

ANNUAL LETTER TO OUR MEMBERS

To Our Members:

In accordance with the SNF By-Laws, the President is required to provide a brief synopsis of the annual statement and I am pleased to provide some highlights and other brief observations from the 2010 year annual statement which has been filed with the Pennsylvania Insurance Department and the other states in which the Serb National Federation is licensed. This review covers the calendar year of 2010:

1. SNF assets increased \$3,132,000 due in part to the economic recovery in the USA as well as increased premium production. The SNF rebounded quite well from the national economic crisis that carried over from 2008 thru the 1st quarter of 2009. Assets now equal \$32,623,903. The majority of the Federation's invested assets are in bonds (94.1%) which provide long-range financial stability, maximize income, and have the least amount of risk.
2. Surplus (excess funds held against an unexpected downturn or losing years) increased significantly and now stands at over \$1,054,000. The solvency ratio remains level at 103.34%. The surplus increase resulted from several factors, despite historically low interest rates, limited bond availability and higher reserve requirements. Unrealized gains of \$56,760 resulted from increased market values and rating improvements of auto industry bonds and preferred stocks. The Asset Valuation Reserve is now at its current maximum of \$128,347. This conforms to the purpose for which the asset valuation reserve was established, which is to build reserves based on asset quality, but provide surplus relief in an economic recession such as was experienced in 2008. The Federation generated a profit from operations. The gain of \$97,827 provides profitable operations four of the past five years. Deducted from the operation gains were realized capital losses of \$50,964. The capital losses reflect further written off losses on Lehman Brothers bonds, and a realized loss on sale of Ford Motor Credit Company bonds.
3. Total premium income was nearly \$2,500,000 and the highest level in the past six years. Annuity premiums of \$2,305,500 led the way and were somewhat indicative of the industry trend. Increased production on a consistent basis should be a priority to assure growth and to meet the insurance and retirement (savings) needs of our members.
4. In a continuing era of lower bond interest rates, the Federation's investment income increase in 2010 was \$1,656,242. The Federation's net investment rate of return increased to 5.62%, despite lower interest rates. Some insurers continue to experience a drop in net investment income.
5. Expenses were higher by less than \$10,000. The Federation continues to control all expenses as much as possible.
6. Life and Annuity reserves are conservatively compiled by Bruce and Bruce Company, our long time Consulting Actuaries, and are \$28,072,000 (+1,736,000). These reserves are in addition to the investment reserves required by insurance regulations. These reserves are required by the regulations and assure that claims can be paid as they arise.
7. Insurance in-force on Federation members has increased to \$50,068,000. We need the hard work and dedication of our full time staff, our officers, board members, and mostly you, our members to increase our membership and insurance in-force. Without the support of all our members, our continued growth will not be possible.

Fraternally yours,

Peter Borkovich

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Draza Mihailovich: *The first 25 years in the life of a true hero...*

By Aleksandra Rebic
June 2011

There is currently a flurry of activity surrounding the potential finding of the remains of General Draza Mihailovich in Serbia. General Mihailovich, Supreme Commander of the Yugoslav Army in the Homeland (JVUO) during World War II and leader of the Ravna Gora freedom fighters against the Nazis and the Yugoslav communists, is a controversial and legendary figure in world history. Much has been written, both true and false, about his WWII military career and life. Very little is known, especially in the English language, about his pre-WWII military career and first 25 years of life. Those years shaped the man and future Supreme Commander and his personal history is a noble one. This is the story of the first 25 years in the life of General Dragoljub-Draza Mihailovich.

In Ivanjica, Serbia, a beautiful town of rolling hills 200 kilometers south of Belgrade, was the home of Mihailo and Smiljana Mihailovich. Mihailo was a district clerk and Smiljana was a housewife. Both Mihailo and Smiljana prayed to God day and night to be blessed with a son. God and nature answered their prayers and on April 27, 1893 a son was born to them. They named him Dragoljub, meaning "dear love" and gave him the nickname of "Draza". His father would call him the "Avenger of Kosovo", referring to the pivotal battle



*Draza center front as a young boy
with his sisters*

in Serbian history of 1389 when Serbia lost her entire army of 70,000 men defending Christianity against the onslaught of the Ottoman Turks and Islam.

