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From your priest's desk

On January 12th 2024, just several days before his 86th birthday, Fr Ned Lunich, a former pastor of St George Serbian Orthodox Church in Joliet, entered into his rest. He served his last liturgy in St George Church on Christmas day and attended the liturgy on St Stephen's Feast on January 9th. The next day he had a heart attack, and in two days our Lord called him. May God rest his soul, and Fr Ned is missed in our community. I miss him as he was one of the first Serbian priests I met over 30 years ago when I first came to the US. He was like a father to me and my family when we came to Joliet.

Monday after the Thomas Sunday is a Memorial Day commemorated by Serbian Orthodox, especially in northern Serbia and is called Ruzicalo. The faithful visit the graves after the Feast of Resurrection and bring colored eggs to announce the resurrection to their reposed.

Please visit the website of the New Gracanica and Midwest Diocesan Youth Camp, and if your children can attend the summer camp please enroll them. I encourage you to talk to your children and grandchildren and explain to them how much fun and enjoyment they will have with other Serbian Orthodox children in our area. The kids make friendships which usually

last forever. Thanks to Elizabeth Kourkouvelis for attending our Diocesan Winter Camp last December.

Our church school program for this year will end on Sunday, May 19th. I want to thank all parents who bring their children to church and the religious education classes after the liturgy. Many heartfelt thanks to all the teachers!! Two of our church school teachers will not be able to be "full" time teachers next year, so we need to find another two or more teachers. Please let me know if you would like to be one. Even if you can not commit to teaching every Sunday and would be available periodically. Every little help is greatly appreciated.

A new Diocesan Youth Director, Fr Protodeacon Dr Jovan Anicic is trying to get all the contacts of our Diocesan Youth. If you or your children are in High School or College, please send me their emails and mobile phones so they can receive all the info and news about the Youth department activities and get more involved.

Wishing you a blessed Holy Week and most glorious Holy Pascha
Hristos Voskrese



Schedule of Holy and Bright Week Services in St George Serbian Orthodox Church, Joliet

Holy Week or Passion Week is the week before Pascha during which we commemorate the capture, suffering, crucifixion, death and burial of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please attend all the services, fast, intensify your prayers and read the Gospel about the last days of our Lord before His death on the cross. Receiving holy communion during Holy Week on Holy Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday and

especially on Pascha is necessary. Pascha is the culmination of Holy Week and the celebration of the Feast of feasts and victory over sin with the death of our Savior and our resurrection with Him.

On Lazarus Saturday, the Orthodox Church commemorates the miracle of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ when he raised Lazarus from the dead after he had lain in the grave four days. In triumph and joy the Church bears witness to the power of Christ over death and exalts Him as King before entering the most solemn week of the year, one that leads the faithful in remembrance of His suffering and death and concludes with the great and glorious Feast of Pascha.

Saturday, April 27 – Resurrection of Lazarus / Lazareva Subota / Holy Week
Confession at 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy at 9 am
Vigil / Confession at 5 pm

Sunday, April 28 – Entry into Jerusalem of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ / Palm Sunday
Hierarchal Liturgy at 10 am. Procession around the church. His Grace, Bishop Longin will be with us.
Deanery Lenten vespers at 6 pm. Homilist Fr Darko Spasojevic, diner after the service in Social Center

Palm Sunday is the commemoration of the Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem following His glorious miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead.

Monday, April 29
Bridegroom Matins at 6 pm

Tuesday, April 30
Bridegroom Matins at 6 pm

Wednesday, May 1
Lenten Hours at 8 am, confession at 8:30 am, Presanctified Liturgy at 9 am

Thursday, May 2
Confession at 8:30 am, Vespereal Liturgy of St Basil the Great at 9 am
Matins and reading of 12 gospel lessons at 6 pm

On Thursday of Holy Week four events are commemorated: the washing of the disciples' feet, the institution of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, the agony in the garden of Gethsemane, and the betrayal of Christ by Judas.

On Great and Holy Friday, the Orthodox Church commemorates the death of Christ on the Cross. This is the culmination of the observance of His Passion by which our Lord suffered and died for our sins. This commemoration begins on Thursday evening with the Matins of Holy Friday and concludes with a Vespers on Friday afternoon that observes the unnauling of Christ from the Cross and the placement of His body in the tomb.

Friday, May 3 – Good Friday / Veliki Petak
Royal Hours at 9 am
Vespers, unnauling of Christ Body from the Cross and the placement of His Body in the Tomb at 4 pm
Matins, Lamentation and Burial of Christ at 6 pm

On Great and Holy Saturday, the Orthodox Church commemorates the burial of Christ and His descent into Hades. It is the day between the Crucifixion of our Lord and His glorious Resurrection. The Matins

of Holy Saturday is conducted on Friday evening, and while many elements of the service represent mourning at the death and burial of Christ, the service itself is one of watchful expectation

Saturday, May 4 – Holy and blessed Sabbath

Confession at 8:30 am, Vespers Liturgy of St Basil the Great at 9 am

Resurrection Matins – Vaskrsno Jutrenje at 11 pm

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Sunday, May 5 – Holy Pascha / Vaskrsenje Hristovo / Bright Week

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Fast free week

Monday, May 6 – Bright Monday and St George the Great Martyr / Djurdjevdan

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Tuesday, May 7

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Church Slava Celebration this year will be on the Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women, May 19. Slava rite and traditional dinner in Social Center. Please mark your calendar!



ST GEORGE EXECUTIVE CHURCH SCHOOL BOARD

As Lent progresses, we hope each of you is discovering deep meaning and fulfillment in your Lenten observance. We eagerly look forward to the upcoming Pascha and the joy it brings.

Allow us to share a few highlights from the initial months of 2024 and a glimpse into some upcoming events that encompass the next several months.

FISH FRYS

The Fish Frys have ended and we appreciate the patronage of our friends, parishioners, and members of the Joliet community for their support during the 7 weeks. They were successful and we could not have done it without your help.

So, thanks to all who contributed by patronizing the events, those who brought baked goods and most importantly those who worked during the events. Many of you were there each week and a handful worked morning till night. Despite facing challenges with limited volunteers on certain weeks, we managed to persevere. Looking ahead, we hope to maintain sufficient help to continue this fundraiser next

year and beyond. If anyone has suggestions for improvements, please reach out to any member of the church board. Your feedback would be warmly welcomed.

