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From your priest's desk,

Often our church and other church groups and even clergy get confused about the true meaning of parishioners, members, and stewards which sometimes even in our Rules and Regulations or local addendums can be a little tricky especially since about 25 years ago we started using the term "steward of the church". Let us try to clear up a little bit the meaning of all terms. Our Rules and Regulations of the Serbian Orthodox Church (article 26) states: "Every person who is baptized and chrismated according to the rites of the Orthodox Church is a parishioner and member of his/her local parish and Church School congregation where he/ she resides". I believe this should be clear enough. If you are a Serbian Orthodox Christian and live within the borders of St George church, this is your parish church and you should attend the services of St George church and the priest of the church will be your parish priest. Please check our addendum regarding the parish borders of St George church in Joliet. We have many situations when families are moving from Chicago or Indiana areas and purchase a home within our parish, several miles from St George church, but still belong to or attend their previous parish church and are even paying members/stewards of them. I guess it is out of our hands believing that people have a family tie to their old church where they grew up and feel more comfortable.

Members/stewards of the church school congregation are those who regularly attended the worship of St George church, share their time, talents, and fulfill financial obligations. In addition, to be a member in good standing of St George church, every paying member/steward should fulfill Liturgical and Sacramental obligations in order to be able to vote at the parish assembly or to be nominated for the parish board. Please read your Rules and Regulations plus the addendum of St George church.

When our young couples are preparing for the "big day" of their marriage, the best way is to contact the parish priest first, before reserving the reception hall which is usually scheduled a couple of years in advance, and actually schedule their wedding day. During the fasting seasons in the Orthodox church, weddings are not permitted. In an extreme situation, our Bishop would give dispensation for the wedding during the fasting season with a previously written petition and the fee for the Diocese with no wedding reception in the church hall.

I would encourage our couples who are planning to get married to please contact me before they schedule the hall and would strongly recommend our Social Center for their wedding reception and party since it is right next to the church. It is very convenient, provides a great service and food, and it is much more reasonable than any other place.

Soon we will begin another school year by the grace of God. The beginning of 2023/24 school year and children's religious training will begin on Sunday, September 10, 2023, with a prayer service – moleban, and introduction class. Classes will continue every Sunday after Holy Communion. We know children can't drive themselves to the church; it is a parent or grandparents' job and we hope and pray they will fulfill their parental task. After Labor Day, we will go back starting the Divine Liturgy at 10am on Sunday.

Parental duty includes explaining to their children about the house of God and proper behavior there. In case a young child is upset, starts crying, misbehaves or disturbs others in praying take him/her out for a minute. Boys of seven years of age and older should be encouraged to serve as Altar servers. Boys and girls from, I would say 10 and above should be instructed to read the epistle. Chanting the epistle would be perfect, but clear and loud reading is also good. We love to see our youth

in church as they are our present and future and even if they make a small noise, it is a well pleasing noise which means we are alive.

Have a great summer, enjoy it and see you in church on Sunday at 9 am.

The Importance of Patiently Letting Down Our Nets in obedience PRIEST PHILIP LEMASTERS

If there is any virtue that seems completely foreign to our culture today, it is patience. From fast food to cell phones, from transportation to losing weight, we want instant results and think that something is wrong if we do not get what we want immediately. Thoughtful people learn, however, that disappointments and delays are often actually good for us. They inspire us to see ourselves and the realities of life more clearly. But when impatience becomes a settled habit, it blinds us to the necessity of humble persistence in facing life's challenges, both small and great.

Peter, James, and John were professional fishermen who had worked all night and caught nothing. They knew that it was time to wash their nets, go home, and try again tomorrow. But the Lord said, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." Peter answered in a way that showed his frustration: "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Your word I will let down the nets." When they did so, they caught so many fish that their nets broke and their boats began to sink. That was not only an unlikely and amazing scene; it also opened Peter's eyes at least a bit to where He stood before the Lord, as he said to Christ, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." The Savior responded, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." Then Peter, James, and John left their boats and nets behind as they became the first apostles.