But even as Draza was born his father was a very ill man. He had contracted tuberculosis, and his doctor suggested he stay away from his young son as much as possible. Two daughters, Milica and Jelica were born in 1894 and 1895 respectively. Two years after his beloved son was born Mihailo died. Smiljana took as good care of their young son as she could, but she herself was not in the best of health. TB was a contagious, potentially fatal illness and, at the time, there was no cure or preventative treatment. Draza lost his mother when he

was only seven years old, and he became an orphan as a very young child. Thus, Draza Mihailovich learned tragedy and loss very early in his life.

Despite these tragic circumstances, Draza was fortunate. He had three Uncles. Two of them were military officers and one was chief of the Telegraph of Serbia. One of the Uncles, Major Vladimir Mihailovich, who was a veterinary doctor in the army, brought Draza and his two sisters to live with him in his home on Studenicka Street in Belgrade, the capital city of Serbia. Living with him was Draza's paternal grandmother, Stanica. It was a pleasant new home for Draza and his sisters. The year was 1901, just as the world was entering the new century. Unfortunately, Draza's sister Milica, like her parents, contracted TB and died very young in 1905.

In 1904 Draza completed grade school in Belgrade, becoming a good student early in his academic life.

As the world entered the 20th century, many changes were brewing. Some for the better some for the worse. Draza's beloved Serbia, as well as the other Serbian lands in the Balkans would be in the center of some of those pivotal changes. Serbia would go through one of the traumatic changes that Draza was old enough to experience while he was still in grade school when King Aleksandar Obrenovic was assassinated and quickly replaced by Petar Karageorgevic in 1903. The transition turned out to be a positive one. King Peter I,

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Reflections

SHORT BREAK – Another year, another Three Days of SNF in the home office hometown of Pittsburgh. So much preparation and anticipation, and now it's over until next July. But, not to worry. There is still a lot on the SNF agenda. This is the last paper before the 70th annual SNF Summer Golf Tournament in Cleveland. Those Clevelanders are soooo ready for the onslaught of golfers and guests. It promises to be incredible, and its still not too late to plan to be there July 28-30.

MUSIC BUSINESS LEGEND - When George Topich of Lodge #6-Pittsburgh met with Steve Popovich at the Serbian Singing Festival in May, Steve gave his phone number to George so he could sign up his grandchildren in the SNF. Sadly, George passed on unexpectedly soon after their meeting at the age of 68. Described as a larger-than-life spirit, Steve made his mark in the music business and was a great influence in the careers of Bruce Springsteen, Paul Simon, Santana, Cheap Trick and many more. His career, which began in Cleveland in the early 1960s, spanned decades. Reportedly all he talked about last Memorial Day weekend was how happy it made him that his two grandchildren wanted to hear tambura music. Steve is also survived by a son, Steve Jr. of Tennessee, and daughter Pamela.

NEWS WE CAN USE – We thank the hard working lodge officers and reporters who are sending us pictures of new members and other news. We love having all the happy pictures in the paper, not to mention the new membership. Thanks too for sending in the wedding announcements, such as the Pantovich – Timarac wedding that appeared in the last issue. This is your paper and we love getting news about you. When someone in your lodge has something newsworthy in their life, let us know! Speaking of newsworthy, read on...

TOP TEN – Nikola Plavska, son of Melissa and Momcilo Plavska, is one of ten seniors at Hanover Central High School in Cedar Lake, Indiana, honored at a banquet for graduates at the top of their class. Nikola was a busy guy at HCHS. He was involved in basketball, baseball, volleyball, golf and student council. He is also in the National Honor Society and Key Club. This young scholar has chosen Purdue University where he plans to study Applied Physics in the fall. Good luck, Nikola. We are proud to see you listed at the top and feel with confidence that it's where you will remain. Nikola and his family are members of Lodge #30 Lika i Krbava.

SUMMER CAMPS EVERYWHERE – As we write, we are preparing to go to camp. Yes, Reflections is a bit old for camp - too old to be a camper, a counselor, or even a chairman, we are returning to camp to be a Baba in the kitchen. (Ahhh, memories of Baja and Maja). SNF members Millie Paunovich and Eileen Stepanovich are also packing, and we'll all be home by the time you read this, hopefully none the worse for wear. St. Sava Libertyville Camp Chairman Joanne Voynovich worked hard all spring to line up a dynamite program for the young people. Lets hear from Jackson, Shadeland, New Gračanica and Libertyville as soon as summer is over.