SARMA COOKOFF

Well, we held our second sarma cookoff in February. While we had fewer entries this time around, it was still a delicious and enjoyable afternoon enjoying a variety of sarma entries. Congrats to Vicki Dorsey, whose sarma was crowned the most delectable this year! Kudos to Vicki and all those who used their family recipes for this wonderful tasting.

DONATIONS MADE ON BEHALF OF ST GEORGE:

Our Church provided a Christmas donation of \$125 to the Nativity of the Mother of God Monastery in New Carlisle, IN and a \$500 donation to St Sava Monastery in Libertyville, IL.

NEW MEMBERS:

Let's extend a warm welcome to three new additions to our St. George community. They are: Milan Ivancevic, Joshua Potts and Eva Book. So glad you are officially a part of our parish.

+Father Nedeljko Lunich:

On January 12th, we received the news of the passing of our beloved +Father Nedeljko Lunich. For over 40 years, +Father Ned graced our parish in Joliet with his presence, love, and guidance. He was cherished and appreciated by all who knew him. His impact went far beyond our community, touching the lives of his family, parishioners, our local diocese, and the entire Serbian community.

Even in retirement, he was always on the move. +Father Ned remained dedicated to serving others, always ready to lend a helping hand when needed. For those in Church on January 7th, it was particularly special, when +Father Ned led the Divine Liturgy with Father Alex assisting. Little did we know, it was his final Liturgy at St George. A cherished gift to those in attendance. While we all miss his physical presence, we can honor his memory by emulating his selflessness and commitment to helping others as we navigate this earthly journey.

Please note there is more info included in this issue of The Serb regarding +Father Ned. Of particular interest is the moving eulogy delivered by Father Nikolaj Kostur.

Regrettably, in addition to +Father Ned, we mourn the loss of two other parishioners. +Joseph Orlovich bid farewell to this world on March 30th, followed by +Don Laketa on April 11th. Both gentlemen were pillars of our community for many years.

Their paths shared a common thread: both were Marines before dedicating themselves to working in the education field. +Joseph ascended to the role of principal, while +Don's expertise shone as a dedicated and winning coach. Their influence extended far beyond our parish, leaving an enduring mark on many young lives. Both men exemplified values of service and dedication. They, too, shall be missed.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the families of +Father Ned, +Joseph and +Don. May their memories be eternal.

PALM SUNDAY LITURGY & VESPERS

On Palm Sunday, April 27th, we will be joined by Bishop Longin in the morning for our Divine Liturgy. Later that day, our Church will sponsor Vesper services for the Northern Chicago Deanery of our Diocese at 6:00pm. This evening service will be followed by a Lenten meal at our Social Center. If you have not yet attended one of the Sunday Lenten services at parishes throughout the Chicago area, please make it a point to attend this one at your local parish. This is the last Sunday Vesper service prior to the commencement of Holy Week.

SAVE THE DATE!!! SerbFest 2024 will take place at St Joe's Park on July 28th. As always, we will need plenty of volunteers to make this a success. Please reach out to David Laketa as to how you can help.

Warm Wishes For A Blessed and Joyful Pascha!

ST. GEORGE CHURCH SLAVA CELEBRATION
May 19

Everyone is invited to our St. George Church Slava on Sunday, May 19th. We begin the day with Divine Liturgy at 10:00am followed by a procession around the church and the Slava ritual. Afterwards, you will be treated to a celebratory luncheon in the upper level of the Social Center. There is no set fee for the luncheon and any donations you make will be applied to your 2024 stewardship.

We Look Forward To Seeing You!



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President's Report April 2024

A blessed Lenten and Easter season to you all!

Now that the Fish Frys are completed, I wish to compliment and thank all of you who gave of your time and efforts to make these events as profitable as I can ever remember.

The compliments on the food and service were many. In a couple of instances, customers told one of our staff that we are now their #1 fish fry. As I had stated, there are approximately 7 Friday night Fish Frys within a 20 minute drive, so the competition is pretty stiff.

Most weeks, unless the weather dictated otherwise, every table in our hall was occupied. Once I saw Simo setting up additional tables on the stage. As a board, we have discussed maybe doing some other events similar to this serving different types of food during the course of the year.

Anyway, my thanks and gratitude to all who diligently worked very hard to pull off this profitable venture.

In other news, the Executive Board voted to repair the landscaping damaged by the construction of our new parking lot. We will be receiving bids on the resealing of the lot on the Social Center side. This undertaking will not be cheap but needs to be done. When restriping, we may consider doing what we did on the Church side and make each parking space a few inches wider just to give additional clearance to get in and out of our vehicles. Doesn't sound like much, but it is for some of us seniors, or parents trying to get their little ones in and out of their vehicles.

Other repairs, replacements, or renovations are being investigated or bids being solicited on an ongoing basis.

As a friendly reminder, our Board has continued to serve as a "think tank" for new ways to generate income and every possibility is being explored.

May the Easter season find all of you happy and healthy.

Dan Dorsey

President



Fr Nikolaj Kostur's sermon at the Funeral of +Fr Ned

V. Rev. Archpriest-Stavrophor Nedeljko Lunich 1938-2024 My dearest Kumovi: Stevan, Neda and Mike, Gabby and Trey, Ally, Stella and Michael, Kuma Danica, Extended Family and Kumovi, parishioners of this parish, dear brothers and sisters,

Our dear Fr. Ned was born in the village Ruzic, Drnis, in Dalmatia on January 23, 1938, to honest and faithful Serbian Orthodox parents Dusan and Anica Lunich. He was the only boy of six children, receiving extra attention and care. The Second World War began when Nedeljko was just three years old. He and the other faithful Serbs of his region were under the protection of the Cetnik resistance forces under General Dragoljub Draza Mihailovic and local Vojvoda Momcilo Djujic. In gratitude for that protection, as well as a heartfelt belief in what those people

stood for, he would spend his life as a dedicated member of the Cetnik organization, and for many decades being its spiritual father.