Though Peter became the head disciple, he struggled mightily in faith. He denied the Lord three times before His crucifixion and had earlier heard the stinging rebuke, "Get behind me, Satan!," when he had rejected the message that Christ would be killed and rise from the dead. After His resurrection, the Lord restored Peter by asking him three times if he loved Him and commanding him to "feed My sheep" in fulfilling his ministry. (Jn. 21: 15-17) Peter was the first bishop of the Church in Antioch and in Rome, where he made the ultimate witness for the Savior as a martyr. He surely did not get everything right the first time. At many points in his discipleship, he must have been as frustrated as he had been as a fisherman who had worked all night and caught nothing. But despite his many failures in understanding what kind of Messiah he was following, Peter did not allow pride to keep him from accepting the Lord's forgiveness and restoration. From the time the Savior first called him to the end of his earthly life, St. Peter kept letting down his nets and surely being shocked beyond belief that the Lord was still with him and working through him despite his less than perfect faith.

Saint Paul reminded the Corinthians that "now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." He meant that we must not put off faithfulness to Jesus Christ until we think that our faith is perfect or that the circumstances of our lives are as we would like them to be. He described the ministry of the apostles as requiring "great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger...in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as

punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.”

By the conventional standards of this world, people like Sts. Peter and Paul were failures who acquired no wealth or power. They threw their lives away out of devotion to an obscure rabbi of first-century Palestine. There would never be an ideal time to be faithful to Him, for the Lord’s Cross would always remain foolishness in the eyes of the world. But had Peter not obeyed the command on that particular day, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch,” he would not have opened himself to receive the blessing of the great catch of fish. Remember that it was this shocking scene that awakened in Peter’s soul at least a partial awareness of who he was before Christ, for he said, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” That is how he gained the measure of spiritual clarity that he needed in order to begin the long and difficult journey of serving Christ.

Too often, we have less patience and faith before the challenges and disappointments of our lives than Peter did. Too often, we convince ourselves that it is pointless to persist in obeying Christ as best we can because our nets apparently remain empty of the blessings that we want for ourselves, our loved ones, and our world. Too often, we impatiently conclude that there is no point in persisting in the difficult struggle of faithfulness to the Lord because we are not getting the quick results that we want. To view the Christian faith in that way, however, is to make it a path for serving ourselves, not the Lord Who reigns from a Cross and an empty tomb. We will never enter His Kingdom by refusing all that does not operate on our schedules or according to our preferences.

Our calling, like that of Peter and the first disciples, is simply to obey Christ’s command to follow Him. When we stumble in doing so, we must cultivate the humble recognition of Peter, who said, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” When we recognize that we have distorted the way of Christ into a path for serving ourselves, we must offer the Jesus Prayer from the depths of our hearts as we reorient ourselves toward true faithfulness. When we are tempted to abandon any of the basic practices of the Christian life because they do not appear to produce the results that we would like, we must humbly persist in them out of obedience and grow in our awareness that sharing in the life of Christ is not a magical path to achieving any goal of this life.

There is no guarantee of a net full of fish, of course, and the point of that miracle was not to make Peter successful in his line of work. It was, instead, to call him, James, and John as apostles who would become “fishers of men.” It was to draw them into the ministry of the Kingdom of God for the edification of the Church and the salvation of the world. They had to leave everything behind and endure profound trials, which revealed their need for greater spiritual strength. Our vocations are far humbler than theirs, but we must trust that Christ is preparing us to become “fishers of men” through our own struggles in ways that we do not fully understand. We can give up and say that there is no point in pursuing a religion that does not quickly solve all our problems in life, but to do so is to refuse to accept that “now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation,” regardless of how well we think that things are going. Now is the time to let down our nets, even though we have fished all night, caught nothing, and would rather simply go home. We do not know the particulars of what God will do when we offer ourselves to Him in patient obedience, but we must trust that doing so will enable us to share more fully in the healing of the human person that Christ has brought to the world.

