

APRIL 2015

THE VOICE OF THE PROPHET



ST. ELIJAH SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

# SCHEDULE OF PASHAL SERVICE

Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>:

Holy Hours 9:00 am.

Confession 9:30 am.

Presanctified Liturgy at 9:45 am

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>:

Lazarus Saturday - Confession 9:00 am.;

Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am.

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>:

Vespers and Vrbica (Blessing of Palms) at 5:00 pm,  
procession and confession following Vespers;

Children activities and refreshment to follow

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>; Palm Sunday - Confession at 9:00 am.,

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am;

Lenten Vespers at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Pittsburgh PA at 5:00 pm.

Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>:

Annunciation - Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am

Holy Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> -

Confession 9:00 am.

Presanctified Liturgy at 9:30 am.

Holy Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> -

Confession 9:00am.

Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil at 9:30 am,

Great Vigil - Holy Passion 12 Gospels at 7:00 pm.

Holy Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> -

Royal Hours at 10:00 am,

Great Vespers at 7:00 pm, Procession and Lamentations

Holy Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> -

Confession 9:00am.

Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil at 9:30 am,

Resurrection of Christ, Matins, with Procession at 11:30 pm.

Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> -

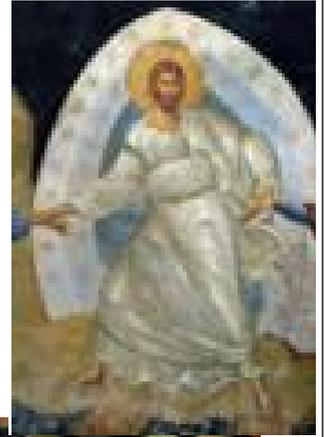
Pascha - Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am.

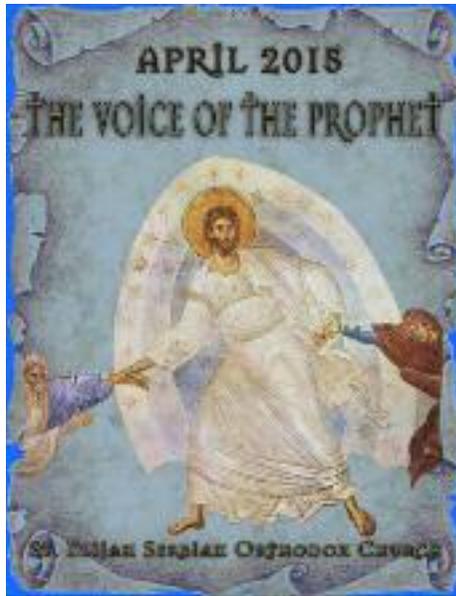
Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> -

Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am.

Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> -

Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am.





**Bulletin  
of St.Elijah Church**

All ideas are welcomed

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# FROM THE FATHER'S DESK

Dear parishioners,

Yet again you have in your hands a re-designed issue of the periodic newsletter "The Voice of the Prophet" which will, I hope, also encounter favorable reviews as did the previous issue.

Our goal is that there be something interesting inside for each of you, so that while you read it will provoke in you a feeling of anticipation for the next issue to come out.

Of course it is not an easy task, as all of us who contribute to the issue are not professionals in this field, however we do it out of love and put that into our work.

When one gets started on something like this, wanting for everyone to be happy with the outcome, it is not left unappreciated, showing by all of your comments and suggestions between these two holidays, Christmas and Easter.

Both of these holidays bring out in us joy and optimism. Christ's birth is the beginning of a promise and His Resurrection is the fulfillment of that promise. They are both closely related.

The Nativity of Christ we celebrated gloriously, which you will read about in one of the articles to follow, but we now await the celebration of the Resurrection!

The Resurrection, as the fulfillments, the culmination of Christ's Gospel, had to happen, unfortunately; just as in our lives how we have to, often, deal with pain, sorrow, disappointment, and anger but it is thereafter followed by brighter moments, moments like the victory over death, victory over earthly needs, desires, and appetites. This moment I'm talking about is when Divinity is completely expressed and all else is deemed transient and passing.

As we prepare for the greatest and most victorious Holiday, we cannot help but to ask ourselves, what, when and how much do we do

to contribute to this overall joy. Do we think about how we are behaving toward others or how much we are doing so that the people around us can really sense, from our actions, that we are Christians? How much does our behavior make those in our community, who are not Orthodox, wonder who we are, where we are from and what church we belong to because "this is good, I, too, would like to be a part of this kind of church."

Every day at work, on the street, at the bank, the store, or anywhere, we can be witnesses to Christ, in a discreet manner of course, but with our good manners we can show who we are and where we are from.

That is doing missionary work, a testimony of Christ, a Royal priesthood, which we can hear about in our churches often.

We don't have to go door to door like some cults do, imposing our opinion on others. Let them do what they wish. We, on the other hand, do just enough for our faith if with our love, attention and care for others around us we testify Jesus and show this to those who are not Orthodox.

Our faith is something that is accepted through free will, so that is how we should offer it. We testify and then the other person reacts to this, accepting it or not.

Now, with the Holiday approaching, we can see all around us preparations for some holiday.

Bunnies and chicks, from toys to stickers, pictures of them on various products that are sold to us by corporations and forced on us on every corner.

But I don't understand what holiday is in question here?

Something to do with rabbits? Chicks? Plastic eggs and the like?

I don't know.

Nothing here tells me that Jesus is in question, not to mention His Resurrection.

I have a feeling those people to whom Christianity means absolutely nothing but another reason to spend even more money, sit there and think of different character with which we will celebrate our holidays. With knocking Jesus out of everything, they use this holiday to make profit, with the help of their systematic editing where Jesus's name is strictly taken out of



use.

I think I can freely say that actually it wasn't just taken out of use but rather banned.

And just as instead of the Nativity of Christ, we celebrate the "happy holidays", that is also how the Resurrection of our Lord is hidden behind the word "Easter", a spring holiday, filled with fragrant fields, flowers, rabbits, little chicks, plastic eggs and children who search for them in the field.

As for humanity's tragedy, the betrayal of the greatest One Ever Born, the trial of the most innocent One Ever Seen, and the crucifixion of the One who knows only to forgive and love, there is no mention of this anywhere.

Now is the time that we protect our faith,

not hiding who we are and to what sort of God we belong to.

And those who see our behavior, I'm sure will wonder about us and want to become that which we are, members of the faith of Christ, members of Orthodoxy.

May the Light of Christ's Resurrection illuminate you and your families, dear brothers and sisters, giving you inspiration and strengthening your desire for testifying His Resurrection wherever you may be.

Christ is Risen!

*Yours,  
Father Milan with family*



**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**



**Yours,  
V.Rev.Stavrophor Fr.Milan Krstic, Parish Priest  
with the Church Board**

**MILAN "MICKEY" MRKAL, JULIANN TAYLOR, RICH CHESLA, KATHY LOVERICH,  
JOHN REBICH, ROBERT BARON, MATT ARBUTINA, DAN BARON,  
STEPHANIE KOVACEVIC AND JOHN RIDJANECK**



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It seems that every year our time becomes more precious and our lives more complicated. We all have many distractions such as work and family and with so much going on Easter can feel like just another holiday, another family dinner, or a reminder that Winter has ended and Spring has arrived.

Easter is the perfect time to rethink the road we're on, where it's leading, and whether it's where we want to go. We know we're moving through stages in our lives, we're just not always sure where we are or where we're going. Easter is a signpost inviting us to get our bearings and travel a new way to a new kind of life, one where our lives as Orthodox Christians can serve as an example to others.

This year, why not decide its "Time for a Fresh Start." Let Easter be a message of encouragement to show how God gives us a chance to start over and enjoy a new relationship with him. Easter is our Lord's invitation to experience life as it was meant to be.

As a Church community we are committed to travel the road God has prepared for us, share the joys and burdens common to travelers, and marvel at the wonders and surprises that lie ahead. Easter is a defining moment in your life, you can choose to stay in the rush hour traffic going nowhere, or take a chance and trust God's plan. Who of your relatives, neighbors, and friends do you want to see come to Christ this Easter at St. Elijah? Don't forget the best outreach tool we have is you! People are more likely to be open to your invitation at Easter than at any other time of year. Don't miss this once-a-year opportunity to invite them to Divine Liturgy or one of our Lenten church services!

So I invite you to put away those things that distract us from the true meaning of our lives and to attend the worship services this Holy Week of 2015. I also invite you through prayer, meditation, and by acts of kindness and generosity to enter into the mind of Christ. Plan to be with us on this special Lord's Day as our choir sings and the wonderful truth of resurrection is heralded forth. Perhaps as we seek to know the joy of the risen Christ in our hearts and minds and as we are freed from our sin by His death on the cross, we may rejoice together and know with absolute certainty that "Christ is Risen"!

Hristos Voskrese!

Faithfully Yours,

Milan Mrkal

*Milan Mrkal*

President St. Elijah Church School Executive Board



# CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



By Fr. Milan

The magnificent feast day of the Nativity of Christ is something that we await from the very beginning of lent from late November.

Lent, the spiritual and physical preparation for the coming of the much awaited One, is



the least we can do to show our faith but also for ourselves.

Preparing ourselves through lent, we calm ourselves, control our habits, and elevate our minds and hearts to the level of purity and nobility, enriched with God and His message of Love.

And at the end, the greatest benefit is given to us as we become better people, people worthy to be called Christians, witnesses of Christ.

For us, a practice, that has become tradition for St. Elijah church, is something that leaves anyone breathless, Christian or not. So much dedication to the celebration of the Nativity, such a strong desire that everything be beautiful and done well is something that, I think, is very specific to our church.

A few days before Christmas, a few of our parishioners, Dale George Vula, Dan Paich, Mark Oresconin, Nikola Cokic and Tom Trkulja, delivered piles of wood for the burning of the Yule log. On the day of Christmas Eve, right after Divine Liturgy, those same people came again but this time they began starting the fire and preparing everything for the Yule log. Around 3:30 that afternoon, parishioners started gathering on the street and forming a line with their cars to go get the Yule log. At the head of the line there was a pickup truck with a Serbian flag. The truck was owned by Michael Lackovich who continued the

tradition of his uncle Pete Lackovich who always drove with the Yule log.

The lineup of cars started moving toward the cemetery and it was on the picnic area right below there that our president, Milan Mrkalj, cut the Yule log. The choir then lead the people in singing the Christmas Troparion at which point the priest greeted all present with the words "Christ is Born!" in response everyone exclaimed "Indeed He is Born!" three times back and forth as three times the cannons thundered, with the help of Eli and Dan Rebich in memory of their father Mike Rebich who designed them.

After that, everyone got back into their cars, and with horns beeping and the Yule log leading the way, the parishioners met back at the church where the Yule log was brought into the Center by the president. All this time the troparion was being sung and as soon as the yule log was set down next to the stage, we began with a prayer. President Milan tossed walnuts at all four sides of the hall and then Father Milan tossed wheat onto the yule log, doused it with wine, and anointed it with oil and words of blessing; this continued on with sensing, prayer and sprinkling of holy water.

At the end, the children and the choir, who was led by George Milosh for this occasion, began to sing.

Later our Sunday school put on a dramatic performance of the Nativity of Christ. The children, like many times before, with their purity and skill, delighted everyone present.

Afterwards, the president took the Yule log back outside, placing it on the fire as Father Milan again greeted everyone with the Christmas greeting of "Christ is Born!" as the parishioners responded "Indeed He is born!" while the can-





nons thundered yet again with every exclamation and the choir chanted "Rozdestvo". After that, everyone returned back into the hall where they were served hot totties (shumadijski Chai) and gathered around to spend some time with friends.

After a few hours, at 10:00 P.M., began the Vigil service which was served by the current parish priest, Father Milan, and the long-time parish priest, Father Stevan. Our choir sang during the service and was directed by Kathy Loverich. In a church filled with people, the Divine Child was celebrated, and at the end of service when Father Milan finished with the closing prayers, Father Stevan anointed the parishioners with the blessed oil.

Around midnight everyone was on their way home to be ready for Christmas Liturgy in the morning.



came the choir into his home singing "Rozdestvo".

Singing Christmas Hymns the entire time, they wished a merry Christmas to the hosts, and the hosts returned their good wishes with the love and hospitality given to only dearest ones.

Father Stevan blessed the Christmas lunch which Protinica Sava prepared, with the help of her sister from Florida and family, and Father Milan welcomed everyone into his homes with a few words thanking everyone that they came and pointing them in the direction of food and drink.

