LOIS CROXTON

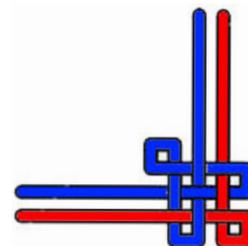
DOROTHY BRDAR 10  
IMO LOIS CROXTON

M/M DON CAIN 20  
IMO NICK LACKOVICH

CATHY COLEMAN 75  
IMO NICK LACKOVICH

PAT CEKORIC 20  
IMO LOIS CROXTON

ANN FAGAN 50  
IMO PARENTS SAM/MARY RADOVICH





DIANE HARMON 20  
IMO NICK LACKOVICH

MARY ANN MUHA 50  
IMO KUM NICK LACKOVICH

ANDREW MUHA 250  
IMO KUM NICK LACKOVICH

NADINE MARAVICH 15  
IMO LOIS CROXTON

HERBERT/MARY THOMPSON 75  
IMO LOIS CROXTON

STELLA MRAOVICH 20  
IMO LOIS CROXTON

RICHARD PAICH 20  
IMO NICK LACKOVICH

SUSAN PRISUTA 50  
IMO HUSBAND SAM PRISUTA

NATALIA PAICH 50  
IMO NICK LACKOVICH

MARIE REBICH 20  
IMO NICK LACKOVICH

MILDRED SNYDER 10  
IMO NICK LACKOVICH

MILDRED SNYDER 15  
IMO LOIS CROXTON

M/M PETE SUDAK 20  
IMO LOIS CROXTON

MIKE VIGNOVICH 50  
IMO NICK LACKOVICH

ANN VIGNOVICH 20  
IMO NICK LACKOVICH

GEORGE/MARLENE VOLITICH 10  
IMO NICK LACKOVICH

SVETKA PETKA KOLO 10 CHAPEL FUND  
IMO NICK LACKOVICH

**JUNE 15, 2015**

DESSIE ORESCONIN 10  
IMO KUM BOB MERVIS

**JUNE 21, 2015**

MIM BIZIC 100  
IMO MILAN KARLO/PETER BIZIC SR/GUS

BIZIC AND IN HONOR OF SON NICK BIZIC  
FOR FATHER'S DAY

PAT CEKORIC 50  
IMO TOM CEKORIC FOR FATHER'S DAY

DAN DOCINOVICH 20  
IMO DOLLY HREDZAK

MELISSA HENNESSY 50  
IMO FATHER JOHN MUSOLIN FOR FATHER'S  
DAY

DIANE IANNINI 50  
IMO MOM ON HER BIRTHDAY JUNE 20TH AND  
DEATH JUNE 30TH 12 YEARS

DIANE IANNINI 50  
IMO DAD WALTER AND IMO LOVED ONES  
FOR VIDOVDAN

PETAR KODIC 40  
IMO TETKA ANGELINA SESTRA RADAH MIM-  
CILOISIMA

MILEVA MERVIS 20  
IMO FATHER STEVAN LINKOVICH

HELEN PESUT 25  
IMO SOPHIE P LOVERICH

PETE PESUT JR 25  
IMO SOPHIE P LOVERICH

ALBERT/CAROL RADULOVICH 50  
IMO FATHERS STANLEY "BOOMIE" MANO-  
JLOVICH AND ELI RADULOVICH

BARB SAHAR 25  
IMO V. REV. FR. PETER KARAFFA/JOHN  
TUDAY/SIMEON KOWALCHICK

VIOLET SMOLANOVICH 25  
IMO FATHER RADE SMOLANOVICH

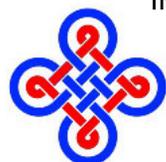
ANN TURKOVICH 10  
IMO FATHER STEVE MUSULIN SR

BEA/GEORGE VULA 10  
IMO FATHERS PETE MERVOSH/IGNATZ  
VULA/BROTHER SAM MERVOSH

M/M DUSAN YANICH 10  
IMO NICK LACKOVICH

MILLIE YANUZZI 5  
IMO MOTHER BEATRICE MERVOSH

MILLIE YANUZZI 20  
IMO DOLLY HREDZAK





MILLIE YANUZZI 10  
IMO FATHER PETE MERVOSH

**JUNE 28, 2015**

MELISSA HENNESSY 50  
IMO AUNT LUCILLE MUSOLIN

EMILY LAMPICH 50  
IMO DAD ED LAMPICH

CHERYL LUFKIN 100  
IMO PETER LUFKIN

WILLIAM DAGEN 100  
IMO MARLENE REBICH DAGEN

ANN FAGAN 50  
IMO LOVED ONES

M/M STEPHEN KATEKOVICH 50  
IMO FATHER TODE SUDER

NELL KOZLINA 50  
IMO FATHER VASO KOZLINA AND NEPHEW  
JOHN MANOLOVICH

COOKIE LOVERICH 20  
IMO HUSBAND JOHN LOVERICH FOR SLAVA

COOKIE LOVERICH 20  
IMO HUSBAND JOHN LOVERICH FOR HIS  
BIRTHDAY

BETTY MISTOVICH 20  
IMO FATHERS VASO KOZLINA AND NIKOLA  
MISTOVICH  
GEORGE/GLADYS MILJUS 20  
IMO COUSIN DOLLY MUSOLIN

FR. RODNEY TORBICH 25  
IMO DOLLY HREDZAK

GEORGE/DOLLY SKORICH 25  
IMO DONALD WUKICH

ROSE RESANOVICH 100  
IMO HUSBAND ALEX FOR FATHER'S DAY AND  
HIS BIRTHDAY JUNE 19TH

DOROTHY MARAVICH 25  
IMO DOLLY HREDZAK  
**IN LOVING MEMORY OF MILDRED RANICH  
SUBMITTED BY THE FAMILY BUILDING FUND**  
LARRY/MILANA MILOSH 50  
MIM BIZIC 25  
MELANIE DRAGOSLJVICH 50  
MARY MARAVICH 25  
JOYCE/CLYDE SCURSATONE 25

JOVAN/JOANNE VUKMARAVICH 25  
DAN/JANET BRITZA 25  
TED/PATRICIA PADEZANIN 20  
KATHERINE MORGA 50  
TONI RODICH 20  
ANN/MELVIN VISNICK AND MIRA BRYANT 100  
MILAN/JOYCE VISNICK 50