After the war, he went to elementary school five miles from his home, after which he attended Seminary in Rakovica Monastery, where our very own St. Mardarije was once the head of the Monastic School. His classmates were modern-day luminaries of our Serbian Orthodox Church, such as Metropolitan Amfilohije and Bishop Atanasije of blessed memory. He was an exemplary student, finishing with high honors for his dedication and knowledge, promising to be a successful clergyman in the homeland. He continued his education at the Theological Faculty in Belgrade, soon pausing for military service, which he fulfilled. But, then made his way to Italy and America, to get out of communist-occupied Yugoslavia. He had hoped to be reunited with those of like mind, and the plan on where to serve changed.

Young Nedeljko came to Gary in 1963, where he established for himself a new home in the United States. He made new friends, among them was my father. A friendship that turned into kumstvo and lasted a lifetime. He worked in Gary at Inland Steel and for Gary Parks Department. Soon he met his future wife Joan Enich from Joliet. They were married in 1965, and he was quickly ordained by Bishop Frimilian for service of Christ's Church. As a young priest, he spent four years at St. Lazarus "Ravanica" in Detroit, Michigan, where he was a part of the building of the magnificent Cathedral.

During his time in Detroit, God blessed him and his wife with two wonderful children, Stevan and Neda. It was actually at Stevan's 3rd birthday that young Fr. Ned called his friend Lazo Kostur from Gary to be at Stev's party. This was a setup to introduce his friend to a church school teacher in Detroit named Mira Stepanovich. The two hit it off and were married just a couple months later. He had the foresight to see of the match that my parents would be, and as a family, we thank him for his great vision! During that time in Detroit, Fr. Ned succeeded in his pastoral work as well as on working on his own education. He completed his Master's Degree and much of his doctorate. Education was always a priority for him, and that was evident as to how he conducted himself, as well as his command of the English language, which never ceased to amaze me. He instilled that value in his children and grandchildren, always supporting their education to better themselves and give them good opportunities. He remembered from where he came, and the importance of education for one to succeed.

After his tenure in Detroit, Fr. Ned was transferred to St. George East Chicago, where he remained for about 5 years, leading the parish as they built their new hall in Schererville. That time period was a difficult one, not so much on the actual parishes where Fr. Ned served, but generally within church life. The church was going through terrible temptations with the division, with lawsuits and arguments. But, Fr. Ned kept his path very clear. He did not sway from that in which he believed, and his priority was always keeping the good of the Church in first place. This is quite typical of someone from Dalmatia—strong-willed and stubborn, but with a purpose.

In 1974, Fr. Ned was moved to his wife's home parish of St. George here in Joliet. Over his time in Joliet, he worked with this parish on the building of the hall, the church and the parish home. With the experience he gained in Detroit and East Chicago, he was able to be a driving force in accomplishing these feats. He worked hard in order to keep the hall a successful operation, while caring for all the spiritual needs of the parishioners, serving liturgies, baptisms, weddings and funerals. He guided the people with pastoral wisdom and understanding, learning every detail about all of the families here in Joliet. He knew everyone, where they were from, their

children, grandchildren and extended family and kumovi. He was a wealth of knowledge and an exemplary pastor. He truly loved this town. It was his new home, and he really embraced it lovingly, and likewise, this community embraced him back. He was a perfect fit for his entire time here. He was a staple of the community and cared for it with his heart. He wanted to see only the success of the parish of St. George and every parishioner that came through. For him, this parish was his family. Let us just contemplate how many people he baptized, converted, married, buried, counseled, encouraged and enlightened. The number is beyond concept. Yet, God made it possible for him to do this work. He knew that and was thankful for it.

Fr. Ned's ability to serve so successfully in parish life was evident to all, especially the diocesan bishops under whom he served, which is why they gave him extra duties to serve in Diocesan positions, such as hierarchical dean and deputy. He was a problem solver, accomplishing his missions with wisdom and understanding. He would be sent to parishes to calm difficult situations between parishioners and clergy, always listening to all that needed to be said, while remaining unbiased in order to come to a wise decision, as King Solomon in the Old Testament.

His talents were recognized also within Serbian national organizations, such as the SNF and the Chetnik Organization. His skills in writing, both in the Serbian and English languages, helped him serve as the editor of the Path of Orthodoxy, writing for many newspapers, such as the Srbobran and Srbija. His talents were many, and he gave them all for the good of the Church and our Serbian Orthodox people.

Truly, Fr. Ned was a Dalmatian Serb success story. Coming from a small village in a remote place, he emerged as an extremely educated and gifted person, not only known in his own land, but also in his new land, as a writer, thinker and authority.

I must take a little time to personally express my own gratitude to my Kum Fr. Nedeljko, who was one of my mentors and hands down my greatest support after my very own father within church life. I witnessed him in action both in church and out since the earliest days of my life. Many of those times were at funerals of Cetniks, when he would come to serve with my father in Merrillville, often giving an inspiring eulogy on the life and dedication of the reposed. And most often I heard him repeat the words of the Gospel: "Good and faithful servant...enter into the joy of your Master!" These words often resound in my mind from his repetition of them, as the desire of every faithful servant and the need to be good and faithful in all that we do. I saw him at Diocesan events as an authority along bishops and other senior clergy, always having a sober, direct and balanced answer. He was always on the side of justice. Yes, he could play politics in his decision making, but that was only in order to set up a good foundation so that the righteous decisions could be made. He knew and believed in what was true. I can say that I also knew him on the golf course, being his caddy, counting all of his strokes—even the ones he didn't want me to count. Kum Ned, as we lovingly referred to him, was always around and always a part of our lives. He was an encouragement to me in my desire to study theology, even when I did not have an interest in doing so! He tried to convince me to go to Seminary in Serbia when I was 14, in the middle of the 90s. At that point, I had no inclination toward ministry, but he did for me. Later on, when I decided to go to Seminary, he was one of my biggest supports. Throughout my studies, ordinations and service to the Church, both on the local, Diocesan and National level, he was there every step of the way to encourage and mentor me in fulfilling my duties in the best way possible. And when I was appointed his successor in Joliet, I can say without a doubt that no other priest in the history of successors had such a smooth transition from senior to junior as I did with him. Everything was prepared for me: names of parishioners, when he would typically

visit them, which day to go and in what order. He had everything written down, so that I could just come to St. George and get to work. Any of my questions were never a burden to him, and he was always there to explain, teach and guide. This is a testimony as to what kind of pastor he was to this flock. This was a testimony to what kind of a person he was to his successor. It was not about him, rather, it was about serving the church in the best way possible. Thank you, my dear Kum.