Celebrations continued in a family manner, a manner which is only right for a priest, his family and his closest associates, the choir.





The Sveta Petka Kolo had a very busy end and beginning of the year. All through the months of November and December we were busy baking cookies, tortas, baking nut, poppy seed

and apricot rolls making noodles and stuffed cabbages so that we could fill our Christmas bake sale pre-orders. It was a lot of time in the kitchen but as we heard from many of our customers it was well worth it! Thank you to those ladies and gentlemen who helped us in any way to prepare all of these wonderful food items.

On March 8th we hosted our Lenten Supper. Almost 100 people were in attendance for the Lenten Vesper Services. After services everyone was invited downstairs of the Church Center to partake of our soup/salad and pasta bar. Thank you to Protinica Sava who provided krofne for all to enjoy.

Anyone who would like to dye RED eggs for Easter and donate them may do so by bringing them to the church hall kitchen on Holy Friday.

For Noodle orders please call Paulette Arbutina at 724-774-7835 for Nut roll, poppy seed rolls and apricot rolls please call Patty Cekoric 412-260-3236. Help in making these items is always appreciated!

The next KCC meeting will be held on Monday, April 20th. All women of our parish are welcome to join and attend.



## ST. ELIJAH CHURCH CHOIR

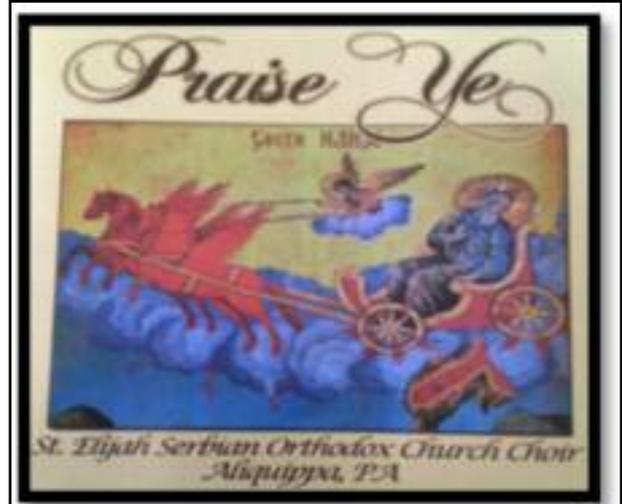
It has been a (l-o-n-g) winter. But one thing for sure we have our faithful choir members who are dedicated to attend Divine Liturgy every Sunday in spite of the local road conditions in our area. Even on the worst Sunday there were still 15 loyal choir members singing in the choir loft!

We took a break from rehearsals because of the weather and now we are ready to get back

to the swing of things again and start back up. We will be learning new music for our invited trip to Hamilton, Canada in October. New choir members are welcome so just let one of our members know that you would like to join us and you will be welcomed to our "family" with open arms!

In February we held our annual Bowling Ball. This was our 13th year and there was a great time had by everyone. Once again the weather played a factor that day where a few teams could not make it but all and all we managed to have 24 teams bowling at Baden Bowl then join us for a delicious dinner back at the Center where our guests were entertained by Radost. Thank you to those who braved the weather and for those who made donations it is much appreciated!

We still have CD's for sale for a donation of \$15.00 please see Cheryl Leydig or you may email: [praise.ye.st.elijah@gmail.com](mailto:praise.ye.st.elijah@gmail.com). This CD was dedicated to our Fr. Stevan at our 100th Anniversary celebration for all of his help with our choir through the years. He, as well as George Milosh, Donna August, Dan August and Adam Loverich are featured soloists on the CD. If you did not already order one you need to do so now!



An order form is included in this bulletin. This makes a great gift so purchase one today!

Mark your calendars for the weekend of September 19th and 20th. We will be celebrating our 85th Annual Choir Concert Weekend. Details will be in the Slava bulletin in August.



REMINDER

**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.

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**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.stelijahserbianorthodoxchurcaliquippa.com](http://www.stelijahserbianorthodoxchurcaliquippa.com)

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# *“Tea and Treasure Baskets”*

*Sponsored by:  
St. Elíjah Serbian Orthodox Church Mother’s Club*

*Sunday June 07, 2015  
1 pm - 3:30 pm  
\$20.00 per ticket*

*St Elíjah Serbian Center  
2200 Main Street  
Aliquippa, PA 15001*

*Please join us for a very special afternoon tea!  
High Tea with scones, finger sandwiches and delicious desserts!  
Prizes and beautiful Treasure Baskets to raffle!  
Hats Welcome!*



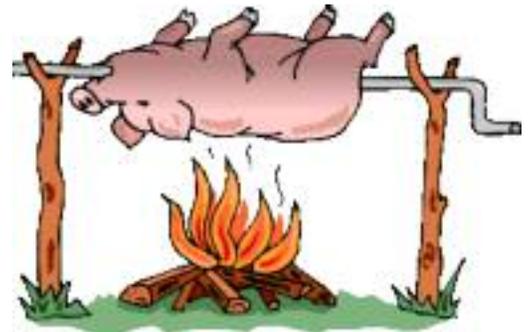
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Julie Taylor: 724-375-2784  
Your payment confirms your reservation*



**SAINT ELIJAH SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH  
CORNERSTONE MENS CLUB  
ANNOUNCES OUR  
2015 PICNIC SCHEDULE**

**Please join us for good Food, Fun, and  
Serbian Music and Dancing**

Specializing in our "Hot Barbecued  
Lamb / Pig



Please join us at the **St.Elijah Picnic Grounds** (behind the cemetery) In Hopewell Twp.  
Saturday, June 6, 2015 starting at 2 o'clock pm  
Saturday, August 8, 2015 also starting at 2 o'clock pm

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

**PLEASE HELP US ADVERTISE BY INFORMING  
ALL YOUR FRIENDS!**

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***All of Our Members Wishes to  
Thank you for your continued support !!***



By Fr. Milan



Our church choir, The Prophet St. Elija, is a gift from God that adorns our Divine Liturgy, every Sunday, with their beautiful voices.

Divine Liturgy is on its own one of the most beautiful gifts bestowed to us from God. Through St. John Chrysostom, St. Basil the Great, and St. Gregory Dialogist we are able to turn toward God with enthusiasm and joy. During Divine Liturgy is when God gathers us all, along with the bishops or priest, so that we may all pray together. With that, Liturgy is obviously something that is most useful to our souls because through it we communicate with God and with Holy Communion, we unite with Him.

That is why every Divine Liturgy is unique and unrepeatable, and when missed, unrequited.

The Three Holy Hierarchs who wrote the three most common Liturgies, wrote them in the way so that they are holy, formal, and inspiring.

To have a complete spiritual feel, the Liturgy must also have an external factor. The priest serves in his beautifully designed chasubles in a wonderfully decorated church with the help of the altar boys and tutors with this showing the formality, seriousness, and importance of worship during service.

Our choirs' singing, the beauty of the composition, and the ability of

our singers to perform these God inspired pieces the right way is something that every church hopes for.

Thanks to the high-quality voices of our singers and very talented conductors, our church is very lucky to have something so rare. Our Father Stevan made sure of it, beginning as a young man when he was just ordained, putting so much of his talent, love and time into it so that he could help the choir become organized, diligent and as good as it can be as it is today.

The current three conductors of the choir, Kathy Loverich, Andy Muha, and George Milosh, with their knowledge and ideas, will and enthusiasm, continue with what was started. And wherever the choir may go, they continue to captivate people with their song.

This is the choir which everyone raves about.

Just as every year, February 21st, our choir organized a bowling tournament. It began at 2:00 P.M. so that our parishioners could socialize and have a good time but also so that our choir could help raise their funds.

The planning an organization of the whole operation were perfect, as always, but that snow decided to keep coming down which thwarted some people's plans for coming to the tournament. However, those with a strong will and better tires, made it out and were not disappointed that they did.



Even I, the writer of these lines, after the Diocesan Assembly in Weirton OH, hurried over to the lanes to be there during the competition, even though I didn't play myself.

I saw that people were laughing, happy, carefree, and felt the pride of being Serbian heard by the music being played by the live orchestra present "Radost" and it seems a variety of different drinks along with some very satisfied bowlers.

Every lane, every group, had their own party that was spilling over to the neighboring one and I think that such things, that bring people close together, should be happening more often.

Later, the party continued over at our Serbian Center where all the bowlers and other guests had dinner and kept on enjoying the live music.

In any case, this was something that is worthy of repetition. A big "thank you" to our choir for giving us such a lovely day to remember.



## ST. ELIJAH CORNERSTONE MEN'S CLUB

We would like to share some news about the St. Elijah Cornerstone Men's Club for those of you who don't know. We have a new president, Alex Brnjilovic and we are very excited that a young member is stepping up to take a leadership role and we wish him well. Our past president, Dan Baron has served on and off for the past 25 years and has worked very diligently for our Men's club and our church and we thank him for his time and devotion. He has agreed to continue to be a mentor for Alex.

Although our group is small in number, we still roast pigs for Christmas, lambs for our two food festivals and hold picnics each year. We are hoping to have some new fundraisers in the future and hope you will support us for them as well as our two upcoming picnics.

Our Picnic dates are as follows: June 6 & August 8, 2015

We hope that you will mark your calendars and join us to enjoy some lamb, pig, Serbian music and fellowship!

*Rich Chesla*  
Secretary



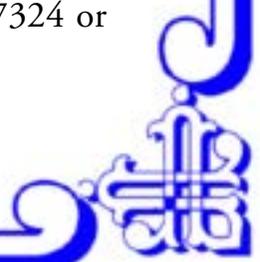


It's that time of year again, on Saturday May 2, 2015, the St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church will host its 10th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser. Once again the tournament will be held at Blackhawk Golf Course, Beaver Falls, PA. This tournament is a major fundraiser for our parish. So, please, spread the word and invite your golfing friends. Invite your friends' friends! Glorious weather, golf and good friends! We look forward to seeing all of you and having a great time.

Please return your entry forms and fees no later than WEDNESDAY April 29, 2015 to allow for a more efficient process at the golf course. Late registrations will take place on the day of the event at the golf course in the pavilion across the street from the clubhouse starting at 7 a.m. — coffee and donuts will also be available for all to enjoy. The event will continue to follow a “scramble” format - 4 participants to a team. All golfers should be in their carts and ready to go by **7:45 a.m.** Tee off is at **8:00 a.m.**

- There will be two 50-50 CLOSEST TO THE PIN contests, one each on holes 6 and 13. \$5 entry fee to be collected at the hole.
- There will be MULLIGANS sold at the pavilion Saturday morning. They are \$20 per team with each team member getting 1 (one) mulligan per round.
- There will be a SKINS game. The entry fee is \$10 per team sold at the pavilion as well.
- Refreshments will be available in the back of the clubhouse between nines.
- Score sheets are to be submitted to RICH CHESLA at the cart return PRIOR TO LEAVING THE COURSE.
- DINNER— Head back to the St. Elijah Serbian Center “19th Hole” for refreshments immediately after completing golf. Buffet Dinner will be served at 2:00 p.m. with prizes and trophies awarded immediately following. (Non-golfers may join us for dinner – reservations, please. Fees are listed on the entry form.)

The event entry fee of \$100 includes 18 holes of Golf, Cart, and Snack for Lunch at the turn along with the Grand Gourmet Dinner Buffet prepared and served by our own Chef Brian Chichester and his great crew. Any questions, please contact Rich Chesla 724-774-7324 or Kathy Loverich at 724-375-9894 or [stelijah@comcast.net](mailto:stelijah@comcast.net).



# The St. Elijah Church-Aliquippa, PA. Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser



**SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2015 \* BLACKHAWK GOLF COURSE \* SHOTGUN START\***

**REGISTRATION AT 7:00 AM - TEE OFF 8:00 AM (Scramble Format)**

Registration form and fees payable by: April 29, 2015 Entry Fee: \$100  
*Includes: 18 holes of Golf, Cart, and Snack at the turn PLUS your Buffet Dinner IMMEDIATELY following your round of golf at the:*  
**St. Elijah Center**  
**2200 Main Street**  
**Aliquippa, Pa 15001**

**All inquiries please call: Rich Chesla (724) 774-7324 or 724-375-9894**  
**Or email: stelijah@comcast.net**

The field is limited to 144 golfers; Registration is on a first-come first served basis.