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF LUCILLE MUSOLIN  
SUBMITTED BY THE FAMILY**

ALBIN/DIANA ABRAMOVICH 20  
BESSIE BRATICH 25  
TOM/CHERYL LEYDIG 20  
NELL MUKANOS 20  
M/M DELLO CARPINI 10  
ANNA KARACHRISTOS 20  
DIANE AND MARYANN POPOVICH 20  
MILDRED SHETEK 20  
GREG SPOLARICH 20  
TOM/MARCIA HUGES 20  
ANN TURKOVICH 20  
LOUIS/ NANCY KOUTOULAKIS 25  
MIKE VIGNOVICH 25  
M/M RICHARD VIGNOVICH 25  
RALPH/AIMEE DISTANISLEO 50  
SYLVIA WEISENMILLER 50  
KAY/GARY RYGIELSKI 50  
MILDRED SYNDER 10  
DEB PADEZANIN 20  
BETTY LOU SKLACK 20  
BERTHA VIGNOVICH 25

Dear parishioners,  
Over about a month ago, like al-  
ways, you received envelopes in which you  
send your church donations.

The company that prints those en-  
velopes and sends them to your addresses  
tries very hard to print out a picture of our  
church or some other appropriate photo  
or graphic as a way to decorate the en-  
velopes.

Unfortunately, they made a mistake  
by printing out a photo of the Pope, and  
many were understandably shocked.

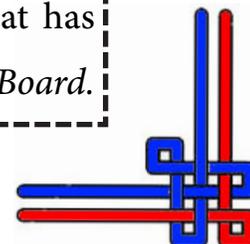
We reacted immediately, and the  
company promised us they wouldn't make  
that mistake again.

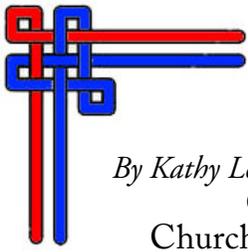
It wasn't anyone's intention to pro-  
voke anyone.

We figured that the mistake was  
made because many people use that same  
company so it must have gotten mixed up.

So we ask you on their behalf, that  
you forgive us for the mistake that has  
been made.

*Father Milan and the Church Board.*





# TEA AND TREASURE BASKET FUNDRAISER

By Kathy Loverich

On Sunday, June 7, 2015 our St. Elijah Church Mother's Club sponsored a Tea and Basket Fundraiser to raise funds for our St. Elijah Church Center. Once again it was met with great success! Ninety-seven ladies made advance reservations to spend the afternoon socializing with us and their friends.

The room was beautifully decorated with various colorful china place settings at each table. A flower centerpiece with lace doilies adorned each table too. All the centerpieces were donated by the committee and were raffled off at the end of the event.

In the center of the room, which was the focal point, we displayed our basket raffle for all to purchase tickets and try a chance to



least. Tickets were also drawn for various other door prizes which were well over 20 donated gifts from the committee.

A successful fundraiser is not possible without all those who donate and all those who help in preparation. Special thanks to Juliann Taylor who chaired the event along with her wonderful committee of ladies: Eileen Mrkal, Joanne Ridjaneck, Lynn Popovich, Linda Mistovich, Stephanie Kovacevic, Joann Ludovico, Kathy Loverich, Georgianna Kross, Gordana Kodicek, Lisa Wilson, Linda Mistovich, Julianna Mistovich, Kaylee Hedlund, and Protinica Sava. Thanks also to the ladies who baked all the wonderful desserts that were served: Linda Mistovich, Joann Ludovico, Juliann Taylor,



maybe take home one of the wonderful exceptional baskets of their personal choice. We had some very happy ladies that day!

A variety of teas, lemonade, coffee and scones were first served as our guests arrived followed by uniquely delicious tea sandwiches, and talk about desserts, each lady received a plate with a variety of delicious cookies to eat there or ready to take home to enjoy later. The ladies just raved how wonderful everything was!

Each person's ticket was placed in a basket for the grand prize Treasure Chest at the end of the event which the value was well over \$200 the winner was delighted to say the





Gordana Kodic, Georgianna Kross, Lynn Popovich, Georgette Osman, Eileen Mrkal and Seya Mabee.

Generous donations were received from the following individual businesses, organizations and parishioners: Mitchell's Jewelry, Consignment Cottage of Moon Twp., St. Elijah Cornerstone Men's Club, St. Elijah Church Choir, the KCC's, the St. Elijah Mother's Club, Rich/Kathy Chesla, and Tom Leydig. Thank you each and every one who helped make this a successful event. Total profit was just shy of \$3000.00 donated to the Center Relief Fund.



## IT MATTERS

Along the coast of the vast Atlantic ocean there lived an old man. Each day when the tide went out he would make his way along the beach for miles. Another man who lived not far away would occasionally watch as he vanished into the distance and later notice that he had returned. The neighbor also noticed that, as he walked, the old man would often stoop down to lift something from the sand and then toss it away into the water.

One day, when the old man went down to the beach this neighbor followed to satisfy his curiosity and, sure enough, as he watched, the old man bent down and gently lifted something from the sand and threw it into the ocean. By the time the old man made his next stop the neighbor had come near enough to see that he was picking up a starfish which had been stranded by the retreating tide and would, of course, die of dehydration before the tide returned. As the old man turned to return it to the ocean the neighbor called out with a degree of mockery in his voice, "Hey, old timer! What are you doing? This beach goes on for hundreds of miles, and thousands of starfish get washed up every day! Surely you don't think that throwing a few back is going to matter."

The old man listened and paused for a moment, then held the starfish in his hand out toward his neighbor. "It matters to this one."

## THE NEAREST BATTLE

Want to be a winner?

Compete against yourself, not somebody else.

Beating your partner at golf doesn't necessarily mean you shot your best game. Outrunning your rival doesn't mean you ran your best race. You can win over another and still not fulfill your potential.

It's true in all of life. To be your best, you must compete with yourself. It's life's biggest contest.

A loser is a winner—however many his losses—if he con-queers himself.