Looking to the example of the apostles, let us persevere in the daily struggle to be faithful even as we know that we are sinful people who can ask only for the Lord's mercy. The greater awareness we have of our own brokenness, the more patient trust we will have that God is filling our nets as they need to be filled for our salvation and that of the world. Let us persist in letting them down for a catch today and every day of our lives. That is the only way that we will grow in our participation in the life of Christ and become those who draw others to the blessedness of His Kingdom.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello to you all. As we are finally enjoying some much- welcomed pleasant weather, the Executive Board has turned our attention to outdoor projects.

As mentioned in a previous Sunday bulletin, a group of parishioners generously donated part of their Saturday to spread a couple of tons of mulch around the church and surrounding tree rings to enhance the beauty of our church.

Also previously mentioned was the machine grinding on the cement entrance and stairs to eliminate the severe pitting and unattractive surface. A big applause to Dan and Sam as previously noted.

Since then, upon Sam's recommendation, I have met with his top coatings contractor to ascertain what are the best materials, if any, to coat this area. Sample sheets and other info will be submitted to the Board for their review and consideration.

But, by far, our biggest undertaking will be a new church parking lot, which will happen sometime between now and Labor Day. This shall include total demolition of existing concrete and installation of multi layers of asphalt and new concrete borders like we have now. The demolition will begin on a Monday and total job completion, including striping, will conclude before the following Sunday's Holy Liturgy. This, of course, is contingent on the weather. We have contingency plans should bad weather become a factor. PT Ferro, a large area paving contractor since 1964, was the successful bidder. The exact date(s) for this project is yet to be determined. Other than that, we sincerely look forward to our annual picnic and all of your continued generosity. As you can see by the above, we will be allocating significant dollars to keep our property into good working order, so hopefully you all can come and spend a few dollars on a much worthwhile cause, And, as always, we can't thank the many volunteers for working this event.

To all of you, have a great summer. Dan Dorsey Church Board President

ST GEORGE EXECUTIVE CHURCH SCHOOL BOARD

JULY 2023

Hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer. Here are a few updates from your Church Boards since we last communicated. On Palm Sunday, we were visited by our Bishop Longin. We always appreciate his visit and hearing his inspirational sermon. Many thanks to those who prepared lunch for the Bishop and guests and made a wonderful meal following Vesper Services that evening. We are very grateful to those who cooked, baked, and helped clean up at the end.

Our Fish Frys ended in April and were successful due to the generosity of our parishioners who worked at the events, baked or patronized these on a regular basis. We could not have done this without your help and are immensely grateful.

Our Church Slava in May was well attended. We had many parishioners at the Liturgy and at the luncheon. Thanks to Olga Blagojevic and her crew for the meal and everyone who baked to make it an enjoyable afternoon. Thanks to all our parishioners for supporting our church.

Sadly, in April and May, we lost two members of the Grubisich family, +Millie Skoryi and +Ely Grubisich. Both of them were devoted to their Church and generously offered their time and talents throughout their lives to our parish. Our condolences to Millie's children and their families and to both +Millie and +Ely's remaining siblings, nieces, nephews and dear friends. They will both be dearly missed by all. Memory Eternal!

The board approved the membership application for Nina Starceвич and approved the St George Scholarship for Elizabeth Laketa who will be attending University of Illinois at Chicago.

Also, the Board is pleased that Nick Malinovich is home after a long hospital and rehab stay. It was wonderful to have him join the last board meeting remotely as we always value his input. We pray for Nick's continued recovery and hope to see him soon.

Sunday Liturgy -- A reminder to all that the earlier start time of 9:00am continues for Sunday Liturgies though Labor Day. 10:00 liturgies resume on Sunday, September 10th.