There are several words that could easily sum up that which we have said about him: he was a Serb, he was Educated, a Pastor, a Politician, an Authority, a Mentor and a true Friend. But let us look at Fr. Ned as Dad - Ta. He was an amazing father to Stevan and Neda, and I know you both know that he loved you with all his heart. Your accomplishments throughout life gave him strength and comfort. Your children brought him the greatest joy, and you were constantly in his prayers and on his mind. We see what an excellent father he was to you, always putting himself second to your needs. His joy was seeing the success of his children. Seeing you on the right path confirmed for him the efforts that he put forth, that they were worth it. And whenever challenges arose, that was not a stumbling block for him. He persevered through the difficulties with faith in God, knowing that which comes, will pass, no matter how difficult a challenge it may be. His four grandchildren—Gabby, Ally, Stella and Michael, you were what kept him going. He was so proud of the good young people that you have become. His time with you was a treasure for him, and he glorified God in seeing your success. He was so overjoyed being a part of Gabby and Trey's wedding, and even though at one point he wasn't sure if he would make it to the wedding, he again put himself last and did all possible in order to be there. He loved you and always will. Now, a legacy is left for you to emulate. Perhaps not in the same capacity that he was in, but you can all live up to that which he left for you. That is, be good, upright Orthodox Christians, dedicated to your family and to righteousness. Care for each other, strengthen each other, love each other. Know that how you live will effect those around you, and never forget to have similar dedication to our Orthodox Church and to love God deeply and firmly.

On behalf of all of us clergy here, as well as those who could not be here for various reasons; on behalf of the entire Kostur family, especially my children, for whom Kum Nedjo was a part of daily life, we offer to all of you our most sincere condolences, prayers and support.

So, my dear Kum, we must say farewell, and we will do it in faith in the Lord's Resurrection—trusting in the sincerity of your service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. You have fought the good fight, you have finished your course, you have kept the faith (2 Tim 4:7). Well done, good and faithful servant...enter into the joy of your Master! (Matt 25:21).

Memory eternal, may the Lord bless his soul! Вјечнаја Ти памјат, драги Оче Прото, драги наш Куме! Амин!

Father Nedeljko's Wake Sunday, January 21, 2024

Bereaved family, relatives, kumovi, brothers and sisters,

We, in our Movement of Serbian Chetniks Ravne Gore, lost not only our long-standing spiritual advisor, but also one of our most respected members and friends, a spiritual leader and teacher and a man who lived as a true Serbian Orthodox Christian until his last breath, a priest who unwaveringly led us in religious and national issues.

Father Ned cared deeply for his Serbian Orthodox people. He was a leader in both our spiritual and Serbian national lives. He was an outstanding writer and speaker – he knew how to combine our rich, yet difficult, history with our spirituality to guide us and to inspire us.

Father Ned devoted his life in service to the Serbian Orthodox Church and her people. As a child in Dalmatia, he lived through and was witness to the Serbian struggle of WWII, which included the genocide of innocent Serbian children, women, and men at the hands of the Croatian ustase. As a young man, he experienced and was witness to the evils of communism and the destruction of the Serbian soul that its faulty ideology caused. In the Serbian Diaspora, he lived amongst and lead his people for close to six decades of our religious and national life. As spiritual advisor for our Movement of Serbian Chetniks Ravne Gore, his wise council, knowledge, and influence was greatly appreciated and well respected. He served as a valuable council to our president and executive board. He was an invaluable contributor to our Chetnik paper "Serbia" and a member of its editorial board.

Father Ned's passing leaves an enormous void in the spiritual, cultural, and national life of the Serbian American Diaspora. He served as a mentor and guide to many of us laypeople and not just those in his own parishes. He kindly and generously supported us in our efforts to give back to our church and our national organizations with his guidance and loving words of encouragement. I hope that we can honor Father Ned, as we strive to continue his rich legacy by all that he taught us and the wisdom and council he gave us and that we continue to make our dear Father Ned proud of us. We know that he will continue to pray for us from his place in God's Heavenly Kingdom.

Last month, in December at General Draza Mihailovic Memorial Chetnik Hall in Schererville, Indiana, Father Ned spoke articulately about the turning point at the end of World War II during the Dinara Chetnik Division's battle at the village of Padjene on the tri-border region of Bosnia, Lika and Dalmatia – the Tromedja. Little did we know that this would be Father Ned's last speech at Chetnik Hall, as we had anticipated his presence and guidance at our Chetnik Congress which will be held in Hamilton, Canada at our Chetnik Hall there in May of this year. The Movement had prepared to present our Meritorious Member Medal to Father Ned at the Congress in May. With heavy hearts, we find ourselves saddened to be presenting it posthumously to his family today.

With these few words on the occasion of the death of our dear Father Ned, and on behalf of the Movement of Serbian Chetniks Ravne Gore, we hope to honor Father Ned and to pay a debt of gratitude to him, our member, our spritual advisor and friend, because he with his life and through his work, deserves to always be remembered, and deserves for us to pray to God to grant him eternal bliss in His Heavenly Kingdom.

In the name of the Movement and in my own name; Stevan, Neda and Mike, Gabriella and Trey, Alexandra, Stella and Michael, Dara, Stana and Danica, all relatives, kumovi, and friends, please accept our most sincere condolences, and may Father Ned be remembered and commemorated among us forever.

With deep gratitude, Memory Eternal!

Dr. Vera Dragisich Vice-president of the Movement of Serbian Chetniks Ravne Gore

Church School News

We are coming up to the end of this church school year with graduation on May 19th. We have one graduate from high school and that is Maria Vercelote. Congratulations to Maria on her graduation from Minooka High School. We wish you all the best as she begins her collegiate chapter in Kansas.

Sad news, we will be losing two teachers after this church school year. Kristy and Diane will be retiring ☹️! This means we need at least two (hopefully three) teachers. If interested please see Father Alex.