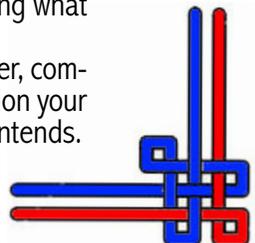
A winner is a loser—however many his victories—if he loses the battle with himself. Alexander the Great conquered the world, and cursed his own lack of self-control.

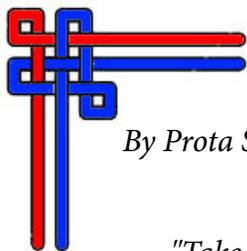
Victory over others may in fact be the very thing that con-tributes to the winner's failure to conquer self. Winning makes him proud—arrogant—independent—thoughtless—and sometimes cruel.

To put it another way, it isn't what happens to you that makes the difference, but how you handle it.

The one who stops maturing spiritually because he thinks he knows more Scripture than others or has had more success in ministry, is still far from being what Christ has planned for him.

If you must compare yourself with another, compare your-self with Christ. Let Him mold and fashion your life into the full potential, the divine original He intends.





By Protas Slobodan Jovic

## Care for the parish

*"Take care of him, and if there is any expense over and above, I will repay you on my way back" (Lk 10:35).*

These familiar words of the Good Samaritan capture the true spirit of Stewardship our responsible caring for the Church.

Taking care of our Lord in the person of our sisters and brothers is at the heart of what the terms "Church" and "Parish" are all about. Our charity truly does begin at home. And then, in the spirit of true Christian love, we are called to responsibility for the rest of our community, especially for the poor.

Yet, there is so much confusion and even embarrassment when it comes to addressing the idea of stewardship, another name for our financial obligation, to our Church and parish. The questions: "How much should I give?... How often?... Why?" are sometimes painful to ask and difficult to answer. In the Serbian Orthodox Church we have relied in the past on large numbers of people to support our growing parishes, or unpopular fundraisers bingo and catering. We thought the Church could survive on the "leftovers" from our purses and wallets. For fear of criticism, priests refrained from preaching on the "forbidden topic" of money. It is true that fundraising should not have to be a frequent topic of sermons.

Times have changed! With the advent of so many parish ministries, activities and programs, the need for responsible stewardship has increased dramatically in recent years.

The Good Samaritan not only took the beaten man from the side of the road and "poured in oil and wine," but he actually followed through and continued to give! He challenged the innkeeper to take care of the poor beaten man until he returned. He promised to repay the innkeeper!

As members of the parish, the challenge of caring for the Body of Christ, the Church, is the responsibility of each one of us! We are the "Samaritans!," the stewards, the caretakers of our parish, our faith community.

Many of our people have already realized the urgency of our parish's needs. Their generosity to Christ and the Church makes us deeply grateful. God knows the sacrifices made to "build up the Body of Christ" (Eph 4:12). How can we all help?

Responsible Stewardship is essential for the life of our parish community.

In today's active parish, our priests and their pastoral planning committees are continually challenged to respond to various needs. On

the one hand the Gospel must be proclaimed, and on the other, the very real spiritual and material needs of the people of God must be addressed. As new and improved ministries and programs are developed, staff paid and volunteer must also be expanded to meet these new responsibilities. In addition to the spiritual focus, each parish must be concerned about necessary repairs, improvements, ongoing maintenance and, of course, the ever-rising costs of utilities. The parish is our spiritual home! We need to take care of it and to nurture the spirit of love for that home in the hearts of all of us.

### Our Community

Each parish is a FAMILY. Our Lord calls each of us into this community of Faith and Love. Just as our family at home experiences different stages and particular needs, so does our faith community. We rejoice and struggle through every time and season. In the parish setting, our community gathers to celebrate the living presence of the Lord who is made present through the Divine Liturgy and the Sacraments. We also celebrate through the proclamation of the Word and through one another, especially when we reach out in love for our sisters and brothers.

Since we look to the future, we give special attention to our Children and young people. In a confusing world, we endeavor to give them the example of our own faith and love for Christ. Stewardship for Christ's Body, the Church, says "I love you" to the Lord and to each of the members of our community. That concern extends as well to those who feel themselves "outside" our community. Stewardship is symbolic of our compassion, a way of "pouring oil and wine" upon the sick, the suffering, and those who simply need to hear the Word of God and experience the beauty of Christ's love.

### Our Gratitude

During the Divine Liturgy, we give thanks to the Lord Our God for "it is right to give Him thanks and praise." Responsible Stewardship is our way of saying "thank you" to the Lord, who is the source of all our earthly blessings. We give back to the Lord a portion of all our gifts and material blessings. Sometimes we receive a sudden bonus or raise or an unexpected gift. In the spirit of gratitude, we remember the Lord when we experience these blessings. Our monetary "thank yous" should be sincere offerings given in joy.

### Our Gift to the Lord

Responsible Stewardship is understood better when we reflect upon the idea of gift giving. Birthdays, anniversaries and the celebration of Christmas are great times of love for family and friends. We express that love through thoughtful





gifts. Each Divine Liturgy is a prayer of thanksgiving to the Father, the source of all gifts. At the Offertory, through our generous donation of money, we express our personal love for Christ and help to build up the Community of Faith.

We wrap special gifts and carefully choose a card to fit the person we love. In the same way, our parish envelope is an external sign that this gift is a holy sacrifice freely given to our Lord. That envelope signifies a commitment that enables the parish to budget for the future and the envelope serves as a reminder of our responsible Stewardship. Even when we are away from the parish for a particular weekend, sending our envelope insures that the parish can continue to serve the needs of the community. Consistent use of the parish envelopes by all the parishioners is a tremendous testimony to our caring. Envelope use is essential to the success of our stewardship program. It lends dignity to our offering during Divine Liturgy. In most parishes, about three quarters of the Sunday offerings are given through the envelopes.

#### How much should I give?

For many years, the average Serbian Orthodox attending Divine Liturgy would reach for the "leftovers" and place a handful of change or a dollar bill into the collection plate (tas), without too much thought. Responsible Stewardship means planning ahead and giving a proportionate amount of our income back to God. The Bible states the norm of 10% 10 cents out of every dollar earned. We find references as early as Genesis when "Abram gave him (Melchizedek) a tenth of everything" (Gn 14:20). It sounds like a lot, but in practice, 5% can be given to the parish and 5% can be given to "the least of your sisters or brothers" the poor, the needy, missionaries, special collections for charity and even as tuition for education of our children.