SERBFEST 2023

Our St George SerbFest will be held on Sunday, July 16th at St Joe's Park located at 700 Theodore St in Joliet. The event runs from noon to 9:00pm. It takes a village to pull this off and we really need your help. This event has become a huge fundraiser for our parish and is critical in helping us meet our financial obligations throughout the year. David Laketa is once again the chairperson so please feel free to reach out to David to volunteer. He can be reached at 815-263-3842 or dlaketa@stfrancis.edu

Baked Goods For SerbFest

Again, we will be selling baked goods and pastries at SerbFest. This area makes a substantial profit due to all the talented bakers in our parish. We need donated pastries, especially any ethnic items such as potica, strudels, cakes, bread, cookie, pies, etc. Since there is no refrigeration at the park, we ask that you only bring non-refrigerated items or we will have issues with the Health Department.

Please drop off your bakery items on Saturday, July 15th at the lower level of our Social Center between 9-11am. At that time, it will be sliced, packaged, and uniformly priced for the next day. If you cannot be there at that time, please let Elizabeth Laketa (630-247-1341) or David Laketa (815-263-3842) know in order to make other arrangements.

Many people are allergic to nuts. So, if nuts are used in your baking, please indicate that on the packaging.

If you are only able to bring your bakery items to the picnic on Sunday, it must be packaged and ready to sell in disposable containers such as Ziploc bags or paper plates. Unfortunately, there will not be no cutting and packaging of baked goods at the event.

Thanks to all for your help. Let's make this another successful SerbFest!

Save the Date!

Sunday, September 17, 2023

The **3Kolo** Group Presents

Circles of Support

In Support of *Lifeline Chicago*

Serbian Social Center — Lansing, IL 1:00PM AUTHENTIC ETHNIC BUFFET & BAKE SALE

FEATURING CASH RAFFLE — CHINESE AUCTION

AND FABULOUS BIG PRIZE RAFFLE

FOR DETAILS OR
RESERVATIONS:

Call or text Danielle Serdar

620-700-7427

Kolo Sestara News

Past Events

In May, we tried something new as a fundraiser, the Junk in the Trunk Sale. The weather cooperated, and church hall parking lot was filled with happy buyers and sellers. It provided an opportunity to socialize, to clean out closets, and to discover new treasures. Between the sellers' entrances fees, food sales, and cash donations, the event brought in over \$2,500. For those of you who missed it, no worries – we are considering making this a regular event. Thanks to all who participated as buyers and/or sellers and all who devoted their time, talents, and resources to make the Junk in the Trunk Sale a success. Special thanks to co-chairs Edythe Miller and Susan Kljaich, who took the initiative to make this happen.

The cevap luncheon was held in June and provided another opportunity for fellowship while fundraising for the church. So many people deserve thanks: the cevaps and other items were donated by Nick and Helen Malinovich, and additional food items and supplies were donated by Millie Rowe, Steve Malinovich, Susan Kljaich, and Danielle Serdar. Also, the helpers for Cevap Luncheon were Millie Rowe, Millie O'Leary, Annette O'Leary, Danielle Serdar, Tana Petrich, Nadine Paukstys, and Susan Kljaich, and Protonica Gordana. Grillers were Mike Stamenkovich, Michael Cora, Pete Petkovich, and Kirk Stapinski. Also, thank you, Zakk Kocoj, for opening up the bar. Thank you, all who participated and supported the event! We made approximately \$1410.

Events Coming Up

SerbFest is quickly approaching, and we will need bakery donations. The bakery table has always been a big draw at the festival; we need you to help us keep up that tradition! You don't need to be in Kolo, we welcome all bakers! We also need workers to help package and price the bakery goods on Saturday.

Our Kolo Slava, the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is Monday, August 28. We will celebrate it together with the parish on Sunday, August 27, at the Divine Liturgy and parastos for all the reposed sisters, with blessings of slava offering, kolac and koljivo after the service. A lenten luncheon for the parish will follow.

Reserve the date, September 17, to join with our Kolo sisters for the Lifeline Gala fundraiser to provide support for Serbian orphanages and children in need. The event will take place at St. Archangel Michael in Lansing. More details will be shared as plans become more finalized.