Please make checks payable to: *St. Elijah Church*

PARISHIONERS and guests may also join us for the Buffet Dinner on Saturday prepared by:  
 Chef Bryan Chichester and crew

Donation: *\$16 for adults and \$5 for students*

Advance dinner reservations must be made and pre-paid by: April 29, 2015

| NAME AND ADDRESS | PHONE # | E-MAIL |
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Total number of **guests** and **golfers** joining us for dinner \_\_\_\_\_.

MAIN Contact NAME/ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Golf Fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DinnerDonationS \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_





# SPRING FOOD FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD ON



**Saturday – May 16, 2015 ----- 11:00 am. to 7:00 pm.**  
**Sunday, May 17, 2015 (Following Divine Liturgy)----- Noon - 4:00pm.**

FALL FOOD FESTIVAL will be held

Saturday, October 3, 2015

11:00AM to 7:00PM

Sunday October 4, 2015 (Following Divine Liturgy) Noon – 4:00 PM

**St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church Center**

**(724)-375-9894**



## Featured Menu Items:



### MEATS

Lamb, Cevaps, Pljeskavica, Sarma, Roasted Chickens

### SIDES

Gibanica, Burek, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans, Cabbage n' Noodles, Mashed Potatoes

### SALADS

Serbian Potato Salad, Serbian Cole Slaw, Serbian Salad

### SOUPS

Gra i Kupus

Chicken Noodle Soup

Sample of Pastries THAT YOU MAY DONATE to be Sold at Our Bake Sale:

Pitas, Nut rolls, Tortas (yellow, chocolate, nut and Russian), Strudels, Variety of Cookies

Our KCC will make Rezanci (Noodles) Nut rolls and we will also make Palachinke

~Basket Raffle too!~

Our Basket Raffle has been VERY SUCCESSFUL! If you would like to donate a themed basket please see a board member as soon as you have it completed. VALUE should be at least \$50

**VOLUNTEER TO HELP THE WEEK OF THE EVENT AND THE TWO DAYS OF THE EVENT**

**CALL THE CENTER OFFICE TO BE PLACED ON THE SCHEDULE 724-375-989**



# ST. SAVA CELEBRATION

By Fr. Milan

Our greatest Serbian Saint and the founder of the Serbian Orthodox Church as well as all that is valued in the Serbs, St. Sava, is, I'm sure, overjoyed watching from the heavens.

Seeing many Serbs who have forgotten about God or have never accept Him into their lives and then seeing how much joy and enthusiasm that young people, in our church in Aliquippa, bring in praising God, with their attendance at Sunday school where they learn about their faith and their origin and they prepare for the celebration of the greatest Serbian Saint, St. Sava is proud.

Being an Orthodox Serb is a great honor, but at the same time that honor must be deserved.

This is begun at a young age, with parents who teach their children and continues on with our church.

Yes, an education is achieved through various schools and institutions that will be useful for



Serbian tricolor, the Kum Elijah Sklack and Kuma Julia Knapp for the St. Sava Slava which we celebrated that day.

During the service, Julia who was the Kuma, read the Epistle. At the end of service, Father Milan along with Elijah, Julia and the company of the children, cut the Kolach and blessed the "Koljivo" which were prepared by Georgette for this occasion. The beautifully decorated Kolach and Koljivo were both breathtaking which comes as no surprise as Georgette Osman has been baking Proshoras (the bread used during Divine Liturgy for holy communion and nafora) for years, as her gift to God. Thank you to her and may the Lord bless her for her gifts.

After Liturgy we went over to the Center where Father Milan began the celebrations with



jobs and professions that will help earn a living.

But an upbringing is acquired through family and the church.

This is why Sunday schools always repeat to their parishioners: "send your kids to Sunday school, that which they will learn here will be invaluable and not offered anywhere but here!"

Thank God that many parents who really care about the upbringing of their children send their kids to Sunday school and take part in Sunday service; and most boys successfully fill altar boy positions in the church where they selflessly help that Divine Liturgy look as solemn as it does.

On January 25th, the church was filled with people and it was all graced with the presence of two young people who were decorated with the





a sermon about St. Sava and President Milan, with a welcoming speech, congratulated and welcomed all present. The ceremonies continued with a program where the choir sang and the Sunday school children: Teodora Krstic, Emily Milanovich, Jovan Kodice, Angelina Kodice, Noah Sye, Luka Kosanovich, Julianna Mistrovich, Raichel Mamula, Richard Mamula, Kyle Torbich, Ryan Torbich, Mark Knapp, Eli Kosanovich and Julia Knapp, recited poems, all lead by the lovely voice of the host of the program, the Kum Elijah Sklack.

And of course, it all ended with a delicious lunch provided by our mothers club and church-school teachers.

All in all, the Slava was celebrated in the way that our St. Sava deserves, solemnly and dignified.

God grant you many years, our dear children!



the voice of the prophet

## tree of worries



I once hired a man to renovate an old outhouse. It was the end of a tough day for him. He blew out his tire and lost a whole hour of work, his electric saw failed, and now his old pickup truck wouldn't start.

While I was giving him a ride home, the entire drive he sat quiet and serious in the passenger seat. When we pulled up to his house, he invited me in to meet his family. As we were walking up to the front door, he stopped at a small tree, briefly, and touched the branches of it with both of his hands.

Before the door house door opened, he somehow had transformed. His pace lit up with a smile, he hugged his three kids and gave his wife a kiss. Afterwards, he walked me to my car. We passed by the small tree and I was burning with curiosity, so I asked him about what I'd seen earlier. "Oh, that's my tree of worries." He answered. "I know that I can't avoid problems at work, but one thing is for sure, those problems don't belong at home and to my wife and kids. That is why I just hang them up on the tree every night before I walk into the house. And the next day, when I head off to work, I pick them up again. He stopped for a moment and smiled, "But what's funny is that in the morning, when the time come for me to pick them up again, there aren't even close to as many as I remember there being the night before."

*Unknown author*

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to ask you, that if you know somebody of our parishioners that is in the NURSING HOMES, ASSISTENT LIVING, REHABILITATION CENTER, etc... to call me and inform of that, so I can go and visit them.

Also, if you know somebody that lives at home and is homebound, please let me know and i will visit them, pray with them, and give them The Holy Confession and Communion.

Thank you.

Yours Fr.Milan

Please, do not hesitate to call me, any time!

Office phone: 724-375-4074

Cell phone: 724-302-9236

resurrection



## LENTEN VESPERS

By Fr. Milan

Just as you all know, when Easter Lent begins, so begins a period with constant church services, services different from what we are used to during the year. In our church, Fridays we have Presanctified Liturgy, and Sundays the liturgy of St. Basil the great is served.

All these different services, that are in turn longer, as well, help us to better prepare for Christ's Resurrection.

Here, in North America, it is customary that Sunday afternoons all the priests from an area meet in one of the churches and serve Lenten Vespers Service. It is beneficial to all of us that we gather in one church together, pray, visit with each other, and hear the thoughtful ser-



mons told by other priests whom we don't have the privilege of hearing every Sunday.

The second week of Lent, March 8th, at 5:00 PM, in our church gathered parishioners and priests from various places so that we may all pray together. Our choir sang beautifully, as always, and our Bishop Dr. Mitrophan came with his secretary Milan Jovanovic and chanted at the stand.

Our Dean of Pittsburgh Deanery, Father Rade Merik was presided, with the help of Father Rodney Torbic, Father Rajko Kosic, Father Branislav Golic, and the local priest, Father Milan Krstic.

Adam Loverich read the Parimije (parts from old Testament) and Andy



Muha conducted the choir.

At the end, Father Rade gave an inspiring sermon about the significance of fast, after which father Milan welcomed all the people present. Following that, everyone headed to the Serbian Center where there was a Lenten supper served at which point Milan Mrkalj gave a warm welcome to all the guests.

It is important to be self-critical and admit that there wasn't as many people in church, from Aliquippa, as there should have been in comparison to the number of people who came as guests and had to make the trip in order to pray with us.

God willing, there will be more of us next year.



**SPECIAL DONATIONS FROM  
DECEMBER 1, 2014- FEBRUARY 28, 2015**

**DECEMBER 7, 2014**

ALTAR FUND IMO DUCHIN REBICH  
PAT/BETTY BOLGER 25

RICK/YVONNE BRINKMAN 50  
MRS JOE MILLER 50

DECEMBER 12, 2014

ST. ELIJAH CHURCH CHOIR- 500  
CHRISTMAS

KIM ELLIOTT-100  
IMO MOM ELSIE ELLIOTT

DAYNA MILICH 20  
IMO FATHER DUSHAN MILICH

JOHN DUNN AGENCY 25  
IMO MIKE KLAICH

PETE PESUT JR 25  
IMO FATHER PETE PESUT SR

JOHN PATTY SERGEANT-20  
IMO NADINE ROBBINS

ROBERT/EVELYN SAVICH 100  
IMO DUCHIN REBICH

JOYCE 'WINOWICH' HALLOWES 25  
IMO DUCHIN REBICH ALTAR FUND

GEORGE SUDER 30  
IMO NADINE ROBBINS

BOWERS/FAWCETT LLC 50  
IMO DUCHIN REBICH ALTAR FUND

BEAVER FALLS LIONS CLUB 50  
IMO DUCHIN REBICH

ANGIE ZETZ/DOROTHY ENGLE/JUDY PE-  
TERS 50  
IMO MIKE KLAICH

VIRGINIA SEBASTIN 50  
IMO DUCHIN REBICH

ANGELO, KATHRYN THEODORE 50  
IMO MILOS KLAICH

LAWRENCE E REBICH FAMILY 100  
IMO DUCHIN REBICH  
MARIANNE GEDMAN 25

IN HONOR OF KUMA DIANE BARON

MELISSA/DUNNIE PEVAC  
IN HONOR OF KUMA DIANE BARON 25

DUNNIE PEVAC 25  
IMO NADINE ROBBINS

PFEIFER FAMILY 100  
IMO NADINE ROBBINS

GEORGETTE/DAVID SEMICK 300  
IMO DAD GEORGE 'SKINNY' SEMICK  
KUM MILATA GRKOVICH  
MERRY CHRISTMAS MOM  
NELL SEMICK -LOVE YOU

MICHAEL 'BUTCH' REBICH AND STANLEY  
BROZIK 200  
IMO DUCHIN REBICH ALTAR FUND

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MIKE 'MILOS'  
KLAICH SUBMITTED BY THE FAMILY  
MIM BIZIC 100

DAN MAKSIMOVICH AND ALEXANDRA  
NOLAN 75

ROSE GANTNER 50

TIM/KAREN KAVIC 50

IRENE RADAKOVICH 50

GEORGE AND DEBRA STUDEN-  
PAVLOVICH 50

MARTHA RADULOVICH 25

BESSIE ROKNICK 25

NICK/OLGA YORGIN 25

ALBIN/DIANA ABRAMOVICH 20

TED BELICH 20

ALEXANDER AND DIANE CHRUCHIN 20

ALAN/ELAINE KLAICH 100

BRIAN, SUSAN, OLIVA, AND MAXWELL  
KLAICH 100

ROBERT, MOLLY, SYDNEY, AND DOMINIC  
KLAICH 100

NICK/ROSEMARIE BRUICH 100

ALDO AND MARIA CARDINALE 50

JENNIE/MARK ROKNICK 15

M/M JOSEPH DOLINSKI 10

IN LOVING MEMORY OF NADINE ROBBINS  
SUBMITTED BY THE FAMILY

MIM BIZIC 25

TED BELICH 20

MARY/PETE BELICH 20

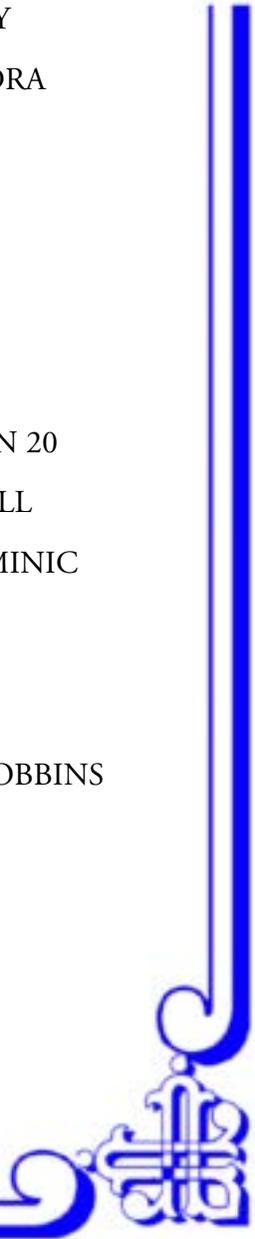
TONI RODICH 20

JOANN NAIRN 10

DIANA/ALBIN ABRAMOVICH 20

MILDRED SNYDER 10

ANN VIGNOVICH 10



JOHN/VIOLET TOMEI 20  
 MELANIE KOMAZEC 20  
 ANN TURKOVICH 20  
 LOIS CROXTON 25  
 NADINE/MIKE MARAVICH 20  
 MIKE VIGNOVICH 15  
 BESSIE BRATICH 15  
 STELLA ZINAICH 20  
 MELISSA HENNESSY/YVONNE BAKER 20  
 JOANN LUDOVICO 25  
 MARY MARAVICH FAMILY 10  
 SYLVIA MICHIC 20  
 LARRY/MILANA MILOSH 50