Stewardship or tithing isn't something new. We can find dozens of scripture references in both the Old and New Testaments. The message is always to give a gift in gratitude, trust and in thanksgiving to the Lord, the source of all our blessings.

St. Paul reminded the early Christians that "He who sows sparingly will reap sparingly and he who sows bountifully will reap bountifully...God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:6-7).

#### Our Promise Pledging

Why do we need a stewardship form? Well, the use of a stewardship forms serves three very practical purposes:

1. It enables each parishioner to plan ahead exactly how much will be given to the parish and to do charitable works.
2. It enables our Church to budget parish funds

so that all our pastoral needs can be addressed efficiently.

3. It serves as a reminder of our responsible Stewardship so that our gift will be proportionate to our income and, therefore, a sacrificial gift to the Lord.

#### The Characteristics of Parish Stewardship

##### Prayerful

Our parish gathers in prayerful gratitude at the Sunday Liturgy. Throughout the Liturgy we "lift up our hearts to the Lord ... Let us give thanks to the Lord our God ... It is right to give Him thanks and praise." monetary gifts at the time of the collection symbolize our self donation. We prayerfully offer ourselves through Jesus to the Father.

##### Planned

We need to decide through careful reflection how much our responsible donation should be. This should be done as part of our family budget.

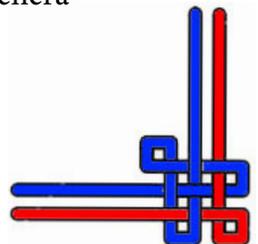
##### Proportionate

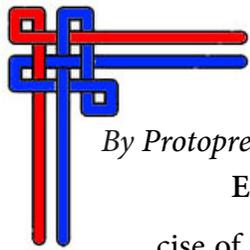
Stewardship requires that "the first fruits" (Lv 23:10) be given to the Lord. This means that the Lord is taken care of first then the other obligations can be satisfied. If there are emergencies, a sudden illness or unemployment, adjustments can be made accordingly.

##### Sacrificial

A sacrifice involves giving from our substance rather than from our abundance. Remember Jesus' observation of the widow's mite (Lk 21:1-4). It means giving from what we think we need for ourselves. We are changed spiritually when this sacrifice is offered for the sake of Christ. It identifies us with the sacrifice of Jesus and helps us to be "poor in spirit" (Mt 5:3).

I hope that these few words will reach the hearts and minds of our brothers and sisters and that they will have better understanding of the meaning, the necessity, and the reasons for Christian Orthodox Stewardship, which was for centuries a major characteristic of our Serbian People. There are plenty of examples from Holy Nemanjić's to our days, and the witnesses are numerous Churches and Monasteries throughout our ancestral homeland. I believe that our generations are influenced enough with sacrificial love for neighbors that are in need and our beloved Church. Therefore, I as your spiritual father am calling upon all of you to get together around our mother Church and support her, so that we can transfer our living faith to our children and future generations.





By Protopresbiter Stevo Rocnaga, McKeesport, PA

### Establishing "Right" Priorities in Life

What does Stewardship mean? The exercise of Stewardship for an Orthodox Christian is the process of placing all of Creation in its proper perspective. It is the process of establishing the correct set of priorities in a life that is Christ-centered, Spirit-filled, and moving toward the Kingdom of Heaven. Once we dedicate ourselves to this, all earthly necessities will be provided. God does not ask us to take such a journey without providing us what we need for the journey. Stewardship is not a financial issue – it is a Spiritual one. It is ultimately related to our commitment to serving Jesus Christ; and, as long as we continue to think of stewardship in terms of money (dollars and cents) then we have completely missed the Biblical and Orthodox understanding of what Christian stewardship is.

Too many of us approach the Church using a business mentality ("The Church is a business and has to be run like one..."). Every business has a product. What is our product, as the Church? Salvation. Saving souls for Christ. Stewardship is that which provides greater commitment from Christ's people (i.e., the Church) which allows us to save souls for Him. We are not here to talk about money, or fund-raising, but rather to increase our commitment to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior!

### Explaining Stewardship in 'lay' terms

Let's try to put aside our prejudices about the word 'stewardship' and focus on the image of breathing. We all have to breathe to live. We breathe in, we breathe out. And if we did not breathe in oxygen, we would die of oxygen-deprivation. Likewise, if we did not exhale the carbon dioxide from our lungs, we would asphyxiate and die.

In the image of our Faith, and the Church, the Body of Christ, we also can see the image of Breathing (In Genesis we see the breath or spirit of God moving over the waters. After the Resurrection Christ breathing upon his disciples and saying "Receive the Holy Spirit.") How then does the Church 'breathe in' and 'breathe out'?

Breathing out is the work of the holy people of God (the Church) moving out into the world, and this is known as Outreach. Breathing in is the holy people of God (the Church) returning to God that which is already His, and this is known as Stewardship.

If we do not practice the breathing out (Outreach) and breathing in (Stewardship) as Church, then We will die. The Church, our parish, will die. Remember: the Orthodox Church will still exist around the world, and in places that 'breathe in and out', but ours will not. Our Church is quickly becoming extinct in this country be-

cause we are not doing the Outreach and the Stewardship necessary to keep it alive...in most cases.

### Why is "Breathing Out"—Outreach—important?

Let's ask ourselves a question: are we growing? Is our parish growing? Are we bringing in new people and retaining those we have had? This is a very painful issue because we all know that we are not doing this...yet, if we read our Lord's words in Matthew (28: 16-20), we quickly realize that this is the only reason to be The Church—to do Outreach: ...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 things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even until the end of the age..." This is the Great Commission of Christ, to bring all nations to Him. Are we doing this in our parish? Our 'Parish Mission' should be to save the people in our community, not to worry and fret about the material things. Outreach is a sound theological and biblical issue: we need to reach out not only to our own, but as well as to those who are lost. (We all can relate examples of friends who are disconnected from the Church).