Reminder

If you are not a member, please consider joining our Circle of Sisters. We are here to provide support for our parish. It need not require major investments of your time and talents – there are all sorts of ways you can contribute. Most of us would agree our rewards are greater than our investments.

The Dormition: Pascha of the Summer

EVAGELOS SOTIROPOULOS

In the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom celebrated in the Orthodox Church, the priest repeats the following prayer a number of times: *Let us commit ourselves and one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.*

The ecclesiastical year, which begins on September 1st (14th), has been divinely developed by the Church Fathers with feasts and fasts to aid our life in the God-Man Christ.

The longest and strictest fast, Great Lent, paves the way for Pascha (Easter), the Feast of Feasts. In addition to Lent, there are three other periods of prescribed fasting: that of the Apostles in June; the Dormition; and, that of Christmas in November-December.

The One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church observes the Holy Dormition Fast; this period, which lasts two weeks from the 1st/14th to the 14th/27th of August, culminates on the 15th/28th with the celebration of the [Falling Asleep \(Dormition\) of the Mother of God](#) (Gr. *Theotokos*).



Before this, though, on August 6th/19th, Orthodoxy celebrates another one of the Twelve Great Feasts, that is, the [Transfiguration \(Metamorphosis\) of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ](#), and allows for a break in the fast through the consumption of fish.

The holiness of these two weeks gives fuel for the faithful to energize their spiritual struggle; this is one reason why the Dormition period is affectionately known as the Summer Pascha (*το Πασχα του Καλοκαιριου*, in Greek).

Let us then briefly examine the theological and spiritual significance of these two feasts through the homilies of Saint Gregory Palamas (1296-1359), who represents Christian theology at its most sublime.

Unlike some who deny the truth, St. Gregory demonstrates clearly that the Light of the Transfiguration is uncreated. “While pretending to concern themselves with the literal sense of the passage, they reject its godly meaning,” Palamas writes.

In Matthew's Gospel (see 17:1-9; see also Luke 9:28-36), the Evangelist recounts the manifestation of Christ's divinity through a display of His divine energy on Mount Tabor: "And He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light" (Mt 17:2).

This *theophany* was beheld by three of His disciples – Peter, James and John – as well as by Moses and Elijah. God the Father also spoke, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" (Mt 17:5), confirming Jesus' divine sonship.

The attainment of this light is the ultimate goal of Orthodox Christians and can be achieved by dedicating "our whole life to Christ our God" as the Holy Chrysostom says.

"The divine light is given by measure and is received to a greater or lesser extent, being distributed, undividedly divided, according to the worthiness of the recipients," declares St. Gregory, although this in no way should be confused with God's essence, which is "absolutely indivisible and incomprehensible, and no other being can receive it, either to a greater or lesser extent."

We have no better example, no better prototype, to lead us to Christ's ineffable glory than His Mother, the Most Holy Lady and Ever-Virgin Mary, the Holy of Holies, whose Dormition we celebrate today.

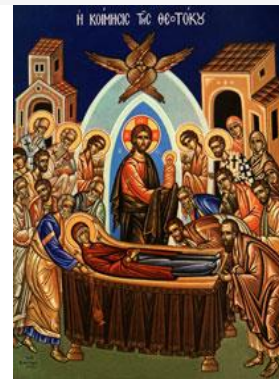
St. Gregory writes:

She showed that her whole life, her behaviour, her mind and her words, were utterly devoted to godly striving. As a result of this, her death, too, was life-giving and led to heavenly,

immortal life, and its day of remembrance is a joyful holiday and worldwide festival... For at present she is the only one who has a place in heaven with her divinely glorified body in the company of her Son.

Orthodoxy venerates the Theotokos through its icons, hymns and feasts and prays for her intercessions to her Son and our God. A special honour in the liturgical life of the Church is given to the *Axion Estin* hymn:

It is truly right to bless you, Theotokos, ever blessed, most pure, and Mother of our God. Higher in honor than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, who without corruption gave birth to God the Logos. Most truly Theotokos, you do we magnify.