**DECEMBER 14, 2014**

CLYDE/JOYCE SCURSATONE 50  
 IMO NICK M AND ANN P MARAVICH

NELL MUKANOS 20  
 IMO HELEN VILLA

MILO/LJUBIE PRISUTA 50  
 IMO VERA V PRISUTA

MARTY RADULOVICH 20  
 IMO MOTHER KATA GRKOVICH

STELLA MRAOVICH 20  
 IMO VUJO/ANNA POLOJAC FAMILY  
 PERSONAL SLAVA

NADINE MARAVICH 25  
 IMO HUSBAND ELI MARAVICH PERSONAL  
 SLAVA

**DECEMBER 21, 2014**

MILEVA MERVIS 20  
 IMO HUSBAND BOB MERVIS –PERSONAL  
 SLAVA

M/M MITCH MENCANIN 10  
 IMO BROTHER-IN-LAW JOHN NAIRN

DOROTHY BARON 20  
 IMO FATHER NICK ARBUTINA

DANICA STARYSZAK 40  
 IMO ALL LOVED ONES

GEORGE/BEA VULA 10  
 IMO BROTHER NICK VULA  
 DALE VULA 10  
 IMO UNCLE NICK VULA

LOIS CROXTON 15  
 IMO CHARLES BELAS

JOANN LUDOVICO  
 IMO HUSBAND DONALD 20  
 PARENT STEVO/MARY MADJAREVICH PER-  
 SONAL SLAVA

ESTHER MILICH 25  
 IMO HUSBAND DUSAN

JOYCE/CLYDE SCURSATONE 25  
 IMO NADINE ROBBINS

SYLVIA MICHIC 25  
 IMO ANN FARRINGER

DIANE IANNINI 25  
 IMO PETE PESUT ON DEC 9TH

VIOLET SMOLANOVICH 25  
 IMO LUBA SMOLANOVICH 12-22-91

VIOLET BENEDICT 25  
 IMO YOVO/DANICA RADANOVICH  
 PERSONAL SLAVA

CHESTER/IRENE HAYDEN 25  
 IMO NIKOLA HAYDEN PERSONA SLAVA

MELISSA HENNESSY 25  
 IMO PARENTS JOHN/SARA MUSOLIN

PETE BELICH 25  
 IMO PETE/MARY BELICH PERSONAL SLAVA

ROSE PRISUTA 30  
 IMO BELOVED HUSBAND/FATHER  
 RICHARD B PRISUTA AND GRANDFATHER  
 MILO B PRISUTA AND GRANDMOTHER  
 VERA V. PRISUTA

ROBERT/DIANE BARON 30  
 IMO LOVED ONES FOR PERSONAL SLAVA

SYLVIA MICHIC 35  
 IMO PAULA MABEE KARAFFA

CYNTHIA BARRINGER 20  
 IMO BABA AMELIA ZERNICH

PATRICIA CEKORIC 50  
 IMO THOMAS/MARY CEKORIC ALTAR  
 FLOWERS

BARBARA SAHAR 50  
 IMO ANN FARRINGER

DOROTHY PHILLIPS NEY 50  
 IMO NADINE ROBBINS



MATT ARBUTINA 50  
IMO FATHER NIKOLA ARBUTINA PER-  
SONAL SLAVA

ROSE RESANOVICH 50  
IMO HUSBAND ALEX PERSONAL SLAVA

BEVERLY PERKEY 100  
IMO DUCHIN REBICH ALTAR FUND

DOROTHY MARAVICH 100  
IMO PARENTS AND BROTHER  
SAM/MIL/MICHAEL MARAVICH PERSONAL  
SLAVA

MIM BIZIC 100  
IMO KARLO FAMILIES PERSONAL SLAVA

IN LOVING MEMORY OF DUCHIN REBICH  
SUBMITTED BY THE FAMILY

DERALD/JEAN STUMP 100  
BK/ROBIN BASTRESS 25  
MELANIE DRAGOSLJIVICH 50  
JOHN/PATTY SERGEANT 25  
MARIE REBICH 50  
BESSIE BRATICH 50  
MIKE VIGNOVICH 50  
RON/SYLVIA MICHIC 20  
JOHN/MELISSA QUAY 50  
MICHAEL PAULA LIPTAK 20  
GEORGE MANOLOVICH 10  
AL/CAROL RADULOVICH 20  
GEORGE/MARLYN WINOVICH 20  
MIM BIZIC 25

IN LOVING MEMORY OF DUCHIN REBICH  
SUBMITTED BY THE FAMILY ALTAR FUND

RUSSELL/ANITA PERKEY 100  
BONITA STOPPERICH 150  
RONALD/BONNIE ROVNAK 75  
JOSEPH/SANDRA PUSKARICH 50  
DAN/JANET BRITZA 25  
ELI/LOIS REBICH 50  
MELISSA HENNESSAY AND YVONNE BAKER  
25  
LARRY/JUDY REBICH 50  
DAN/ANNE MENICH 15  
MILDRED SNYDER 10  
RON/DEBRA BETTERS 50

**DECEMBER 28, 2014**  
LAURIE JOVAN 25  
IMO AUNT NADINE ROBBINS

SYLVIA/RON MICHIC 35  
IMO FRANK MICHIC

JOANN NAIRN 20  
IMO HUSBAND JOHN

CARSON ROBBINS 100  
IMO MOTHER NADINE

MILDRED KORPASH 10  
IMO CHUCK BELAS

MILKA PESUT 15  
IMO CHUCK BELAS

**JANUARY 4, 2015**  
CYNTHIA BARRINGER 20  
IMO BABAS MARY RADOVICH  
AND AMELIA ZERNICH

MICKEY BELAS 10  
IMO LOIS CROXTON

MELISSA HENNESSY 25  
IMO FATHER JOHN MUSOLIN

MELANIE KRNETA 25  
IMO LOIS CROXTON

LARRY/MILANA MILOSH 25  
IMO CHUCK BELAS

15 IMO FATHER STEVAN FROM SON DRA-  
GAN

SLAVKA NIKOLIC 100  
IMO HUSBAND ZEKE FOR CHRISTMAS

TOM REBICH 100  
IMO DUCHIN REBICH

MICHAEL WALLACE 3000  
IMO AUNT KAY DUFALA GRUBER

DIANE YANCHIK 20  
IMO MY PARENTS

MILLIE YANUZZI 20  
IMO RAY YANUZZI, FATHER PETE/MOM  
BEATRICE MRVOSH AND BROTHER SAM  
AND ALL MERVOSH'S

**JANUARY 5, 2015**  
ELAINE LORICH 10  
IMO BELOVED HUSBAND DAN LORICH

KAREN MCNARY 25  
IMO PARENTS DOROTHY AND ANDREW  
YANCHIK



SUZANNE SMITH 50  
IMO JOVANKA KOLEDIN

MICHAEL MUSULIN 15  
IMO STEVE/SAVA MUSULIN

DOROTHY BARON 10  
IMO HILDA BISICH

DOROTHY BARON 20  
IMO MIKE AND GEORGE BISICH

DOROTHY BARON 25  
IMO HUSBAND GEORGE BARON

DOROTHY BARON 25  
IMO NICK AND ANNA ARBUTINA

ROBERT/DIANE BARON 30  
IMO LOVED ONES

MIM BIZIC 30  
IMO JOVANKA KOLEDIN

DOROTHY BRATICH 25  
IMO HUSBAND RODY BRATICH

RODNA BRATICH  
IMO PRECIOUS FATHER RODY BRATICH

PAUL/MELANIE DUSENBERRY 25  
IMO ROSE MARIE GUERRIERE/PERSONAL  
SLAVA

PAUL/MELANIE DUSENBERRY 50  
IMO ROSE MARIE GUERRIERE AND  
GRANDMOTHER ANGELINE  
MUSULIN/CHRISTMAS

DAWN TOMEI DANIELS 100  
IMO BROTHER JON TOMEI

MELISSA HENNESSY 25  
IMO PARENTS JOHN/SARA  
MUSOLIN/CHRISTMAS

GEORGIANNA KROSS 100  
IMO PARENTS GEORGE/FRANCES KO-  
ZLINA/ CHRISTMAS

TOM/CHERYL LEYDIG 20  
IMO JOVANKA KOLEDIN

PETE MILICH 50  
IMO PETAR, MARIJA, EVICA, DUSHAN, STO-  
JAN AND NIKOLA/CHRISTMAS

STELLA MRAOVICH 25  
IMO BROTHER SAM/ SISTER MIMI DOM-  
LADOVAC/CHRISTMAS

STELLA MRAOVICH 25  
IMO HUSBAND NICK AND GRANDSON  
ERIC SEMOVOSKI FOR CHRISTMAS

DAN RADAKOVICH 100  
IMO MOTHER ANA/FATHER  
NICK/BROTHER GEORGE AND WIFE  
DONNA FOR CHRISTMAS

LUANN THOMPSON  
IMO MOTHER DONNA RADAKOVICH,  
GRANDPARENTS PETE/LUBI BELICH AND  
NICK/ANNA RADAKOVICH FOR CHRIST-  
MAS