Gayle



UPDATE FROM CULTURE CLUB, SPRING 2024:

Weather and grass conditions permitting, Culture Club will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt for church school students and guests on Sunday, 05.05.24. Children must come downstairs after Liturgy to get a bag and be grouped by age/size, then all will go outside together and go to the area of the lawn for their age group.

We are seeking donations of Pre-Stuffed Plastic Eggs for this event. Eggs can be stuffed with candy, coins, favors, stickers, etc.

Donations can be brought to any of the classrooms downstairs, left near the teacher/desk area.

Culture Club thanks you for your support of our efforts for our St. George children and young visitors!



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The S.S.S. Mita Topalovich, your church choir for 88 years, certainly hopes you are all having a Blessed Lent and are looking forward to celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ very soon!

Before I get to the heart of this short article, I want to take a moment to congratulate choir member, Bonnie Dauer! She has been

invited to sit on the Board of Advocates for the University of Illinois Library! As you may know, Bonnie is an alumna of University of Illinois in Urbana/Champaign (UIUC). This board meets twice a year and discusses events and other means of fundraising for the libraries at UIUC. This is such an honor! Congratulations!

I certainly hope that the next article for The Serb will be filled with many happy news!

For this instance, though, I would like to reach out to current choir members as well as potential new choir members.

The “Mitas” have been singing for church services and concerts/festivals, as well as hosting a choir concert weekend, for 88 years! That is quite an accomplishment! Many of the singers have been generations of several families and others have been welcomed parishioners who share the joy of singing, especially their praises to God. All choirs see their ups and downs with participation, but I know that, even in the low times, the choir makes a big contribution to the church services! Every voice makes a difference, whether that voice is a soloist or not. For the priest, he must have someone responding for every service. At St. George Serbian Orthodox Church in Joliet, Illinois, those respondents have been and still are S.S.S. Mita Topalovich!

As parishioners, it is everyone’s responsibility to their own souls as well as their children’s souls to worship as a

community as often as possible. As choir singers, there is a further responsibility to sing responses for as many church services as is possible. This is a plea to all “Mitas” members...please once again make it a steady practice to attend Liturgy frequently and when you do, please come up to the choir loft and sing with your church choir family. Every liturgy is a much bigger celebration when we have many voices singing praise to God!

And an additional message to parishioners...”Mitas” are always happy to have new singers! If you sing in the pews, it would be wonderful to have you join the choir and sing upstairs! If you have questions, please see Kathy Petkovich, Choir President.

May God bless you all on your journey to Pascha!

Musically yours,
Holly Goljić



Orthodox Easter

Kolo Sestara News

Greetings and Happy Spring!

Past Events

Our annual meeting took place in February. At that meeting, several changes were made:

The newly elected officers for this year are

- President: Susan Kljaich
- Vice-President: Nadine O’Leary
- Secretary: Susan Roach

- Treasurer: Nadine Paukstys
- Auditing Board: Annette O'Leary, Zoe Evans, and Millie Rowe
- Sunshine Lady: Millie Rowe

We are very grateful to Protinica for all her work serving as our Vice-President last year.

The sisters voted to change the annual meeting to December so that we can join with other parish organizations in the swearing-in of new officers every January.

We also approved purchasing a Zoom subscription to allow our sisters to participate in future meetings, to join in conversations, and to vote despite challenges that may keep them from attending in person.

Our Kolo Anniversary was celebrated on March 10 with prayers in church followed by a potluck luncheon in the hall. It was a good way to celebrate Meatfare Sunday together with fellow parishioners before the fast.

Looking Ahead

With Pascha approaching, we ask all Kolo Sisters to assist with catering and providing bakery items for the Palm Sunday Vesper dinner on April 28th. We also need flowers to adorn the church for the Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Pascha, as well as donations of dyed red eggs for Father to distribute on Pasch . Any and all donations of time, talent, and funds would be appreciated!

Reminder

We are always looking to for new members to help our Kolo contribute to the well-being of our church. Please join us!

Thank you, Kolo members and parishioners, for your continuing support. We wish you all a blessed and joyous Paschal season.



New Gracania Winter Retreat 2023

The winter retreat was on December 27-29, 2023 at the Wonderland Camp and Retreat Center in Wisconsin. I decided to attend the retreat because I wanted a break from school. At the retreat we played sports, climbed the climbing wall, watched a movie, had a few services, and played games. I

won one of the games, and received a pack of angel cards as a prize. I enjoyed everything and I would definitely go to another retreat. Elizabeth Kourkoumelis

What is Pascha all about?

In the Orthodox Church the Easter Feast is officially called Pascha, which means “Passover,” and it remembers the new and everlasting covenant foretold by the prophets, which was fulfilled by Christ’s Resurrection. Pascha is the major feast of the Orthodox Liturgical year, and is a time of exultant joy and celebration, because Christ has broken the power of death! Let’s learn some more about what Pascha is and how it is celebrated.

Pascha

Originally, the word “Pascha,” or “Passover,” referred to the events recounted in Exodus 12, where a lamb was slain in each household and its blood sprinkled on the lintel and doorposts of the house, so that when all the first born in Egypt were slain the angel of death would pass over these houses. This is the event remembered at the Jewish Passover. The fulfilment of the Jewish Passover in Christ has made Him, for Christians, the “Paschal Lamb.”

In the Christian context Pascha signifies a passing over from death to life, from earth to heaven, a day of victory, the Day of the Kingdom of God. With heart-felt meaning, these words are sung during Pascha:

This is the day which the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Easter is the Feast of Feasts, celebrated by the church with special solemnity. The lights, flowers, and vestments all denote the flood of joy and grace, which proceed from the Resurrection of the Saviour.

The celebration

The service begins a little before midnight on the eve of Pascha Sunday. The Church is darkened – with no lights or candles – and the Priest, standing before the Holy Altar, lights a white candle and chants or sings these words:

Come, receive the Light from the Light that is never overtaken by night and glorify Christ Who is risen from the dead.

This prompts the congregation to light their candles from the Priest's, and then to use their lit candle to light the candles of those around them. The people then file out of the church building and walk around it while singing:

The angels in heaven, O Christ our Saviour, sing of Your resurrection. Make us on Earth also worthy to hymn You with a pure heart.