Like Pascha, the Great Feasts of the Dormition Fast call us to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength" (Mk 12:30). The Transfiguration shows us that we can experience the Kingdom of God here on earth, while the Dormition shows us that through our faith and good works and Christ's love and mercy, we can attain immortal life; since, as St. Gregory Palamas describes: "Christ as God is for those who live by the Spirit and see with spiritual eyes what the sun is for those who live by their senses and see with natural vision."

Hello and Happy Summer

“Zdravo I scecno leto”

From The American Serbian Social Club

Hard to believe summer is here and it is already July. For the month of June the ASSC has hosted two events,

- Friday night baseball game at Joliet’s own Slammers baseball team at Silver Cross Stadium, the event was well attended with over forty guests with fireworks show afterwards. The special bonus was the ASSC was able to cover the cost of the tickets 100%.
- Hosted a Vidovdan luncheon at Serb Hall on Sunday June 25th in association with the Saint George Cultural club. Vidovdan is a very important date in our Serbian Heritage which is observed on 6/28, the Serb led Christian collation fought the Ottoman Empire in the Battle of Kosovo. Would have been nice to see this event better attended, those who did enjoyed a delicious brunch style meal with pancakes, hash brown, fruit salads etc.

Moving forward in the upcoming year we have had talks regarding,

- Volunteering at are own Serb Fest 2023
- Football game in the fall
- With even more ideas being discussed

We will continue to have lunches at Serb Hall in the upstairs bar room and will get that information to Proto Alex to announce.

As always, a huge thank you our partners the Saint George Cultural Club. They are always offering to help and ideas for future events and how we can make those events even better. We are always open to suggestions and ALL are welcome to come and enjoy the luncheons.

We would also like to give a thank you Zakk Kocoj with all of his contributions to our luncheons and how well he has been taking care of the bar. I am sure the past bar managers are **gledajuci dole sa osmehom** with the how well Zakk has taken care of it.

Have a Happy and safe summer and we look forward to seeing more parishioners at one of our functions, Pete (kum Pete) Petkovich , Mike Cora , Don Grubisich, Stephine Shimek and Zakk Kocoj

Respectfully

Milorad Stamenkovich, President ASSC.

S.S.S. Mita Topalovich was excited to participate in the Serbian Singing Federation Annual Choir Festival on Memorial Day Weekend. This year the festival was hosted by our neighbor choir, S.S.S. Branko Radichevich in Chicago, Illinois. Fourteen choirs as well as an adult mass choir and a mass junior choir all performed during the two-day concert. We, being a local choir, performed on Sunday afternoon and were the only



choir to sing "in costume" for the 1920's theme of the weekend. Directress, Alexandra Starčevich, acquired fedoras for the men to wear and feathered headbands for the ladies to wear. It was wonderful to have so many singers on stage, including both Fr. Aleks and Fr. Ned. Not many choirs are fortunate enough to have not only active support of their clergy, but participation as well! This concert

marked the inaugural performance for Becca Starčevich, Abriya Prieboy, and Zvezdana Goljić... Welcome to Mitas! It was a pleasure to be reunited with Anthony and Morgan Seemann, who drove in from Michigan, and Theodore Prieboy, who flew in from Washington DC, to perform with us at the festival! Following our performance, Nancy Cora was presented with her 50-Year pin from the Serbian Singing Federation. Congratulations, Nancy, and God grant you many more years of singing!



Our dedicated Directress, Alexandra Starčevich, has announced her retirement. She certainly is not old enough to retire but has been directing Mita's for 33 years! It is a well-deserved retirement, although she assures us, she is not going away. She will still direct in church when she's available. Directing or not, we all will still be expecting to hear her lovely soprano voice in the choir ranks!

In the non-singing category, we have other good news! Natalya Lesnicki and her husband Adam have been blessed again and are expecting their second child. Their daughter, Maya, will have a baby brother making his grand entrance in November, ako Bog da!