**JANUARY 12, 2015**  
DIANE IANNINI 50  
IMO LOVED ONES FOR CHRISTMAS

DIANE IANNINI 20  
IMO AUNT SOPHIE V LOVERICH ON HER  
BIRTHDAY

DIANE IANNINI 25  
IMO DAD ON HIS BIRTHDAY

EVANGLINE MONTAG 50  
IMO RICHARD PRISUTA

SYLVIA MICHIC 25  
IMO DEAR FRIEND AND CLASSMATE LOIS  
'TOOTSIE' CROXTON

MRS SAM PERICH 50  
IMO HUSBAND SAM

MILO/LJUBIE PRISUTA 100  
IMO VERA AND RICHARD PRISUTA

M/M DUSAN YANICH 10  
IMO CHUCK BELAS

**JANUARY 14, 2015**  
MARY LOVERICH 25  
IMO LOVED ONES AND HUSBAND JOHN  
AT CHRISTMAS

M/M ELI PEICH 100  
IMO HELEN PEICH FOR CHRISTMAS

HELEN PESUT 25  
IMO WALTER LOVERICH

VIOLET SMOLANOVICH 100



IMO  
RADE/LUBA/JENNY/ANNIE/DOLLY/NICK/  
MILTON/ AND BOZIDAR FOR CHRISTMAS

**JANUARY 24, 2015**

ANITA/JOE BROPHY 100  
IMO COUSIN LOIS CROXTON

AL/CAROL RADULOVICH 50  
IMO PARENTS STANLEY 'BOOMIE' & MIL-  
DRED MANOJLOVICH

MRS FRED VIGNOVICH 20  
IMO FRED VIGNOVICH

GEORGE/BEA VULA 20  
IMO SISTER HELEN PELLEGRINI

DALE VULA 20  
IMO AUNT HELEN PELLEGRINI

MILLIE YANUZZI 10  
IMO HELEN PELLEGRINI

**JANUARY 25, 2015**

BRIAN VULA 15 CEMETERY FUND  
IMO HELEN PELLEGRINI

**JANUARY 26, 2015**

MIM BIZIC 100  
IMO GUS BIZIC 15 YEARS ON JANUARY 28,  
2000

ROBERT/DONNA MILANOVICH 100  
IMO DUCHIN REBICH

SYLVIA MICHIC 20  
IMO MARY SHEPEL

KCC SVETA PETKA 25 CHAPEL FUND  
IMO LOIS CROXTON

**JANUARY 27, 2015**

ANN BALJAK 50  
IMO PARENTS AND BROTHER ELI MARY-  
AND GEORGE FOR CHRISTMAS

BESSIE BRATICH 20  
IMO ROSSIE LACKOVICH

CARL/DONNA HAGE 25  
IMO PARENTS MITTER AND ANN KARAS  
FOR CHRISTMAS

MELANIE KOMAZEC 50  
IMO KATA/ STEVO AND STEVE CREVAR JR  
FOR CHRISTMAS

DOROTHY KOVACEVIC 25  
IMO LOVED ONES, BATO AND SOPHIE  
AND JIM SCHUKART

MARY LOVERICH 10  
IMO PARENTS GEORGE AND HELEN TOR-  
BICH

JOANN LUDOVICO 20  
IMO MILOS KLAICH

PETE PESUT JR  
IMO UNCLE WALTER LOVERICH

DIANE ROBERTS 25  
IMO PARENTS MITTER AND ANN KARAS  
FOR CHRISTMAS

DIANE SALAYA 50  
IMO ELSIE ELLIOTT

DIANE SALAYA 50  
IMO SISTER MILDRED MANOJLOVICH

IN LOVING MEMORY OF CHUCK BELAS  
SUBMITTED BY THE FAMILY

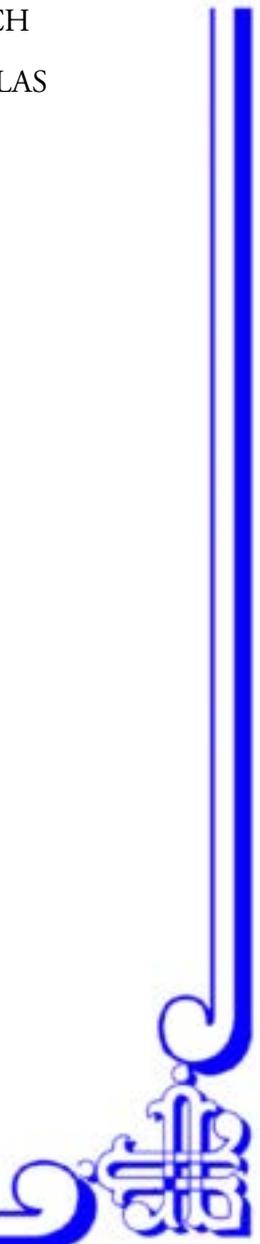
ALBIN/DIANA ABRAMOVICH 10

MATT ARBUTINA 20  
BOB/DIANE BARON 10  
MIM BIZIC 25  
BESSIE BRATICH 10  
CATHY COLEMAN 25  
MELVA CYANOVICH 20  
PAT CEKORIC 20  
BRIAN KLAICH 50

ROBERT KLAICH 50  
STEPHANIE KOVACEVIC 10  
TOM/CHERYL LEYDIG 40  
STELLA LACKOVICH 20  
NICK/PAT LACKOVICH 100  
DOLLY MILLER 20

MICKEY/EILEEN MRKAL 10  
M/M JOHN MANDITY 20  
TOM MEEHAN 10  
MITCH/MECA MENCANIN 10  
MILEVA MERVIS 20  
RON/SYLVIA MICHIC 25  
OLGA FECHUSHAK 20  
RALPH PFLUG 10  
JOHN REBICH 20  
MARIE REBICH 25

JOHN/PATTY SERGEANT 20  
DOROTHY/DAVE/ELIJAH SKLACK 40  
MILDRED SYNDER 15  
JOHN/SONYA SUDAR 20



**FEBRUARY 1, 2015**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF LOUISE MAMULA  
SUBMITTED BY THE FAMILY

DAN MAXIN 20  
MATT ARBUTINA 20  
DOROTHY BARON 20  
DAN/DIANA BARON 20  
RUDY MAMULA  
IMO WIFE LOUISE 300  
RUDY MAMULA SR 100  
JENNIE MAMULA 100

IN MEMORY OF LOLLY HORNICK SUBMIT-  
TED BY THE FAMILY

CLYDE/JOYCE SCURSATONE 20  
NADINE MARAVICH 20  
GEORGE/GLADYS MILJUS 50  
ALEXANDRA/GEORGE KUSIC 50  
GEORGE/BEVERLY ANDERSON 60  
ST. ELIJAH CORNERSTONE MEN'S CLUB 20

MILKA PESUT 20  
IMO LOIS CROXTON

IMO MARIE SHEPEL

LAURA MONTAG 500  
IMO RICHARD B PRISUTA

**FEBRUARY 8, 2015**

BARBARA BUFFALINI 20  
IMO MOTHER FRANCES KOZLINA

DIANA PERETIC 20  
IMO FATHER AND MOTHER GEORGE AND  
FRANCES KOZLINA

MITCH/MILKA MENCANIN 20  
IMO DANICA ( RADOVICH) DANCO

VIOLET SMOLANOVICH 25  
IMO SISTER JENNY SMOLANOVICH 2.2.83

NADIA PRISUTA 25  
IMO RICHARD B PRISUTA  
MELANIE KRNETA 20  
IMO LOIS CROXTON

FEBRUARY 10, 2015  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF IVANA PUSHAK  
SUBMITTED BY THE FAMILY

MIM BIZIC 20  
JOHN/PATTY SERGEANT 20  
JENNIE ZAKOVICH 25  
MARK/MARTHA ZATEZALO 25

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARY SHEPEL  
SUBMITTED BY THE FAMILY  
GEORGE SHEPEL 100  
VIOLET SMOLANOVICH 20  
ALBIN/DIANA ABRAMOVICH 10  
GEORGE SUDER 30  
MATT ARBUTINA 20  
MARY MARAVICH 20  
GEORGE/MARLENE VOLITICH 10  
BESSIE BRATICH 100  
MIKE VIGNOVICH 100  
DIANE WOSOTOWSKY 100

**FEBRUARY 15, 2015**

BESSIE BRATICH 20  
IMO HELEN VULA PELLEGRINI

GEORGIANNA KROSS 20  
IMO MOM FRANCES KOZLINA

STELLA LACKOVICH 10  
IMO PAUL 'SKEETER' LORKOVICH

GEORGETTE OSMAN 100  
IMO DJURO/SMILJA/WILMA AND RUSSELL  
BRNILOVICH

AL/CAROL RADULOVICH 100  
IMO LOVING MOTHER MILDRED S MANO-  
JLOVICH PASSED AWAY 2/14/11

CRAIG RADULOVICH 50  
IMO GRANDMOTHER MILDRED MANO-  
JLOVICH

DANA RADULOVICH 50  
IMO GRANDMOTHER MILDRED MANO-  
JLOVICH

CARRIE MURPHY 50  
IMO GRANDMOTHER MILDRED MANO-  
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MIKE VIGNOVICH 20  
IMO HELEN VULA PELLIGRINI

**FEBRUARY 23, 2015**

SYLVIA MICHIC 20  
IMO JOHN KORDOWSKI

SYLVIA MICHIC  
IMO GRANDFATHER VERY REV. FATHER  
PETER PAUL KARAFFA





Our task as Orthodox Christians is to pray to the Creator for ourselves, our dearest ones, but for our enemies as well, if we should have them.

However, when someone close to us dies, the opportunity they had before to pray for themselves vanishes and that is where we come in, to remember them in our own prayers and to have "Pomens" for their souls. Our prayers can do so much for them as we ask for Him to have mercy on them and to grant them a place in His Heavenly Kingdom.

We should always pray but Saturdays are dedicated namely to our deceased ones. This is because, just as every Sunday is a small Resurrection of Christ, so is every Saturday a Good Saturday, when Jesus laid in the tomb. We, Orthodox Serbs,



the voice of the prophet

have a designated 4 Saturdays in the year when all of us go to the cemetery after church and go to the graves of all our loved ones.

These are called "Zadusnice", Memorial Saturdays.

The 4 memorial Saturdays are as follows: Meatfare Saturday is a week before the Great Lent, the "Duhovske" is a week before Pentecost, "Miholjske" Saturday is a week before Venerable Cyril the Anchorite, October 12, and "Mitrovske" is a Saturday before St. Demetrius, Gremartyr (November 8th).

Our parish has, thank God, built a little church, with the help of Fr. Stevan, located in the cemetery. We have, there, everything we require in order to serve a Divine Liturgy in this small church (Chapel). And as the priest of this parish, I decided that for the memorial Saturday (February 14th) liturgy we would, for the first time, have service in our small church.

And honestly, even though there was a lot snow everywhere which continued to fall, there



still was a nice turnout of people who for first time came for the liturgy.

After service, we had a Parastos (Panikhida) for all of those people whose names were written on lists given to me; upon finishing that, I was led by people to their loved ones' graves where we did Pomens.

Dear parishioners, keep track of the dates in the pocket calendar that I gave you all when I was blessing your homes, so that when the next memorial Saturday comes up, you all come to Divine Liturgy and after we will pray for your loved ones who have passed and will go around to each of their graves.

This is the least we can do for them.

resurrection



# SAVE THE DATE!

ST. ELIJAH SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH CHOIR  
 WILL CELEBRATE OUR  
**85TH ANNUAL CONCERT ANNIVERSARY**  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015



**Doors open at 5:00 p.m.**  
**CONCERT BEGINS AT 5:30 P.M.**

Buffet Dinner will be served immediately FOLLOWING the concert  
 for those who make Dinner Reservations (Approx. 6:30 p.m.)

**Reservations will be taken until Sunday, September 13, 2015  
 for reserved seating for concert/dinner/dance!**

(If you would like to reserve a table of 8 we will be glad to accommodate you.)  
 Donation for concert/dinner/dance, \$25



Donation for Concert/Dance: \$10

Dance only admission \$5



**PLEASE HELP US CELEBRATE OUR  
 85TH ANNUAL CONCERT!**





Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko, Dean Emeritus of Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Crestwood, NY, and noted Orthodox Christian priest, theologian, preacher, and speaker, fell asleep in the Lord on the afternoon of March 18, 2015.

Father Thomas was the beloved husband of Matushka Anne [Schmemann] Hopko. They were married on June 9, 1963. Together, Father Thomas and Anne are the parents of five children, sixteen grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Thomas John Hopko was born in Endicott, NY, on March 28, 1939, the third child and only son of John J. Hopko and Anna [Zapotocky] Hopko. He was baptized and raised in Saint Mary's Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church and educated in Endicott public schools, graduating from Union-Endicott High School in 1956.

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### Choir of the Kovilj Monastery performs at Carnegie Hall

**February 8, 2015** - The choir of the Monastery of Holy Archangels in Kovilj, Diocese of Bachka, Serbia, along with the world-famous "Kronos Quartet", successfully performed the New York premiere of a piece of the Serbian composer Aleksandra Vrebalov "Beyond Zero: 1914-1918", dedicated to the centenary of the Great War, at the fulfilled hall of the Carnegie Hall in New York, on Saturday, March 7th 2015.

The next day, on Sunday, March 8th 2015, the choir of the monastery of Holy Archangels in Kovilj was cordially welcomed by the priesthood and pious people at the church of Saint Sava on Manhattan, in New York City. The Kovilj's chanters sang responses at the Holy Liturgy served by Revd. Djokan Majstorovic, a decade-long New York's parish priest.

On Thursday, March 12, 2015 the church of Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke in Washington D.C. was too small for all the faithful who came to see and hear the choir of the Monastery of Holy Archangels in Kovilj. The faithful were overwhelmed by beautiful Byzantine Orthodox music.

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### Archbishop Jovan (Vraniskovsky) of Ohrid released from prison

**February 3, 2015** - Statement by the Communication Service of the Moscow Patriarchate department for external church relations and the Information Service of the Serbian Orthodox Church.

On February 2, 2015, in compliance with the ruling of the Skopje Court, Archbishop Jovan (Vraniskovsky) of Ohrid, a hierarch of the Serbian Orthodox Church, was released from the Idrizovo prison.

His situation and physical condition were considered at the fraternal meeting between His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia and His Holiness Patriarch Irenaeus of Serbia on November 15,

2014, in Belgrade.

On December 20, 2014, with the blessing of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia and His Holiness Patriarch Irenaeus of Serbia, the chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate department for external church relations, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, visited Skopje and met with Archbishop Jovan.

On the same day, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk met in Skopje with the Republic of Macedonia's state leaders – President G Ivanov and Prime Minister N. Gruevski. Metropolitan Hilarion also met with Archbishop Stephan, head of the Macedonian Orthodox Church, who is outside of communion with the world Orthodoxy at present.