BYE FOR NOW – See you in August! Reflections, 1255 Bluebell Trail, Schererville, IN 46375 - sandi.radoja@comcast.net.

--Sandi Radoja

SNF WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



Michael and Barbara Rogich of Youngstown, Ohio, proudly welcomed their third grandchild, Chloe Basia Smith, on February 7, 2011, and are pleased to enroll her for membership in the SNF. Chloe's parents are Ross and Danielle (Rogich) Smith of Boardman, Ohio. Chloe joins her big sister, Luci, as a member of Nikola Tesla Lodge #223 Massillon, Ohio, where Pra Baba Lucille Rogich of Canton, Ohio, has been an active member for over 60 years.



Deda Sid and Baba Anne are excited to sign up their grandsons, Lochlan Robert Dube and Reese Sidney Dube as members of the SNF, with a desire that they will become active in SNF activities and make us proud with their many accomplishments and successes. Their father Scott and Teta Amanda have been SNF members for many years and enjoyed participating on the SNF Bowling League and basketball team. Looking forward to enjoying their future endeavours along with their proud parents Kristen and Scott.

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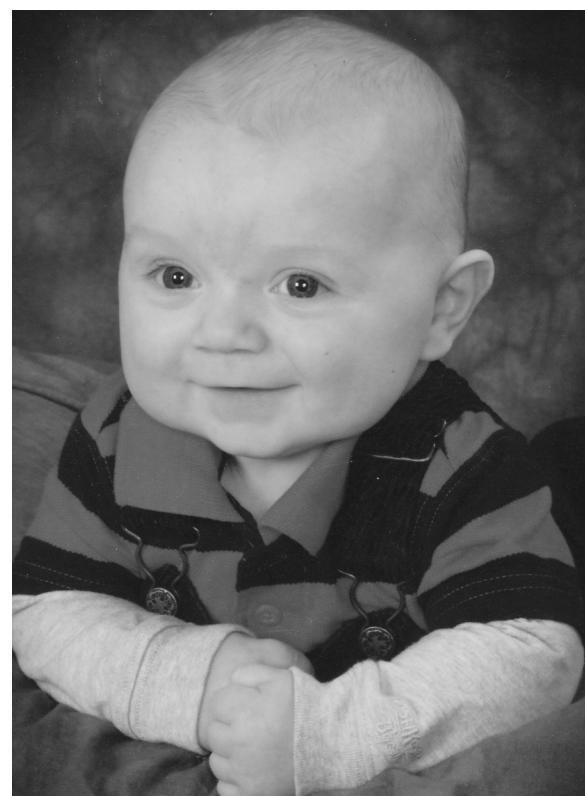
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From SNF General Manager

Cissy M. Rebich



Greetings from the Home Office

Road Trip!

Several weeks ago, I learned that the New Gracanica Midwestern Diocese holds an Annual 4th of July Extravaganza picnic and that throughout the past several decades, you can typically find several thousands (yes, Thousands!) of Serbian people in attendance on that holiday. Originally held in Libertyville in the mid-1950's, two simultaneous picnics were held each year until finally they joined to become just one big picnic fest in Third Lake, Illinois. Once I heard about this event, no one needed to suggest to me that we should be there, so SNF Administrative Assistant Milos Rastovic and I started out for our journey to Chicagoland on Sunday, July 3, laden with SNF applications, membership information, SNF key chains, SNF mini-flashlights, sunscreen, insect repellent, and two portable chairs.



Fr. Ned with Bosiljka and Mitar Kovacevic



Saint George Church, Joliet, IL

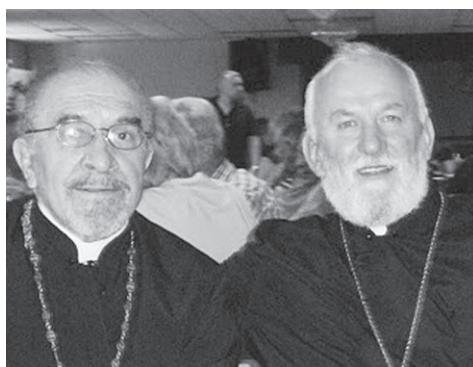


Fr. Ned opens the door for our tour

Well, let me tell you about the fantastic time that we had: there were four thousand



View from the choir loft



Fr. Ned Lunich with Fr. Luka Lukic



His Grace Bishop Longin officiating at Liturgy

people there, according to the total amount of entrance tickets. SNF Board member Fr. Nedeljko Lunich graciously invited Milos and me to reduce the nine-hour car trip by welcoming us to the Saint George parish house in Joliet on Sunday night before completing the trip to New Gracanica on Monday morning. We took him up on his invitation and boy, are we glad we did.