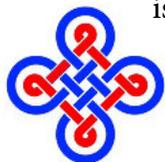
As Fr. James Gavrilos, a contemporary Orthodox Stewardship Director, states, "Most parishes in America utilize what I refer to as 'Little Bo Peep evangelism, they'll come back some day.' And clergy use the 'hatch, match and dispatch' strategy (baptize them, marry them and bury them)."

Historically, the Church in this country has taught the children (Sunday School) and 'played' with the Adults (social events). Rather, we need to teach the adults, and play with the children. Why? Because these are the realities we better face up to: All of us, not just the clergy, but the laity as well, are equally responsible for the Outreach and evangelism of our Church, of taking the message of salvation which Christ gave to His Church and bringing it to the world in which we live!

The Essence of 'Breathing in'—Stewardship: We are talking about returning to God that which is already His. Do we believe that everything belongs to God, and we are simply caretakers of that which He gives to us?

Let's analyze the above by answering a few questions. How many of us believe in God? How many of us believe that, by the Grace of God, all things of life are given to us as gifts and talents? Now, if we believe in the first two, how many of us believe that what we own or possess is ours? Most of us know that there is a world of difference in what we say we believe in, and what we actually do. And this is why we need to understand what Stewardship really talks about.

Did you know that the Bible speaks of





'faith' issues approximately 500 times; but expounds on the area of money and possessions over 2000 times? This shows how important what we do with our possessions and our money is in God's eyes. So please do not tell me that stewardship is a financial issue. It is not. It is a spiritual one, and what we do with our money and our possessions reveals where our Faith truly is. "Show me a man's checkbook, and I'll show you what is important to him" Fr. Gavrilos stated in a recent talk. Do you agree or disagree?

Remember the story of the Widow's mite in the Gospel of Mark (12: 41-44)? Compared to the wealthy, she gave all she had. While the rich gave out of abundance, she gave everything she had to live on.

Stewardship is about priorities and commitments, not amounts. Ask yourself this question: Can I commit, as part of my ongoing commitment to serving our Lord Jesus Christ, a greater portion of what God has already given me, (time, talents and treasures) and give it back to Him? If there is work in the parish to be done, will I donate my time and talents to help out? And what of my treasures (financial resources), do I give from what is left over, or first off to Him?

Our priorities are completely out of whack, we already have too much. Last year, in this country, over 9 billion dollars were spent on renting storage spaces, so people could put things they own but have no place for in their homes. Many of us seek to identify ourselves by our possessions and things, not as people of God, as Orthodox Christians. What if God blessed us the way we bless Him? What if He gave to us the way we give to Him?

### Basic Concepts of Christian Stewardship

What we are giving God is His already – our time, our talents, and our treasures. Consider:

**Time:** 168 hours per week. How much time do we spend in His House the Church? In His Presence in "small Church", our house on prayer? Do we respect and honor Him with His Time, and give it back to Him?

**Treasures:** Our financial resources and possessions are given to us by Him. Do we show our thankfulness by giving back to Him first from our hearts?

**Talents:** How am I making use of the talents He has blessed me with? Do I use them for my own purposes, or for His? Do I let them go to waste? Does our Church pay outsiders to do the work that we ourselves can do?

Christian stewardship is proportional-giving, whether it be a 'tith' (10%) or a percentage thereof. It is not minimal-giving! ("How much do I have to give?" is not Christian...) Here, Fr. Gavrilos says that Orthodox parishes must lose the 'dues mentality': we can not pay dues to the Church, the Body of Christ, because then we believe we have a 'right' to something: "It is my right to vote! It is my right to be married! It is my right to be a Kum!" When we pay dues,

we misunderstand the Church as a collection of rights for us, much like when we pay dues to a Country Club, or a Civic group, we have certain privileges that go along. (Look at the mentality that such attitudes breed.... member/non-member fees; etc.)

The "fund-raiser" mentality is a losing proposition: If we cannot support our own efforts as Orthodox Christian stewards, what does that say about our commitments to Christ? How can we rely on 'outsiders,' non-adherents of Orthodoxy, to support the ministry of our Church? That is not spiritually healthy. We cannot rely on earned income to pay our bills (i.e., a "good International Village" will help us to accomplish plans), nor on appeals for special projects. Just look at our Capital Improvements Drive, or our Renovation Fund to see the truth of this!

True Orthodox Christian Stewardship is pledging a regular amount of our time, our talents, and our treasures to ensure that the work of Christ, and, by His extension, the Church, gets done. Regular pledges, monthly, for example, help offset those times of year when things slow down, and giving may be more difficult, like at Christmas, or tax time.

Let's look at four examples of non-stewardship giving with which we are all too familiar:

**Crises-giving:** The Church is in need. Give! (the infamous appeals letters...) What if God only gave His Grace out to us in emergencies?

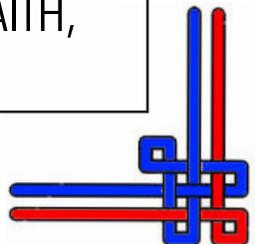
**Left-over giving:** After we have done what we needed to do (pay bills, insurances, etc.), then we give to God! In a recent study done, a Charitable organization found that over half of all Americans spend more money on their TV, cable, or Internet bill than they gave to their respective Churches in a year. Again, what if God did this to us?

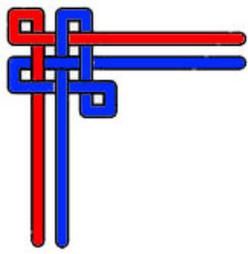
**Once-a-year-giving:** The writing of one check, and Voila! I am a member, I am in. Imagine if God only blessed us once a year with His Grace. Stewardship is a regular, consistent giving to God, a reflection of what He means to us.

**Reluctant-giving:** You know, it becomes painful when you see another collection coming up in Church, or, when we have to write the check, etc. I sometimes see the looks on our faces ("Oh no, not another one. Gee, I'm not rolling in dough you know!") Think about this: Did Christ go to the Cross reluctantly? No! He gave of Himself abundantly, He practiced abundant giving. Can we do anything less?

**Final Thoughts** What we need to do, both as the Body of Christ (the Church), and as individual stewards is to pray about our relationship to God, asking Him to bless us with the courage to trust in Him to take care of our needs, both as individuals and as His Body, the Church.

WHERE THERE IS HOPE, THERE IS  
FAITH. WHERE THERE IS FAITH,  
MIRACLES HAPPEN.