On January 28, 2015, Archbishop Jovan was visited in the prison by Bishop Irinej of Backa, with the blessing of the Primates of the Russian and Serbian Churches. Bishop Irinej was accompanied by Archimandrite Philip (Vasilitsev).

It is expected that within the next few days Archbishop Jovan, in accordance with the invitation of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia and the blessing of His Holiness Patriarch Irenaeus of Serbia, will come to Russia for medical treatment.

The release of Archbishop Jovan is hailed in the Russian and Serbian Orthodox Churches with gratitude to God.

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### Founder's Patron Saint-day of Holy Serbian Imperial Laura Monastery Chilandar

*The founder's Patron Saint-day of the Holy Imperial Laura Monastery Chilandar, the feast-day of Venerable Simeon the Myrrh-Gusher, was celebrated in Monastery of Chilandar on 19 February.*

According to the calendar, this feast-day should be celebrated annually on 26 February, but this year, because it falls in the first week of Great Lent, the date of celebration was transferred to the February 19, according to the Chilandar Typicon of Saint Sava. Metropolitan Stephen of Gallipoli and Medita from the Ecumenical Patriarchate was present as a guest of honour. Guests of the monastery were also representatives of many Athonite monasteries, Consul of the Republic of Serbia to Thessaloniki Sinisa Pavic, pilgrims from Greece, Russia, Serbia, Montenegro etc.

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### Courses of the Sts. Sebastian and Mardarije Institute continue in Phoenix

**February 19, 2015** - His Grace Bishop Maxim of Western America and St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church in Phoenix, Arizona are host to this year's St. Sebastian and St. Mardarije Ecclesial Orthodox Institute which is being held in cooperation with the Clergy Brotherhood of the Serbian Orthodox Church. It officially began on Monday with registration which was followed by Vespers. Afterward, an introduction and greeting was given by His Grace Bishop Longin of New Gracanica and Midwestern America. Tuesday was the first day filled with sessions. After Vespers His Grace Bishop Atanasije (Jevtic) of Hercegovina delivered the Keynote Address: "The Eschata in Our Daily Life".



# Stories for the Heart

## Changed Lives

In 1921 Lewis Lawes became the warden at Sing Sing Prison. No prison was tougher than Sing Sing during that time. But when Warden Lawes retired some 20 years later, that prison had become a humanitarian institution. Those who studied the system said credit for the change belonged to Lawes. But when he was asked about the transformation, here's what he said: "I owe it all to my wonderful wife, Catherine, who is buried outside the prison walls."

Catherine Lawes was a young mother with three small children when her husband became the warden. Everybody warned her from the beginning that she should never set foot inside the prison walls, but that didn't stop Catherine! When the first prison basketball game was held, she went... walking into the gym with her three beautiful kids and she sat in the stands with the inmates.

Her attitude was: "My husband and I are going to take care of these men and I believe they will take care of me! I don't have to worry!"

She insisted on getting acquainted with them and their records. She discovered one convicted murderer was blind so she paid him a visit. Holding his hand in hers she said, "Do you read Braille?"

"What's Braille?" he asked. Then she taught him how to read. Years later he would weep in love for her.

Later, Catherine found a deaf-mute in prison. She went to school to learn how to use sign language. Many said that Catherine Lawes was the body of Jesus that came alive again in Sing Sing from 1921 to 1937.

Then, she was killed in a car accident. The next morning Lewis Lawes didn't come to work, so the acting warden took his place. It seemed almost instantly that the prison knew something was wrong.

The following day, her body was resting in a casket in her home, three-quarters of a mile from the prison. As the acting warden took his early morning walk he was shocked to see a large crowd of the toughest, hardest-looking criminals gathered like a herd of animals at the main gate. He came closer and noted tears of grief and sadness. He knew how much they loved Catherine. He turned and faced the men, "All right, men, you can go. Just be sure and check in tonight!" Then he opened the gate and a parade of criminals walked, without a guard, the three-quarters of a mile to stand in line to pay their final respects to Catherine Lawes. And every one of them checked back in. Every one!

Tim Kimmel

## Lessons from a Young Nurse

In an article in *Campus Life* a young nurse writes of her pilgrimage in learning to see in a patient the image of God beneath a very "distressing disguise."

Eileen was one of her first patients, a person who was totally helpless. "A cerebral aneurysm (broken blood vessels in the brain) had left her with no conscious control over her body," the nurse writes. As near as the doctors could tell Eileen was totally unconscious, unable to feel pain and unaware of anything going on around her. It was the job of the hospital staff to turn her every hour to prevent bedsores and to feed her twice a day "what looked like a thin mush through a stomach tube." Caring for her was a thankless task. "When it's this bad," an older student nurse told her, "you have to detach yourself emotionally from the whole situation...." As a result, more and more she came to be treated as a thing, a vegetable....

But the young student nurse decided that she could not treat this person like the others had treated her. She talked to Eileen, sang to her, encouraged her and even brought her little gifts. One day when things were especially difficult and it would have been easy for the young nurse to take out her frustrations on the patient, she was especially kind. It was Thanksgiving Day and the nurse said to the patient, "I was in a cruddy mood this morning, Eileen, because it was supposed to be my day off. But now that I'm here, I'm glad. I wouldn't have wanted to miss seeing you on Thanksgiving. Do you know this is Thanksgiving?"

Just then the telephone rang, and as the nurse turned to answer it, she looked quickly back at the patient. Suddenly, she writes, Eileen was "*looking at me... crying*". Big damp circles stained her pillow, and she was shaking all over."

That was the only human emotion that Eileen ever showed any of them, but it was enough to change the whole attitude of the hospital staff toward her. Not long afterward, Eileen died. The young nurse closes her story, saying, "I keep thinking about her ....It occurred to me that I owe her an awful lot. Except for Eileen, I might never have known what it's like to give myself to someone who can't give back."

Rebecca Monley Pippert

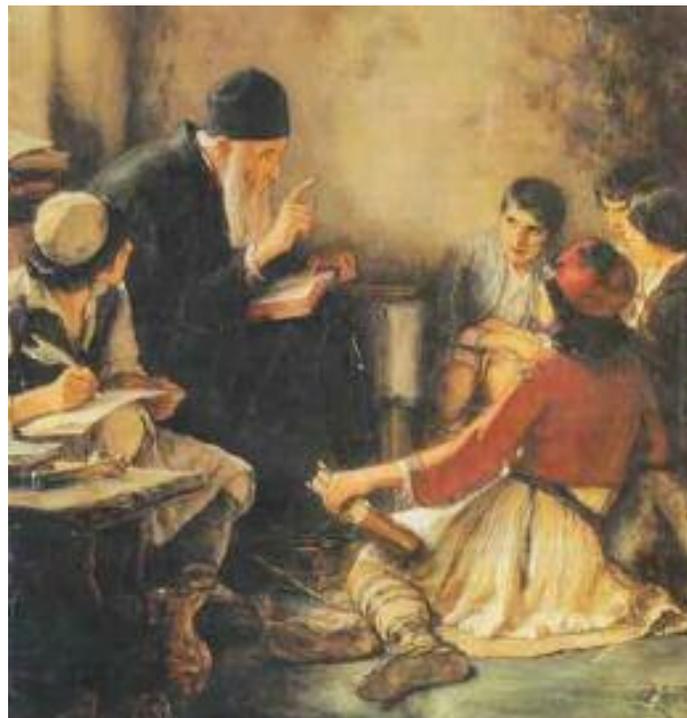




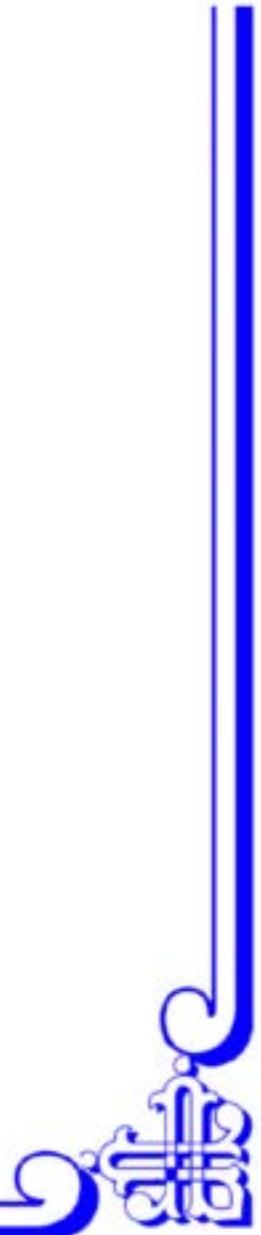
# ST. ELIJAH CHURCH DAY CAMP

WILL BE HELD THE WEEK OF

MONDAY, JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> - FRIDAY, JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>  
2015.



EACH DAY CAMP WILL START  
AT 9:00 AM.



**CONTRIBUTION REPORT 2014**  
**THANK YOU**  
**FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO YOUR ST. ELIJAH**  
**CHURCH LAST YEAR.**

\*DENOTES DUES ONLY

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| ALBIN/ DIANA ABRAMOVICH | 695  |
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| MATTHEW ARBUTINA        | 1885 |
| DONNA AUGUST            | 2000 |
| DAN AUGUST              | 150* |
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| YVONNE M BAKER          | 380  |
| TIMOTHY/CINDY BAKER     | 150* |
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| DAN BARON               | 50   |
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| MICKEY BELAS            | 475  |
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| THEODORE BELICH         | 1385 |
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| ANN BELSKY              | 75*  |
| ROBERT BELUS            | 100  |
| VIOLET BENEDICT         | 490  |
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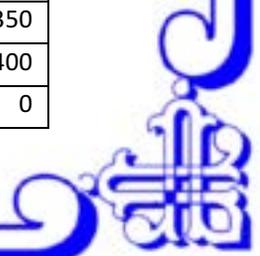
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| CHRISTOPHER CASTO          | 0    |
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| BRYAN K/HEIDI CHICHESTER   | 480  |
| CHARLES CHICHESTER         | 200  |
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| ALEX/DIANE CHURCHIN        | 170  |
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| MRS MICHAEL CHUROVIA       | 0    |
| WILMA CHUROVIA             | 75*  |
| MR & MRS THEODORE CHUROVIA | 225  |
| MRS MITZI CLAY             | 465  |
| ANN LOUISE CLAY            | 375  |
| NIKOLA COKIC               | 289  |
| DUSTIN/ERIN CHEHOVITZ      | 360  |
| CATHY PAICH COLEMAN        | 0    |
| NIKKI R CURTIS             | 150* |
| NICK CUTICH                | 370  |
| JENNIFER CUTICH            | 363  |
| RON CVETICAN               | 100  |
| DAWN CYANOVICH- LAITRES    | 0    |
| MELVA CYANOVICH            | 440  |