Further news, Zora Goljić began an internship at BDO Global at their Belgrade, Serbia, office! She is working with three other interns for the month of July and is their first ever intern from North America. Zora is a student at DePaul University in Chicago and is entering her junior year this fall. Good luck to Zora, as she ventures into the financial business world!

Even more good news, Eva Book got engaged to Eric Martin! Congratulations to you both and to the families as well! We all wish you the very best as you plan your wedding and that you have a lifetime of blessings!

Speaking of weddings, did you know S.S.S. Mita Topalovich happily sings for weddings? If you or your loved one has an upcoming wedding for which you would like the choir to sing, please see Fr. Aleks for a Choir Wedding Contract.

In closing, S.S.S. Mita Topalovich is always delighted to welcome new singers, and returning past singers! If you enjoy singing, please talk to Kathy Petkovich, Choir President, about joining us.

Enjoy the rest of your summer! We look forward to seeing you all at Church!

Musically yours, Holly Goljić

Easter Donations 2023

\$1500.00 Millie Zaloudek

\$1,000.00 Ely Grubisich Susan Kljaich
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\$750.00 Don Laketa

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Moses Annette O'Leary

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April 23, 2023

+Arthur Schumann, +Peter and +Helen Kesich, +Dan and +Martha Kesich; +George and Mary Kesich, given by David Schumann
+Carl Roach, given by Danielle Serdar
+Millie Rydman and +Carl Roach, given by Gayle Shimek
+Edward Stapinski, given by Kirk and Jackie Stapinski
+Norbert and Irene Cora, +Peter, +Velma, +Michael, +George, +Mary, +Dorothy Budmlija,
+Mildred Pleacher, +Helen Gurba, given by Mike and Nancy Cora
+Liam Wojcik and +Millie Skoryi, given by Joseph and Josephine Orlovich
+Draga Vuicich and Nikola Vuicich, +Stoja and +Jovo Prica, +Djordje and +Mary Jovanovich,
+Sylvia and +John Prieboy, given by Radovan and Darlene Jovanovich
+Millie Skoryi, given by Circle of Serbian Sisters
+Millie Skoryi, given by Danielle Serdar
+Sreto Suvira, given by Novica Suvira
+Borislav Vucinic, given by Vucinic Family
+Millie Skoryi, give by Ely Grubisich
+Art Schumann, and +Millie Skoryi, given by Olga Schumann and Family
+John and +Bessie Hrechko, +Vaso and +Helen Petkovich, +Mary Petkovich Shimek, +George Shimek, +Helen Shimek Olson, +Paul Shimek and +James Shimek, given by Yvonne Hrechko John
+Dessie Jokich, given by Danielle Serdar

April 30, 2023

+Peter and +Helen Kesich, given by David Schumann
+Millie Skoryi, give by Ely Grubisich
+Millie Skoryi, given by Olga Schumann and Family
+Draginja, +Misa, and +Dusica Jurisic; and Milorad and +Ruzica Dimitrov, given by Steva and Draginija Lukin
+Millie Skoryi, given by William and Janice Taylor
+Mara Cvjetkovic, given by Dusan Cvjetkovic

+Millie Skoryi, given by Peter Grubisich
+George, +Anne, and +Delores Malinovich and +Michael O'Leary and +Millie Skoryi, given by Annette and Millie O'Leary and Nadine and Josh Potts
+Sylvia and +John Prieboy, given by Anka Laketa

May 7, 2023

+Millie Skoryi, given by Ely Grubisich
+Millie Skoryi, given by Olga Schumann and Family
+Millie Skoryi, given by Pete Grubisich
+Millie Skoryi, given by Sandra Fenili & Family
+Millie Skoryi, given by Kirk & Jackie Stapinski
+Millie Skoryi, given by Anka Laketa
+Millie Skoryi, given by Mary Anne Pinne
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+Helen & Richard Mattis, given by The Pinne Family
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May 14, 2023