# FROM THE RECORD BOOKS 2015



## BAPTISMS

**Mitchell Edwards,**  
born 2008, August 22, baptised 2015. March 29.  
son of Steven and +LeeAnn Maslek from Cranberry Township, PA

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**Levi Joseph,**  
born 2015, April 24, baptised 2015. June 14.  
son of Jade Kozlina from New Castle, PA

## CONVERT TO ORTHODOXY

**Matthew James Stagl,**  
born 1984, June 21, became an Orthodox 2015. July 12.  
son of +Gaylord Hough and Elizabeth Stagl from Conneautville, PA

AS MANY OF YOU AS  
HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED  
INTO CHRIST, HAVE  
PUT ON CHRIST.  
ALLELUIA.



## FUNERALS

Look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the age to come.

- On April 15, 2015. **Milka Mijic** passed away, and on April 20, 2015. the Funeral service was held for her soul.

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- On April 19, 2015. **Joanne Tomich** passed away, and on April 23, 2015. the Funeral service was held for her soul.

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- On April 26, 2015. **Violet Radakovich** passed away, and on April 29, 2015. the Funeral service was held for her soul.

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- On May 1, 2015. **Daniel Paich Sr.** passed away, and on May 5, 2015. the Funeral service was held for his soul.

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- On May 23, 2015. **Nick Lackovich** passed away, and on May 27, 2015. the Funeral service was held for his soul.

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- On June 13, 2015. **Dolores Hredzak** passed away, and on June 17, 2015. the Funeral service was held for her soul.

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- On June 14, 2015. **Cora Jane Sokolovich** passed away, and on June 19, 2015. the Funeral service was held for her soul.

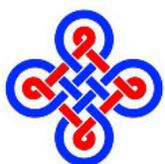
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- On June 25, 2015. **Lucille Musolin** passed away, and on June 27, 2015. the Funeral service was held for her soul.

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- On June 14, 2015. **Mildred Ranich** passed away, and on June 29, 2015. the Funeral service was held for her soul.

**VJECNAJA PAMJAT!  
MEMORY ETERNAL!**





According to an ancient Lepavina chronologist, the monastery of Lepavina was founded around the year of 1550, shortly after the first Serbian settlements had been established in this region. The almanac asserts that it was established by Jefrem Vukobratovic, a monk of Hilandar monastery originally from Herzegovina who came in concealment to the region looking for a shelter from the Turkish invasion. Having heard about him, two other monks came from Bosnia to join him. Learning that the land was very fertile, they invited people from Bosnia and the valley was soon filled with newcomers. It was then that a necessity to build a monastery to satisfy people's religious needs occurred.

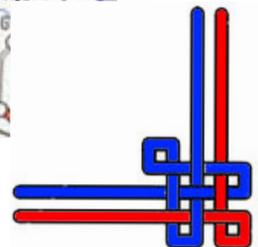
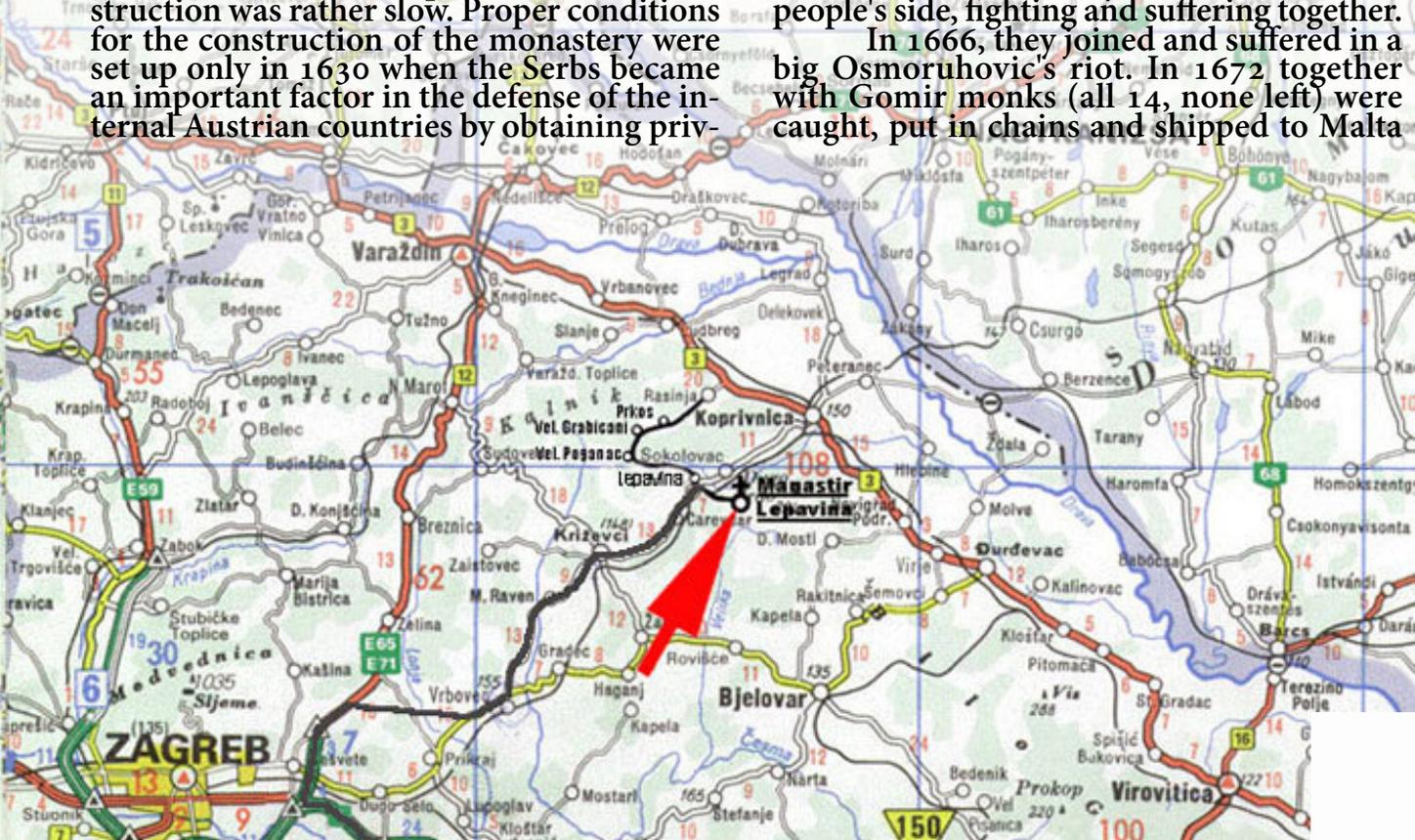
Having learned about the intention, the Turks from Stupcanica, Pakrac and Bijela, led by Zarep-Aga Alija attacked the monastery in August 1557, burned it down, killed four monks and captured two in slavery. However, the idea of having a monastery as a spiritual center for the new settled Serbs was not abandoned. In 1598, Protomonk Grigorije of Hilandar, accompanied by two brothers of Milesevo monastery arrived and began to reconstruct the monastery together with the villagers. Due to uncertain times and modest means, the process of the reconstruction was rather slow. Proper conditions for the construction of the monastery were set up only in 1630 when the Serbs became an important factor in the defense of the internal Austrian countries by obtaining priv-