The doors are closed behind the people, and once they have reassembled in front of the church doors the resurrection of Christ is announced. The gospel is read which tells of the empty tomb. The Paschal troparion is sung, the first of many times this song is sung:

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

The Priest knocks loudly on the church door for re-entry, and shouts to the "gate-keeper" – a person on the inside of the doors, designated to fulfill the re-enactment of this scene – saying "Lift up your heads, O ye gates, that the King of glory may come in," and the gate-keeper asks "who is this King of glory?" The Priest answers "the Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle... the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!"

At this point – when it's midnight – the lights in the church are all turned on. The doors are opened, and the people file back into the church while singing joyously. Most of the rest of the service will be sung, and regular shouts of "He is risen" and replies of "Truly, He is Risen!" is heard in many languages throughout the night. The Easter Icon is prominent showing Christ destroying the gates of hell and freeing Adam and Eve from the captivity of death. It is the image of the Victor "trampling down death by his own death." The triumphant words are sung:

It is the day of Resurrection, O people, led us be radiant. Pascha, the Pascha of the Lord; for Christ God has brought us from death to life, and from earth to heaven as we sing the triumphal hymn.

Towards the end of the Easter service the famous Pascha Homily of St John Chrysostom is read⁷. This sermon is an invitation to all the faithful to forget their sins and to join fully in the feast of the Resurrection of Christ, the Passover Lamb. Following this, some parishes will partake of the Eucharistic gifts.

The response at the end of the service from the congregation is explosive – “Christ is Risen” – and the season of joy has begun! After the service, eggs that are dyed red are handed out, in remembrance of a miracle performed the first Pascha, when Mary Magdalene brought the news of Christ’s resurrection to the Emperor Tiberus Caesar, who scoffed and said that Christ had “no more risen from the dead than eggs are red,” and immediately a nearby basket full of eggs turned red.

The night is concluded with a feast. This marks the end of the Lenten fasting period, and so many rich and delicious foods will be seen here – foods that may not have been eaten in more than a month. This marks the beginning of *Bright Week*, a week of feasting and celebrations of Christ’s resurrection.

The Paschal season continues until Pentecost. This is a joyous time in the Church. The people greet one another with the words “Christ is Risen!” and respond with “Truly, He is Risen!”

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Моћ Светог Причешћа

Господ нам бесплатно дарује Своје Пречисто Тело и Крв, који нас очишћују, лече, оживљавају и васкрсавају. Свето Причешће је Тајна која људима помаже и у безизлазним ситуацијама. Ово је прича о жени којој је Свето Причешће спасило прерано рођену бебу од неизбежне смрти.

Заиста, заиста вам кажем: ако не једете тијело Сина Човјечијега и не пијете крви његове, немате живота у себи. (Јов. 6:53)



Ову причу о чудесној помоћи тајне Светог Причешћа испричала ми је једна верујућа жена која је била директно укључена у спасавање своје бебе.

Моја млађа сестра је имала веома компликовану прву трудноћу, која је резултирала рођењем њеног детета у осмом месецу, а новорођенче је једва спасено. Рођено је са тежином од 1,6 кг и одмах стављено у инкубатор. То се догодило 90-тих година прошлог века и тада није било добрих услова за недоношчад. У Грузији је безакоње је владало свуда, а ни породилишта нису била изузетак. За сваки дан боравка бебе у болници захтевали су много новца, а моја сестра га једноставно није имала.

Беба је рођена веома слаба, са здравственим проблемима. Одлучили смо да позовемо свештеника да крсти новорођенче у болници, али лекари га нису пустили унутра. Најзад смо успели да убедимо дежурног лекара да дозволи свештенику да види дете. Он је крстио бебу која је добила име Сава (Саббас) у част преподобног Саве из Сторожева.

Али дете је нестајало. Није се удебљало, било је веома слабо и једва је реаговало на било шта. Доктори су преврнули очима, када смо их питали о његовом стању. Било је јасно да се не очекују да ће преживети.

Желели смо поново да позовемо свештеника - да одојче прими Свету Причест и потпуно се ослони на Бога. Али ово није долазило у обзир - требало нам је много труда да убедимо болничко особље да нам дозволи крштење бебе. Тада сам, чврсто верујући у животворну моћ Светог Причешћа, одлучила да предузнем очајнички корак: умотавши дете у мараму (био је веома мален), „украде“ сам га из болнице и однела у цркву. Литургија је била у току. Парохијани који су ме познавали почели су да се питају чије је то дете. Рекла сам им све, и ускоро се цела црква молила за бебу. Новорођенче је примило Свето тело и Крв Христову и ја сам се безбедно вратила у болницу. Нису ни приметили одсуство бебе, јер су тих година новорођенчад у болницама обично била занемаривана.

Наш Сава је преживео! Сада је већ пунолетан; зна целу причу о свом рођењу и ко му је спасио живот!

Наша породица зна и за животворну силу Светих Христових Тајни. Ова Света Тајна спасила је моју ташту од смрти, када је била дете и када се тешко разболела. Видевши да је девојчици све горе и да јој лекари нису помогли, њена мајка (побожна жена која је у совјетско доба ишла у цркву), довела је умируће дете пред Свети Путир. Након што се причестила, девојка се брзо опоравила. И од тада моја свекрва никада више није патила од било које болести целог свог живота, скоро до своје смрти.

Моћ Светог Причешћа има благотворан ефекат посебно на одојчад, а у свом животу сам много пута видела доказе за то. Кад је мој син (који се редовно причешћивао са три месеца) био одојче, после Причешћа спавао је до ручка без буђења или тражења хране и био је врло миран. Заиста, свете Христове Тајне храниле су га боље од било које хране!

Ова Тајна такође помаже људима у безизлазним ситуацијама. Мајка мог пријатеља тешко се разболела. Лекари су открили крвни угрушак у њеном срцу. Моја пријатељица и њене четири сестре су отишле у цркву, молиле се за њу и одлучиле да позову свештеника да је причести. Њихова мајка се причестила на болничком одељењу. Две недеље касније, други тест је открио да није имала угрушак крви!

Заиста, за Духа Светог, кроз свете Христове Тајне, не постоји ништа што је немогуће!