+Millie Skoryi, give by Ely Grubisich
+Millie Skoryi, given by Olga Schumann and Family
+Millie Skoryi, given by Sandra Fenili & Family
+Millie Skoryi, given by Kirk & Jackie Stapinski
+Millie Skoryi, given by Anka Laketa
+Millie Skoryi, given by Dr's Mike & Nadine Keer
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+Radasin Markovic, given by William & Marty Seemann
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+Dragica Susich, and +Mary Laketa, given by Anka Laketa & Family
+Radasin Markovic, given by Jack & Chris Book

May 21, 2023

+Millie Skoryi, give by Ely Grubisich
+Millie Skoryi, given by Sandra Fenili & Family
+Millie Skoryi, given by Kirk & Jackie Stapinski
+Radasin Markovic, given by Fr Alek Bugarin & Family
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+Radasin Markovic, given by Annette O'Leary
+Radasin Markovic, given by Millie O'Leary
+Radasin Markovic, given by Nadine & Josh Potts
+Ely Grubisich, +Radasin Markovic, and +Millie Skoryi, given by Pat Mancke

May 28, 2023

+Millie Skoryi, given by Sandra Fenili & Family
+Millie Skoryi, given by Kirk & Jackie Stapinski
+Millie Skoryi, given by Olga Schumann and Family

+Millie Skoryi, given by Dr's Mike & Nadine Keer
+Radasin Markovic, given by Fr Alek Bugarin & Family
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+Radasin Markovic, +Millie Skoryi and +Ely Grubisich, given by Steve Malinovich
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+Ely Grubisich, given by the Circle of Serbian Sisters
+Radasin Markovic and +Ely Grubisich, given by Olga Schumann
+Carl Roach, given by Fr Alek Bugarin

June, 11, 2023

+Radasin Markovic and +Ely Grubisich, given by Olga Schumann
+Carl Roach, given by Dan & Vicki Dorsey
+Radasin Markovic, +Ely Grubisich and +Carl Roach(Charalambos) , given by Susan & Tom
Roach
+Radasin Markovic, given by Fr. Ned Lunich
+Radasin Markovic, given by Bill & Marty Seemann
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+Iso Ciganovich, +Joseph and +Stella Enich, +Danica and +Al Grabavoy, +JoAnn Orlovich,
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Keer
+Ely Grubisich, given by Dr Janice & William Taylor
+Radasin Markovic, given by Susan Kljaich
+Radasin Markovic, given by Kolo Sestra

June, 18, 2023

+Radasin Markovic and +Ely Grubisich, given by Olga Schumann
+Carl Roach, given by Dan & Vicki Dorsey
+Radasin Markovic, +Ely Grubisich and +Carl Roach (Charalambos), given by Susan & Tom
Roach
+Radasin Markovic, given by Fr. Ned Lunich
+Ely Grubisich, +Millie Skoryi, +Paul Shimek and +George Enich, given by Anonymous
+Ely Grubisich, given by Kirk and Jackie Stapinski
+Peter Laketa St, Trifko Laketa and +Pavao Susich given by Anka Laketa and Family
+Radasin Markovic, given by Susan Kljaich
+Ely Grubisich, given by Peter Grubisich
+Arthur Schumann, given by Olga Schumann and Family
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June,25, 2023

+Carl Roach, given by Dan & Vicki Dorsey
+Radasin Markovic and +Ely Grubisich, given by Olga Schumann
+Radasin Markovic, +Ely Grubisich and +Carl Roach (Charalambos), given by Susan & Tom
Roach
+Radasin Markovic, given by Susan Kljaich
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April 23, 2023

\$2,500 Memorial for +Millie Skoryi, given by Spiro Voulgaris

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\$50 Memorial for +Carl Roach, given by Mary Purrazzo

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April 30, 2023

\$25 Memorial for +Millie Skoryi, given by Dan & Vicki Dorsey

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May 7, 2023

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\$20 Memorial for +Millie Skoryi, given by Rodovan & Darlene Jovanovich

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May 14, 2023

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\$20 Memorial for +Radasin Markovic, given by Anka Laketa

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