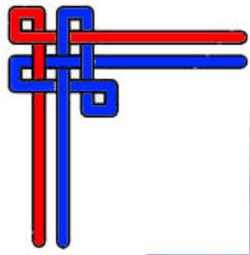
ileges and upon the arrival of Archmandrite Visarion in 1635. The Serbs started basic construction of the monastery Lepavina in 1636 under Archmandrite Visarion's supervision and despite all the difficulties the construction was finished in 1642.

In September 1642, Baron Ivan Galer confirmed the monastery's right to all the land that the villagers of Branjska and Sesvecani donated to the monastery. The approval came in special letters also from Baron Sigmund Ajbeslavd, Count Gvozden and Djordje Dobrojevic, Blaz Pejasinovic and Count Radovan (5 February 1644), Baron Honoree Trautsmendorf (10 July 1644) and Djordje Ljudevit Svarcernberg (23 November 1644). The life was finally ensured for the monastery. After that, its religious, patriotic and cultural-historical life began to flourish in all its fullness.

The history of Lepavina monastery is inseparably linked with the history of the Serbs in Varazdin Generality. From the time of its reconstruction and on, a severe and permanent struggle to convert Serbs into Uniate or Catholic Church was on. The struggle was also aimed at enslaving of the Krainian Serbs. Defending their faith and people's privileges (Valoharum Statute) Lepavina monks have always been on their own people's side, fighting and suffering together.

In 1666, they joined and suffered in a big Osmoruhovic's riot. In 1672 together with Gomir monks (all 14, none left) were caught, put in chains and shipped to Malta





for life sentence. On 26/13 Patriarch Arsenije III Carnojevic November 1735, the Prior Kodrat was shot dead on the doorstep of the monastery church. Patriarch Arsenije III Carnojevic spent some time in Lepavina by the end of 1692 and the beginning of 1693 - a spiritual center of Varazdin Generality Serbs. The Patriarch would gather people and priests there and go to visit nearby Kraininan Counts in their homes. The Patriarch's visit improved already existing reputation of the monastery, which was of a particular importance at that time when Unates were introduced in Marca. People's deputies often met in Lepavina with their patriotic monks concerned about people's troubles trying to find a way out of grave situations. For that reason, when the Serbs from Varazdin Generality succeeded to get their own Orthodox Episcopo in 1734, apart from the Uniatic one, sitting in Marca without parishians, Lepavina was chosen as a residence of the new Episcopo. Due to its geographic position [in the outskirts of the Episcopate and the Serb villages] it was ultimately decided that the residence of the Episcopo should be in Severin. Yet, the new Eparchy was named "Lepavina-Severin" due to Lepavina's great importance. The first Lepavina-Severin Episcopo Simeon (Filipovic) who died in Koprivnica investigative prison was buried in Lepavina monastery.

Today's monastery church was built in mid 18th century. The initiator was a former Manastir lepavina "protopop horvacki" and

the parish of Pisanica Nikola Popovic, famous for founding a big and beautiful Pisanica church. As the then Lepavina Archmandrite Nikofor he was in charge of the construction of today's church. The finished church was blessed by Kostajnica-Zrinopolje Episcopo Arsenije (Teofanovic) [who spent most of his time in Severin] on 25 March 1753. The church has baroque features outside, but the interior preserved many elements of the old Serbian-Bizantine style. It was renovated and decorated afterwards.

For the history of Lepavina monastery, inseparably linked is the icon of the Holy Mother of Lepavina. It dates from the beginning of the 16th century and is the work of an unknown author. The icon is reasonably believed to have miraculous healing powers.

The monastery church got a special value in 1775 when Jovan Catirevic-Grabovac, known as one of the best painters of Serb early baroque was making there an artistic iconostasis. The work was financed mainly by Fieldmarshallieutenant Mihail Mikasinovic joined by the other sponsors. To commemorate it, his coat of arms was carved under the icon of St. John with the inscription: "Mihal Mikasinovic Mr. Fieldm. Lieut." That was one of the best Grabovanov's iconostasis.

Unfortunately, the iconostasis was destroyed during the WW II. Only three icons





are preserved, the two of which are badly Presveta bogorodica lepavinskadamaged. Yet, they witness about high artistic values of this iconostasis. Some icons date from earlier periods, such as the icon of St. Simeon Nemanja, St. Sava and the icon of Assumption of Holy Mother of God created in Lepavina in 1647.

Besides iconographic monuments, particularly valuable are ancient handwritten and printed books. The two-quatrain Holy Scriptures dating from 13th and 14th century are among the oldest ones. One Script is of Serb-Raska while another one is of Macedonian redaction. Both contain beautiful initials.

Lepavina is not only a guardian of delivered books and items. It is proud of being the place where books were written, re-written and reproduced. It could not have been different because the monastery was obliged to satisfy cultural needs of the Serb population there. The school was also located in the monastery. Not only monastery youth was educated there but priest-youth in general as well as the young men who after having acquired basic literacy and knowledge would enter military service or would continue to study in Vienna, Pozun or elsewhere.