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| DEBORAH S CURRY          | 90   |
| DUSAN CVJETKOVIC         | 120  |
| SAVO CVJETKOVIC          | 320  |
| STOJAN CVJETKOVIC        | 307  |
| WILLIAM E DAGEN          | 425  |
| MARIA DANCO              | 460  |
| GEORGETTA DARR           | 0    |
| DANA DENEZZA             | 460  |
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| DAN DOCINOVICH           | 515  |
| DANA DOKMANOVICH         | 150* |
| GARY DOKMANOVICH         | 150* |
| MARY ANN DRAGOSLOVICH    | 0    |
| NICK DRAGOSLOVICH        | 550  |
| STEVAN JR DROBAC         | 150* |
| MR & MRS MIKE DUBAICH    | 180  |
| PETER/SOPHIE DUKICH      | 225  |
| ANN DULL                 | 342  |
| PAUL M/M DUSENBERRY      | 395  |
| KIM ELLIOTT              | 500  |
| LYNN ESSEK               | 80   |
| ANN FAGAN                | 1160 |
| KAREN FARRIS             | 45   |
| KATHY FEENSTRA           | 340  |
| DR ROD/JO FEDORCHAK      | 1125 |
| ROBERT FLETCHER          | 175  |
| RON/MARCY C FAHERTY      | 150* |
| KRISTEN FITZGERALD       | 15   |
| MILLICENT FITZGERALD     | 110  |
| STACEY F KEENER          | 0    |
| MICHAEL/MARIANNE GEDMAN  | 880  |
| AMY GENEVIE              | 1310 |
| RANDY/ANNA MARIE GLEASON | 169  |
| GEORGE JR GODICH         | 750  |
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| MICHAEL GODICH JR        | 300* |
| VIVIAN GODICH            | 310  |
| M/M SAM GIORDANO         | 251  |
| BORISA GUNJAK            | 595  |
| MARY GUZYK               | 45   |
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| ELISA B HAMILTON               | 75*    |
| DIANE T HARMON                 | 25     |
| DOK HARRIS                     | 150*   |
| ROBERT T HASAK                 | 0      |
| CHESTER HAYDEN                 | 655    |
| BRIAN HAYDEN                   | 820    |
| MRS MILLICENT HAYDEN           | 75*    |
| MELISSA HENNESSY               | 715    |
| LISA ANN HUGHES                | 110    |
| MRS CHRISTINE HUTTER           | 0      |
| DIANE IANNINI                  | 1105   |
| OLGA IGNATOVICH                | 85     |
| NATALIE JOVANOVIH              | 0      |
| NICK/NENA JOVANOVIH            | 600    |
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| VITOMIR JANOSEVICH             | 264    |
| MARGE JERICH                   | 75*    |
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| PETAR KODIC                 | 670   |
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| MILO KOSANOVICH             | 160   |
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| MR & MRS NICK JR KOSANOVICH | 13741 |
| SANDRA KOTUN                | 75*   |
| MR & MRS STANLEY KOVACEVICH | 200   |
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| NELL KOZLINA                | 640   |
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| SUSAN KOZLINA               | 0     |
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| JARED LACKOVICH             | 0     |
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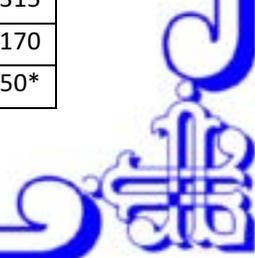
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| HELEN LINKOVICH             | 1170 |
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| PETER LONCAR                | 4100 |
| ELAINE LORICH               | 195  |
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| MARY LOVERICH               | 305  |
| MR & MRS MICHAEL W LOVERICH | 570  |
| CHERYL ROBBINS- LUFKIN      | 450  |
| JOANN LUDOVICO              | 665  |
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| SAMUEL LUBICH               | 155  |
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| MR & MRS JERMIAH P LYONS    | 230  |
| SEYA MABEE                  | 965  |
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| ANDREW MALOBABICH           | 1290 |
| CATHERINE MALOBABICH        | 362  |
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| KAREN MCNARY                | 200  |
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| MR & MRS JOHN MANDITY       | 300  |
| GEORGE M JR MANOLOVICH      | 160  |
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| TOM MEEHAN                | 260  |
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| SAM MELLOVICH             | 660  |
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| WILLIAM MENCANIN          | 510  |
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| LISA MILLER               | 225* |
| DAYNA MILICH              | 115  |
| THOMAS MILLER             | 0    |
| MR & MRS LARRY JR MILOSH  | 1640 |
| CAROL S MILLER            | 0    |
| SMILJA MILOSH             | 75*  |
| BORKA MILOJHEVIC          | 103  |
| LJUBISA MILOJEVIC         | 240  |
| SAMANTHA MILOSH           | 550  |
| ROBERT MINNICH            | 150* |
| SUSANNA MIODRAGOVICH      | 115  |
| BETTY MISTOVICH           | 375  |

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| DR GEORGE JR MISTOVICH       | 2745 |
| DOLLY MISTOVICH              | 245  |
| DUSHIE MISTOVICH             | 215  |
| EVANGELINE MONTAG            | 2130 |
| LAURA MONTAG                 | 1500 |
| NICOLE MORELLI               | 0    |
| STELLA MRAOVICH              | 600  |
| LAUREN MRKALJ                | 75*  |
| MR & MRS MILAN MRKALJ        | 1250 |
| RADMILA MRKALJ               | 175  |
| MR & MRS MILAN MRKONJA       | 0    |
| JOAN MRKONJA                 | 0    |
| MARY ANN MRKONJA             | 195  |
| NICK JR MRKONJA              | 0    |
| CHRISTINE MUHA               | 75*  |
| MARY ANN MUHA                | 345  |
| REBECCA MUHA                 | 75*  |
| NELL MUKANOS                 | 410  |
| HUNTER MULFORD               | 150* |
| CARRIE RADULOVICH MURPHY     | 130  |
| LUCILLE MUSOLIN              | 325  |
| DIANA MCCONAUGHY             | 265  |
| JOAN NAIRN                   | 720  |
| MRS ZIVOJIN NIKOLIC          | 145  |
| ANGELA NORTH                 | 75*  |
| CHARLES NEVILLE              | 0    |
| NEVENKA OKUKA                | 0    |
| DESSIE ORESCONIN             | 343  |
| ROD OBSENICA                 | 150* |
| RON OGRIZOVICH               | 150* |
| GEORGETTE OSMAN              | 305  |
| AMIL PADEZANIN               | 650  |
| TED/PAT PADEZANIN            | 910  |
| DEBRA PADEZANIN              | 150* |
| BRYON PAICH                  | 150* |
| DAN PAICH                    | 150* |
| DANIEL JR PAICH              | 330  |
| GEORGE /YVONNE JERICH- PAICH | 430  |
| NATALIJA PAICH-WUKICH        | 315  |
| RICHARD M PAICH              | 170  |
| WAYNE PAICH                  | 150* |



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| MILANKA PAVLOVIC        | 170  |
| ELIO/ELEANOR PANCOTTINI | 150* |
| M/M ELI PEICH           | 510  |
| DIANA PERETIC           | 40   |
| MRS SAM PERICH          | 475  |
| SARA PESICH             | 185  |
| MILKA PESUT             | 765  |
| HELEN PESUT             | 430  |
| JEFFERY PETERSON        | 0    |
| DEANNA PEVAC            | 350  |
| MELISSA PEVAC           | 25   |
| RALPH PFLUG             | 305  |
| AXENTIE PISAROV         | 20   |
| LINDA POLOJAC           | 0    |
| ROBERT/LYNN POPOVICH    | 625  |
| DEJAN POPOVICH          | 0    |
| MELANIE K POPOVICH      | 550  |
| CHARLES R POPOVICH      | 0    |
| DJORDJO POPOVICH        | 510  |
| MARGARET PRISUTA        | 145  |
| NADIA PRISUTA           | 420  |
| SUSAN PRISUTA           | 675  |
| MILO/LJUBIE PRISUTA     | 975  |
| MICHAEL PRISUTA         | 250  |
| ROSE PRISUTA            | 105  |
| DIANE PROSPER           | 75*  |
| MELISSA RABBIT          | 0    |
| NADINE RABBIT           | 200  |
| DANIEL RADAKOVICH       | 675  |
| IRENE RADAKOVICH        | 470  |
| SAM RADANOVICH          | 5150 |
| GOYKO RADANOVICH        | 0    |
| BRANKO RADANOVICH       | 150* |
| HELEN RADOVICH          | 0    |
| ALBERT RADULOVICH       | 815  |
| CRAIG RADULOVICH        | 195  |
| DANA RADULOVICH         | 135  |
| MARTHA RADULOVICH       | 585  |
| BRIAN RADULOVICH        | 250  |
| MRS DAN RALICH          | 100  |
| IRENE RALICH            | 85   |

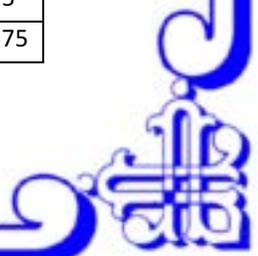
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| MICHAEL RALICH              | 630  |
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| REBECCA RANICH              | 0    |
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| TEDINE RANICH               | 0    |
| PAULETTE RAJKOVICH ARBUTINA | 168  |
| MIKE/VIOLET REBACK          | 150* |
| SAM REBACK                  | 0    |
| MR & MRS MICHAEL B REBACK   | 150* |
| CISSY REBICH                | 660  |
| ELI REBICH                  | 1900 |
| NIKKI REBICH                | 0    |
| SAM REBICH                  | 1800 |
| JOHN REBICH                 | 632  |
| LAZO REBICH                 | 200  |
| JEFFREY REBICH              | 0    |
| MARIE REBICH                | 465  |
| MICHAEL BUTCH REBICH        | 752  |
| MILDRED REED                | 241  |
| ROSE RESANOVICH             | 930  |
| MR & MRS JOHN JR RIDJANECK  | 1130 |
| CARSON ROBBINS              | 450  |
| DIANE ROBERTS               | 10   |
| JASON ROBERTS               | 0    |
| STEVE RODICH                | 170  |
| TONI RODICH                 | 75*  |
| DAN 'DUKE RODICH            | 150* |
| EDWARD RODICH               | 150* |
| BESS ROKNICK                | 300  |
| JENNIE ROKNICK              | 50   |
| GREG ROSATI                 | 250  |
| MR & MRS JOSEPH ROSATI      | 1650 |
| PAULA RUSSIAN               | 75*  |
| MARY ANN RUSSIAN            | 200  |
| MILDRED RUSSIAN             | 75*  |
| CONSTATINE SABAK            | 0    |
| BARBARA SAHAR               | 1800 |
| DIANA SALAYA                | 440  |
| DARLENE SANTILLI            | 175  |
| ROBERT/EVELYN SAVICH        | 400  |
| CHRISTOPHER SAVICH          | 50   |





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| CLYDE/JOYCE SCURSATONE            | 1555 |
| DAVID M SEMICK                    | 0    |
| SHARON SEMENKO                    | 300  |
| DAVID SEMICK                      | 150* |
| DORIS W SEMICK                    | 0    |
| JOANN SEMOVOSKI                   | 235  |
| NELL SEMICK                       | 675  |
| JOHN/PATTY SERGEANT               | 655  |
| DOROTHY SHAFFER                   | 75*  |
| GEORGE JR SHEPEL                  | 250  |
| JOHN/MARY ANN SHOMSKY             | 975  |
| ELI SHORAK                        | 900  |
| DAVID/DOROTHY/ELIJAH SKLACK       | 1175 |
| ELIZABETH SKLACK                  | 75   |
| GEORGE/DOLLY SKORICH              | 585  |
| SUSAN SUDER SLAYTON               | 75*  |
| DANIEL/MARY JO SLATER             | 110  |
| LARA SLATER                       | 0    |
| KATHY SMALLWOOD                   | 150* |
| DARINKA SMILINICH                 | 0    |
| VIOLET SMOLANOVICH                | 1360 |
| MILDRED SNYDER                    | 710  |
| ST. ELIJAH CHOIR                  | 3450 |
| ST. ELIJAH CORNERSTONE MEN'S CLUB | 5020 |
| ST. ELIJAH MOTHER'S CLUB          | 1000 |
| SVETA PETKA                       | 7100 |
| ROBERT/DARCEY SUDER               | 1225 |
| CORA SOKOLOVICH                   | 0    |
| ROBERT SPARCIE                    | 515  |
| BARBARA SPARCIE                   | 250  |
| DANICA STARYSZAK                  | 265  |
| PROTO STEVAN/ANA STEPANOV         | 3140 |
| MARKO STEPANOV                    | 220  |
| WILLIAM STEPHANS                  | 0    |
| NICK SUDAK                        | 150* |
| JOHN/SONYA SUDAR                  | 1105 |
| SARAH SUDAR                       | 115  |
| MR & MRS PETE SUDAK               | 10   |
| MR & MRS GEORGE SUDER             | 100* |
| PETER A SUDAK                     | 0    |
| GEORGE SUDER                      | 600  |