Ирина Крикхели

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+V Rev Lazar Kostur, given by Gayle Shimek and Family
+Rada Albu, given by Katy Albu
+Rada Albu, given by Dan and Radoica Kilgore
+John and +Bessie Hrechko, +Jeka Petkovich, +Steve, +Todor and +Danica Pyevich and
+Draginja Krajnovich, given by Yvonne Hrechko John
+Michael Kljaich Sr, +Delores Malinovich, +Michael O'Leary, +Millie Skoryi, +Ely Grubisich and
+Janet Taylor, given by Susan Kljaich and Frances Juarez

January 14, 2024

+Dimitrije Sajic, given by Velibor and Jelena Sajic
+Janice Taylor given by Dr's Mike and Nadine Keer
+V Rev Lazar Kostur, given by Gayle Shimek
+Radu Albu, given by Katy Albu
+Radu Albu, given by Dan and Radoica Kilgore
+Vlada Dmitrov, given by Steva Lukin and Family
+Rosella Petrich, given by Tana Petrich and Family

+V Rev Lazar Kostur, +Peter and +Leona Petkovich, +Nicholas, +Chris and +Beda Nikolich and +Joyce Bauman, given by Pete and Kathy Petkovich
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by V Rev Aleksandar Bugarin and Family
+Vlada Dmitrov, given by Gayle Shimek, Deacon Nenad, Stephanie and Gordana Jakovljevic
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Gayle Shimek
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Deacon Nenad, Stephanie and Gordana Jakovljevic
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Genevieve Ostoich
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Brent and Teresa Ostoich
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Mel and Cinthia Rushing
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Mark and Lyn Ostoich

January 21, 2024

+Dimitrije Sajic, given by Velibor and Jelena Sajic
+Radu Albu, given by Katy Albu
+Radu Albu, given by Dan and Radoica Kilgore
+Vlada Dmitrov, +Radasin and +Stojka Markovic, given by Steva and Draginia Lukin
+Vlada Dmitrov, given by Gayle Shimek, Deacon Nenad, Stephanie and Gordana Jakovljevic
+Rosella Petrich, given by Daniel and Vicki Dorsey
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Tana Petrich and Family
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Joseph Orlovich, Jr and Family
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Olga Schumann
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by William and Marty Seemann
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, +V Rev Lazar Kostur, and +Paul Shimek, given by Pete and Kathy Petkovich

January 28, 2024

+Dimitrije Sajic, given by Velibor and Jelena Sajic
+Radu Albu, given by Katy Albu
+Radu Albu, given by Dan and Radoica Kilgore
+Vlada Dmitrov, given by Steva and Draginia Lukin
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Joseph Orlovich, Jr and Family
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by William and Marty Seemann
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Olga Schumann

February 4, 2024

+Dimitrije Sajic, given by Velibor and Jelena Sajic
+Vlada Dmitrov, given by Steva and Draginia Lukin
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Joseph Orlovich, Jr and Family
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by William and Marty Seemann
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Millie O'Leary
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Annette O'Leary
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Nadine O'Leary and Josh Potts
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich and +Fr Steven Bithos, given by Susan Kljaich and Frances Juarez
+John and +Bessie Hrechko, +Vaso and +Jeka Petkovich, +Joseph and +Milka Petkovich Orlovich and +Joann Orlovich, given by Yvonne and Robert John
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich and Fr Lazar Kostur, given by Nadine Paukstys
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Olga Schumann
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by the Kolo Sestara
+Paul Shimek, given by Gayle Shimek and Nenad and Stephanie Jakovljevic
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Edythe Miller and Family
+Peter Petkovich Sr and +Joyce Bauman, given by Pete and Kathy Petkovich

+Robert Fairbairn, given by Joseph Orlovich Jr Family

February 11, 2024

+Dimitrije Sajic, given by Velibor and Jelena Sajic
+Vlada Dmitrov, given by Steva and Draginia Lukin
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Joseph Orlovich, Jr and Family
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by William and Marty Seemann
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Millie O'Leary
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Annette O'Leary
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Nadine O'Leary and Josh Potts
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Edythe Miller and Family
+Paul Shimek, given by Gayle Shimek and Nenad and Stephanie Jakovljevic
+Violet, +Michael, +Julia and +George Enich, +Janice Taylor and +V Rev Fr Nedeljko Lunich, given by Drs Michael and Nadine Keer
+Vera Petrov, given by Pavel Petrov
+Kimball Mancke, +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich and +Ely Grubisich, given by Pat Mancke and Family
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, +Fr Milos and +Jelica Bugarin, given by John and Desanka Taylor
+Nicholas Ostoich and +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Genevieve Ostoich

February 18, 2024

+Dimitrije Sajic, given by Velibor and Jelena Sajic
+Vlada Dmitrov, given by Steva and Draginia Lukin
+Paul Shimek, given by Gayle Shimek and Nenad and Stephanie Jakovljevic
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by William and Marty Seemann
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, Emma and Elle Eric
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, Victor and Veronica Eric
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Joey and Erin Eric
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Edythe Miller and Family
+Vera Petrova, given by Pavel Petrov
+Radasin and +Stojka Markovic, given by John and Desanka Taylor
+Stojka Markovic, given by Fr Aleksandar Bugarin and Family
+Nicholas Ostoich and +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Genevieve Ostoich
+Kimball Mancke, given by Dan and Vicki Dorsey

February 25, 2024

+Dimitrije Sajic, given by Velibor and Jelena Sajic
+Vlada Dmitrov, given by Steva and Draginia Lukin
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Edythe Miller and Family
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, +Dmitar, +Milka, +Sophie, +Mike, +Helen, +Millie, and +Katie Bjekich and +Dorothy and +Dessie Bedick given by Anka Laketa and Family
+Sreto Suvira, given by Jovan Suvira
+Paul Shimek, given by Gayle Shimek and Nenad and Stephanie Jakovljevic
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, +Paul Shimek, +Joyce Bauman and +Chris Nikolich, given by Pete and Kathy Petkovich

March, 3, 2024

+Dimitrije Sajic, given by Velibor and Jelena Sajic
+Vlada Dmitrov, given by Steva and Draginia Lukin
+Mary Jovanovich, +Vladimir Dulevich and +George Jovanovich, given by Nancy Jovanovich
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by +Sophie Anderson's Daughters