All this has extremely raised the rep-

utation of Lepavina monastery and inspired people to come in endless lines for great holidays and particularly for temple celebrations to pray to God and replenish soles with God's mercy that would give them strength to carry on.

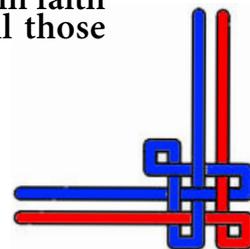
The role of this monastery has been of utmost importance throughout centuries. It always shared the grave fate with its people and suffered repeatedly.

The hardest blow came during the II World War. Right after the occupation the fraternity was arrested and taken to a concentration camp. Protodeacon Joakim (Babic) was killed and the other Današnji izgled manastiramons were expelled to Serbia. On 27 October 1943, the Germans ordered bombardment of the monastery. The monastery buildings were almost totally destroyed and the church and konak were heavily damaged. The iconostasis and furniture were demolished and burned. Izglod konaka 1978. godine Only a part of the monastery library was preserved in the remaining wing of monastery konak.

Owing to His Illustrious Highness Jovan (Pavlovic) who arrived in Zagreb-Ljubljana Eparchy in 1978, the MITROPOLIT JOVAN Lepavina monastery started to gradually redeem its previous glow and significance. His Illustrious Highness to whom this shrine was particularly dear did not regret spare effort or time to recover true monastery life in it. The connection with Hilandar monastery was revived in 1984 with the arrival of father Gavriilo (Vuckovic) of Hilandar. Thus, the striving and effort of Metropolitan Jovan was multiplied.

The World Council of Churches, Evangelistic youth branch from NEMCI-Wurtttemberg and the Evangelistic church from Stuttgart headed by the nun Ursula are also expressing a wish to participate in the reconstruction of the monastery. His Illustrious Highness absolutely facilitates their strivings. However, the war that broke out in 1991 prevented the finalization of the reconstruction and postponed it for some better times.

Contemporary spiritual life of the Lepavina monastery is rising again thanks to self-sacrificing work of the Prior Archmadrite father Gavriilo (Vuckovic). The five-member brotherhood together with the Prior by publishing a monastery magazine Put, Istina i Zivot (Path, Truth and Life) once in two months is trying to regain faith in the soles of its parishians and all those searching for a true spiritual life.





# Smile A While!

Little boy was kneeling beside his bed with his mother and grandmother and softly saying his prayers, "Dear God, please bless Mummy and Daddy and all the family and please give me a good night's sleep."

Suddenly he looked up and shouted, "And don't forget to give me a bicycle for my birthday!!"

"There is no need to shout like that," said his mother. "God isn't deaf."

"No," said the little boy, "but Grandma is."

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Johnny had been misbehaving and was sent to his room. After a while he emerged and informed his mother that he had thought it over and then said a prayer.

"Fine", said the pleased mother. "If you ask God to help you not misbehave, He will help you."

"Oh, I didn't ask Him to help me not misbehave," said Johnny. "I asked Him to help you put up with me."

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A man and wife rushed into a dentist's office. The wife said, "I want a tooth pulled. I don't want gas or numbing cream or anything because I'm in a terrible hurry. Just pull the tooth as quickly as possible."

"You're a brave woman," said the dentist.

"Now, show me which tooth it is."

"The wife turns to her husband and says, "Open your mouth and show the dentist which tooth it is, dear."

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A little girl went up to her mother one day while holding her stomach saying, "Mommy, my stomach hurts." Her mother replied, "That's because it's empty, you have to put something into it!"

Later that day when the family were sitting at dinner, mother began to feel bad, holding her head she said, "I have such a terrible headache!"

The little girl looked up at her giving her the sweetest smile that any little child could give. Then she said, "That's because it's empty, you have to put something into it!"

## Palm Sunday

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5 year old Craig stayed home from church with a babysitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds.

Craig inquired as to what they were for.

'People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by,' his father responded.

'Wouldn't you just know it?' Craig complained, 'the one Sunday I don't go and he shows up.'

## Ring a Bell?

Father John is walking down the street one day when he notices a Nathan, a very small boy, trying to press a doorbell on a house across the street. However, Nathan is very small and the doorbell is too high for him to reach. After watching the boy's efforts for some time, Father John moves closer to Nathan's position. He steps smartly across the street, walks up behind the little fellow and, placing his hand kindly on the child's shoulder leans over and gives the doorbell a solid ring.

Crouching down to Nathan's level, Father John smiles benevolently and asks, 'And now what, my little man?'

To which Nathan replies with a beaming grin, 'Now we run!'

## Cheap At Twice The Price

A man and his young son went to church, and when they came out the father was complaining that the service was too long, the preacher was no good, and the singing was off-key.

Finally the little boy said, "Daddy, I thought it was pretty good for a dime."

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The Wednesday-night church service coincided with the last day of hunting season. Our pastor asked who had bagged a deer. No one raised a hand.

Puzzled, the pastor said, "I don't get it. Last Sunday many of you said you were missing because of hunting season. I had the whole congregation pray for your deer."

One hunter groaned, "Well, it worked. They're all safe."



# HOLIDAYS FROM OUR SLAVA THROUGH CHRISTMAS

Friday, August 14 <sup>th</sup>	Dormition Fast begins
Wednesday, August 19 <sup>th</sup>	The Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ
Friday, August 28 <sup>th</sup>	Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos
Friday, September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Beheading of St. John the Baptist
Monday, September 21 <sup>st</sup>	Birth of the Most Holy Theotokos
Sunday, September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Exaltation of the Honorable Cross
Tuesday, October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Sveta Petka
Saturday, October 31 <sup>st</sup>	St. Luka and St. Petar of Cetinje
Saturday, November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Saturday (Divine Liturgy at the Cemetery Chapel) at 9:00AM.
Sunday, November 8 <sup>th</sup>	St. Demetrius Greatmartyr
Saturday, November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Synaxis of Holy Archangel Michael
Saturday, November 28 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity Fast begins
Friday, December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos
Saturday, December 19 <sup>th</sup>	St. Nicholas the Miracle-Worker

All Holiday Divine Liturgies start at 9:30AM, except on Sundays  
when they begin at 10:00AM.

Memorial Saturdays at the Chapel start at 9:00AM.

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