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|---------------------------|------|
| PETE JR SUDER             | 150* |
| MR & MRS ROBERT SUSNJER   | 525  |
| MILTON SUSNJER            | 150* |
| MICHAEL SUSNJER           | 150* |
| GEORGE TADICH             | 1743 |
| DAVID TADICH              | 188  |
| SHIRLEY TADICH            | 0    |
| MR & MRS WAYNE TATALOVICH | 1100 |
| TERI TATALOVICH-ROSSI     | 450  |
| WAYNE TATALOVICH JR       | 900  |
| ZORA TATALOVICH           | 0    |
| JOHN/JULIANN TAYLOR       | 2690 |
| IVANA STEPANOV-TAYLOR     | 1405 |
| MARIAN TAYLOR             | 130  |
| LUANN R THOMPSON          | 320  |
| JOHN/VIOLET TOMEI         | 600  |
| PAUL TOMEI                | 750  |
| RADENKO TOMIC             | 90   |
| BETTY TOMICH              | 150  |
| JOANNE TOMICH             | 75*  |
| FR. RODNEY TORBICH        | 1250 |
| MR & MRS RODNEY TORBIC    | 7750 |
| ANN TURKOVICH             | 520  |
| MARY ULINSKI              | 75*  |
| DAMIA VANFOSSAN           | 75*  |
| SAMUEL JR URICK           | 0    |
| JEAN VANICH               | 75*  |
| NICK S VIDOVICH           | 730  |
| JOAN VIGNOVICH            | 75*  |
| MIKE VIGNOVICH            | 350  |
| MRS FRED VIGNOVICH        | 95   |
| ANN VIGNOVICH             | 805  |
| RANDALL VINCICH           | 0    |
| ROBERT VINCICH            | 450* |
| STEPHANIE VRANJES         | 75*  |
| MILKA VUCETICH            | 286  |
| MIRKO VECETICH            | 150* |
| ZORA VUICH                | 75*  |
| NADA VUJNOVICH            | 285  |
| ALANA VUKMIR              | 75*  |
| MICHAEL VUKELIC           | 575  |



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| RADE B VUKMIR              | 150* |
| MR & MRS JOVAN VUKMARAVICH | 750  |
| GEORGE/BEATRICE VULA       | 470  |
| BRIAN VULA                 | 620  |
| DALE VULA                  | 630  |
| GEORGE/MARLENE VOLITICH    | 755  |
| MICHAEL J WALLACE          | 600  |
| GEORGINE WEIGEL            | 0    |
| SYLVIA WEISENMILLER        | 235  |
| DANA WILSON                | 75*  |
| LISA MARIA WILSON          | 330  |
| MR & MRS GEORGE WINOVICH   | 1226 |
| MARCIA WOOLLETT            | 10   |
| MR & MRS DUSHAN WUKICH     | 869  |
| DIANE YANCHIK              | 655  |
| MR & MRS DUSAN YANICH      | 636  |
| MILLIE YANUZZI             | 405  |
| ALEX YAWOR                 | 500* |
| WLLIAM YEAGER              | 0    |
| CHERYL K YEVAK             | 190  |
| NIKOLA/OLGA YORGIN         | 760  |
| GEORGE YOVETICH            | 200  |
| MRS JENNIE ZAKOVICH        | 400  |
| MR RAY ZAKOVICH            | 550  |
| ELIZABETH ZARNICH          | 75*  |
| FRANCIS/ELAINE ZAVADA      | 755  |
| MR & MRS BRONKO ZELJAK     | 0    |
| MILTON ZERNICH             | 0    |
| JOSEPHINE ZERNICH          | 765  |
| DR GREGG ZERNICH           | 0    |
| HELEN ZIVKOVICH            | 340  |
| DOREEN ZIVKOVICH           | 360  |
| MR & MRS DANIEL ZELJAK     | 240  |
| ROBERT ZELJAK              | 445  |
| GEORGE JR ZELJAK           | 175  |
| DALE ZERNICH               | 200  |
| KATHLEEN ZINAICH           | 60   |
| LYNN ZINAICH               | 40   |
| MELVA ZINAICH              | 0    |
| STELLA ZINAICH             | 150  |

\*\*\* If you would like your name removed from receiving **THANK YOU CARDS**, PLEASE CALL the Church Center Office and we will be glad to accommodate your wishes!



## FROM THE RECORD BOOKS 2015 FUNERALS

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

- On December 28, 2014. **Lois Croxton** passed away, and on January 4, 2015. the Funeral service was held for her soul.

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- On January 4, 2015. **Louise Mamula** passed away, and on January 8, 2015. the Funeral service was held for her soul.

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- On January 10, 2015. **Mary Shepel** passed away, and on January 14, 2015. the Funeral service was held for her soul.

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- On February 3, 2015. **Ivanna Pushak** passed away, and on February 6, 2015. the Funeral service was held for her soul.

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- On February 5, 2015. **John A. Kordowski** passed away, and on February 10, 2015. the Funeral service was held for his soul.

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- On March 5, 2015. **Robert Kovacevic** passed away, and on March 13, 2015. the Funeral service was held for his soul.

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- On March 13, 2015. **Stojan Kovacevic** passed away, and on March 17, 2015. the Funeral service was held for his soul.

**VJECNAJA PAMJAT!  
MEMORY ETERNAL!**



## MONASTERY GOMIRJE



Finally, in 1604, the archduke announced his ruling and wrote back to the counts Zrinjski and Frankopan that he cannot allow the Serbs to be turned into servants and given to them, and that he stands by his previous ruling on the subject. On top of that he ordered them to pay immediately and in cash 80 000 forints in the name of the costs of provisions in food, ammunition and salaries for the soldiers, as well as covering all future costs of the army men stationed in Gomirje.

This correspondence shows exactly how different the status of the \*Vlah\*-\*Uskoci\*-Serbs was to that of common feudal times plebs in medieval Croatian territories ruled by Austria. Also, the number of these settlers is similar in different sources - 300 or 325, and compared with the number of families that founded the monastery - a dozen, shows just how closely the descendants carrying these Gomirje surnames are related to them. There would have been only one initial family that settled in the area for every surname written down as the

founders.

In the year 1622, the municipality of Gomirje consisted of three villages - Gomirje, Vrbovsko and Moravice, and according to the census these three villages had 48 households - large traditional family communes known as \*zadruga\*, with 1160 people. More Serbs arrived from Bosnia in 1605, but their surnames were different. Of these 1160 people 300 were soldiers - men of military age between 16 and 60, and of those 300 the number of paid soldiers who received salary and served as watchmen was 60. The rest of these 300 Gomirje soldiers farmed their land, and were required to go and fight the Turks when called by the captains from Ogulin, under their own leadership of \*vojvode\*. Serb leaders had peace title of \*knez\* (king, lord) and war title of \*vojvoda\* (duke).

In a little while, in 1639, Croatian counts who continued to try to bring the settlers under their own command forcibly removed people from Petrovo Polje, and had those who wouldn't leave killed. One group settled around





Brinj, and later moved to Plaški, and 17 families came to Vitunj. These places had no Serbian inhabitants prior to this, and only two men - Nikola Mamula and Nikola Kresović - had been awarded plots of land in Vitunj by the emperor Ferdinand II in 1632. for their courage in war. The seventeen families were settled on the land that bordered these two plots.

Families that settled in Vitunj 1639 :

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| 1.  | Radota Vočić        | with 7 souls |
| 2.  | Ivoš Mihajlović     | with 14      |
| 3.  | Lazar Mihajlović    | with 5       |
| 4.  | Božidar Koračević   | with 8       |
| 5.  | Stevan Kosanović    | with 7       |
| 6.  | Rada Radelić        | with 7       |
| 7.  | Milašin Radelić     | with 6       |
| 8.  | Ignjatija Trbojević | with 7       |
| 9.  | Đuro Nožić*         | with 8       |
| 10. | Mila Kovačević      | with 6       |
| 11. | Radovan Brvić*      | with 5       |
| 12. | Cvjetko Čudanović*  | with 4       |
| 13. | Ilija Vagavić*      | with 4       |
| 14. | Petar Hranilović    | with 4       |

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| 15. | Radojica Vočić   | with 4 |
| 16. | Vojin Ličanin*   | with 6 |
| 17. | Prerad Kosanović | with 6 |

According to this list, some other families largely present in Vitunj like STJEPANOVIĆ and VUJNOVIĆ moved there at an apparently a later date, with no mentions of Stjepanović in Vitunj in this book at all, and a mention of a village dignitary Simo Vujnović in Vitunj in 1816. who had some important imperial charters of rights of Serbs stored in his house, but unfortunately both the house and the documents burned in a fire. However, some surnames\* listed in this historical source appear to be family clan \*nicknames\* and are not found in later vital records of Vitunj residents.

Because of these Serbian settlers that were allowed to take up land in villages that were not like Gomirje empty but very well developed, the Croatian town people from Ogulin re-



belled and went and destroyed the crops and orchards of the Vitunj settlers in 1640. They demanded that the counts remove these non-believers from Vitunj within eight days. The army general in Karlovac, count Vuk Frankopan described in his report to the emperor dated 5th of July 1640 those that rebelled against the Serbs as schemers and wanderers who came to Ogulin from other places because they were in debt and committed offences, and that their number in Ogulin town grew so much that they claimed for themselves all the land from Ogulin to Modruša, that they never come to help when help is needed, that they refuse to take part in watch duty and fighting against the Turks.

There was a long and detailed investigation hearing in Ogulin held regarding this rebellion, during which count Gašpar, who was the owner of land in Vitunj on which the Serbs settled, and who had actually invited

them to settle there on his land said that ...he did so on the orders from the emperor, that the Serbs settled on his land and not the land that belong to Ogulin, and that the Serbs will be a thousand times more useful against the sworn enemy (the Turks) than those rebels from Ogulin.

There were no other significant group settling of Serbs to any part of Gomirje district recorded after the Vitunj settlement. One report from 1659, twenty years after this last migration, recorded that the entire district consisted of 83 households with 800 men of military service age.

## the old man

This is a story about an old man who possessed all the best qualities and virtues and it was said that he was unable to feel offended.

So one day a man decides to provoke the old man.

The man walks into the old man's temple and begins to insult trying to humiliate the old man in any which way. However, the entire time the old man kept his composure not moving one muscle.

The man couldn't believe it. After a half an hour, having lost all energy, the man couldn't even swear and curse anymore. The old man, then, decided to ask him: "Son, can I ask you two questions?"

The man responded agreeably.

Then the old man went on to ask, "If you bring me gifts, and I do not accept them, to whom do these gifts go?"

The man was confused but replied, "Well, if you don't accept a gift, then it still belongs to me."

With that, the old man asked his second question, "So then, son, if you have for me only insults and curses, and I do not accept them, to whom do these things belong then?"



resurrection



the voice of the prophet



# Smile A While!

## Acting up in church

One Sunday in a Midwest City, a young child was "acting up" during the morning worship hour. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle.

Finally, the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly up the aisle on his way out.

Just before reaching the safety of the foyer, the little one called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

## Show and tell

Kindergarten teacher gave her class a "show and tell" assignment of bringing something to represent their religion.

The first boy got in front of the class and said, "My name is Benjamin and I am Jewish and this is the Star of David."

The second boy got in front of the class and said, "My name is Mary. I'm am Catholic and this is the Crucifix."

The third boy got in front of the class and said, " My name is Tommy and I am Baptist and this is a casserole."

## Meeting of the board

There will be a meeting of the Board immediately after the service," announced the pastor. After the close of the service, the Church Board gathered at the back of the auditorium for the announced meeting. But there was a stranger in their midst -- a visitor who had never attended their church before.

"My friend," said the pastor, "Didn't you understand that this is a meeting of the Board?"

"Yes," said the visitor, "and after today's sermon, I suppose I'm just about as bored as anyone else who came to this meeting."

## Money goes to Church

Well-worn one dollar bill and a similarly distressed twenty dollar bill arrived at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired.

As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation.

The twenty dollar bill reminisced about its travels all over the county. "I've had a pretty good life," the twenty proclaimed. "Why I've been to Las Vegas and Atlantic City, the finest restaurants in New York, performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean."

"Wow!" said the one dollar bill. "You've really had an exciting life!"

"So tell me," says the twenty, "where have you been throughout your lifetime?"

The one dollar bill replies, "Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Lutheran Church ...."

The twenty dollar bill interrupts, "What's a church?"

## The Deal

Young boy had just gotten his driving permit. He asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss the use of the car. His father took him to his study and said to him, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your bible a little and get your hair cut and we'll talk about it."

After about a month the boy came back and again asked his father if they could discuss use of the car. They again went to the father's study where his father said, "Son, I've been real proud of you. You have brought your grades up, you've studied your bible diligently, but you didn't get your hair cut!"

The young man waited a moment and replied, "You know Dad, I've been thinking about that. You know, Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair...."

To which his father replied...."Yes, and they WALKED everywhere they went!"



Dear parishioners,  
as you know, since Theophany I have been blessing your homes.  
If I haven't yet called you, that means that although I have your addresses, I don't have your numbers or at least the correct numbers. When I try to find it in white pages or internet, it's usually unlisted.  
Therefore, I would like for you to call me at: 724-375-4074 or on my cell: 724-302-9236, where you can also send me a text.  
I will then gladly come to bless your home and update your information in my contacts.

Yours, Fr. Milan



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