+Dmitar and +Peter Katich, +Kimball Mancke, +Delores Malinovich, +Dorn and +Helen Johnston and +Danica Belfield, given by Bill and Marty Seemann

March 10, 2024

+Vlada Dmitrov, given by Steva and Draginia Lukin
+Dimitrije Sajic, given by Velibor and Jelena Sajic
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by +Sophie Anderson's Daughters
+Dmitar and +Petar Katich, given by Bill and Marty Seemann
+Paul Shimek, given by Gayle Shimek
+Donna Moses, given by Ron Moses and Family
+Gabriel Carreno, given by Danielle Serdar

March 17, 2024

+Vlada Dmitrov, given by Steva and Draginia Lukin
+Dimitrije Sajic, given by Velibor and Jelena Sajic
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich and +Gabriel Carreno Sr, given by Fr Aleksandar Bugarin and Family
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by +Sophie Anderson's Daughters
+Delores Malinovich and +Gabriel Carreno Sr, given by Annette O'Leary
+Delores Malinovich and +Gabriel Carreno Sr, given by Millie O'Leary
+Delores Malinovich and +Gabriel Carreno Sr, given by Nadine O'Leary & Josh Potts
+Gabriel Carreno Sr, given by Joseph Orlovich Jr Family

March 24, 2024

+Dimitrije Sajic, given by Velibor and Jelena Sajic
+Vlada Dmitrov, given by Steva and Draginia Lukin
+Delores Malinovich, given by Steve Malinovich
+Delores Malinovich, +Michael Kljaich and +Michael O'Leary, given by Susan Kljaich and Frances Juarez
+Jeffrey Lockwood, given by Pat Mancke and Family
+Karen Gonzalez, given by Will and Kathy Harper
+Norbert and +Irene Cora, given by Mike and Nancy Cora

March 31, 2024

+Dimitrije Sajic, given by Velibor and Jelena Sajic
+Vlada Dmitrov, given by Steva Lukin Family
+Paul Shimek, given by Gayle Shimek
+Gabriel Carreno Sr, given by Joseph Orlovich Jr Family
+Nicholas Ostoich and +Mary Babich, given by Genevieve Ostoich

April 7, 2024

+Dimitrije Sajic, given by Velibor and Jelena Sajic
+Vlada Dmitrov, given by Steva Lukin Family
+Gabriel Carreno Sr, given by Joseph Orlovich Jr Family
+Milorad Arsenovic, given by Rajko Arsenovic Family
+Danica Jovanovich Belfield, given by Jean & Chuck Panella, Janet Belfield and Dennis Belte, Andrea and Merwen Popovich-Marchaoni and Jameson Popovich
+Gabriel Carreno, given by Susan and Tom Roach
+Paul Shimek, given by Gayle Shimek
+Peter and +Leona Petkovich, +Nicholas and +Beda Nikolich, +Joyce Bauman and +Joseph Orlovich Jr, given by Pete and Kathy Petkovich

+Anka Orlovich, +Judy and +Jeffrey Lockwood, +Kimball Mancke, +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich,
+Nicholas Rakich and +Joseph Orlovich Jr, given by Bob Orlovich
+Joseph Orlovich Jr, given by Millie O'Leary
+Joseph Orlovich Jr, given by Annette O'Leary
+Joseph Orlovich jr, given by Nadine O'Leary and Josh Potts
+John, +Michael and +Bertha O'Brian, +Marion Oldham, +Mary Shimek and +Joseph Orlovich
Jr, given by Gayle Shimek and Stephanie and Nenad Jakovljevic

April 14, 2024

+Dimitrije Sajic, given by Velibor and Jelena Sajic
+Vlada Dmitrov, given by Steva Lukin Family
+Steve Pyevich, given by Pamela Duncan
+Joseph Orlovich Jr, given by Tana Petrich and Family
+Joseph Orlovich Jr, given by Tracy Bianco
+Draga Vuicich and +Joseph Orlovich Jr, given by Radovan and Darlene Jovanovich
+Milord Arsenovic, given by Rajko Arsenovic Family
+Millie Skoryi, given by John Skoryi
+Jelica Bugarin, given by Fr Aleksandar Bugarin Family
+Joseph Orlovich Jr, given by Circle of Serbian Sisters
+Art DiSalvo, +Joseph Orlovich Jr, +Delores Malinovich, +Gabriel Carreno, +Michael Kljaich,
given by Susan Kljaich and Frances Juarez
+Donald Laketa and +Joseph Orlovich Jr, given by Anka Laketa and Family

April 21, 2024

+Dimitrije Sajic, given by Velibor and Jelena Sajic
+Vlada Dmitrov, given by Steva Lukin Family
+Steve Pyevich, given by Pamela Duncan
+Joseph Orlovich Jr, given by Tracy Bianco
+Donald Laketa and +Joseph Orlovich Jr, given by Anka Laketa and Family
+Joseph Orlovich Jr, given by Olga Schumann
+Joseph Orlovich Jr, given by Jack and Dollie Book
+Joseph Orlovich Jr, +V Rev Fr Nedeljko Lunich, +JoAnn Orlovich, +Violet Enich, +Mike Enich,
+Stella Enich, +Joseph Enich Sr, +Julia Enich, +Janice Taylor and +George Enich, given by
Nadine and Michael Keer
+Daniel E. Petrich and Donald Laketa, given by Tana J Petrich and Family
+V Rev Nedeljko Lunich and +Joseph Orlovich Jr, given by Mike and Nada Bilder
+Donald Laketa, given by Howard Grundy
+Joseph Orlovich Jr, +Mary Babich, +Donald Laketa and +Nicholas Ostoich, given by
Genevieve Ostoich
+John and +Bessie (Petkovich) Hrechko, +Vaso and +Helen Petkovich, +Fred Sr and +Dorothy
(Petkovich) Pribish, +Fred Pribish Jr and +Joseph Orlovich Jr, given by Yvonne Hrechko John
+Joseph Orlovich Jr, and +Donald Laketa, given by Pat Mancke and Family
+Joseph Orlovich Jr, given by Will and Kathy Harper
+Joseph Orlovich Jr, given by Nadine Paukstys

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