We were greeted by Fr. Ned and SNF member Vicki Petrich Dorsey, one of his friendly parishioners (AND an elected delegate to the 21st Quadrennial Convention in Milwaukee). They had prepared a lovely dinner and we were soon joined by two other Saint George parishioners: Mitar and Bosiljka Kovacevich. We devoured the meal of fish, cheese, smoked ham, potatoes, Serbian salad, pogacha, and pie! After eating a bit too much we were happy to be given the "twenty-five cent" walking tour of the Saint George Church and Center by Fr. Ned and the Kovaceviches. The grounds and the church are quite beautiful, especially the color of the



The ceiling at Saint George, Joliet, IL



The official Camp Gracanica Week 1 photograph



Bishop Longin reading a great newspaper

stone and the roof. I've included a few photographs of the interior as well. The iconostas has a metal gate that looks very unusual and the ceiling stained glass windows and wall paintings are very pretty, too.

We sat and talked a bit about what to expect the next day at New Gracanica and to think of ways that we could recruit and reach Serbians who had little idea of what the Savez stands for. (Brainstorming, I think it's called) After such a long drive and wonderful meal, we went to bed.

Monday started early with our drive to New Gracanica and I wish I could describe the excitement and happiness I felt as we circled around the bend on North Grant Avenue and first spied the domes of the Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God Church. We were just in time for Liturgy and as I climbed the stair to the choir loft to join the Bishop Longin Episcopal Choir, I heard some beautiful music. Marija Savich Milicich, director, was leading the small (but powerful) group of singers that included one fellow

Pittsburgher, Danielle Opacic, and SSF 2nd Vice-President Jelena Stojakovic. What music we made. (Special mention must be given to Milenko Vuckovich, who was the lone tenor/bass/all-purpose male voice). There was a brief reception after church to greet His Grace Bishop Longin in the office and I chatted with Slavko Panovic from the Serbian National Defense, Lubisa Milicich, and Velinka and Mika Djuric. The Djurics are long-time generous supporters of New Gracanica, where Mika was on the Diocesan Board and owner of a successful tool and die business in Detroit.

After church, we were invited to the luncheon in the church hall and we could see the huge crowds beginning to arrive for the picnic. I was happy to renew acquaintances with Fr. Luka Lukic, parish priest of Saint Simeon Mirotocivi Church in Chicago, Fr. Sava Bosanac of Saint John the Baptist Church in Bellwood, Protonica Marija Stojanovic (who never lets us go hungry or thirsty) and to make the acquaintance of a most lovely and gracious woman, Mother Abbess Makrina (Zugic) of the Nativity of the Mother of God Monastery in New Carlisle, Indiana. Did you read the front page article about the recent Tiger Truck donation and delivery to the New Carlisle monastery in the June 15 edition of the Srbobran? After reading about the sisters and meeting the Abbess, I'm thinking a future visit to New Carlisle might be in order.

After lunch, Milos and I set up shop near the stage. We commandeered a table from the hall and set up an impromptu information booth. Bogoljub Tomich, from Milwaukee, one of our heartiest member/recruiters, was there to say "Cestitam," to "Serbian kiss" me three times and to tell me how glad he was that we made the trip. He is looking forward to hosting all of our member/delegates at our upcoming Convention in September. Fr. Ned served as Master of Ceremonies for the afternoon program and introduced me to say hello and a few words. After thanking the New Gracanica community for inviting the SNF to participate in the picnic, I identified Milos and said we would both be available to greet the picnickers and talk about the benefits of SNF membership. After I sat down, Proto Deacon Milovan Gogic (I have described his striking clarion tenor voice in past columns) sang several songs, including the Serbian National Anthem and "Vidovdan." What a treat to hear him let his hair down a bit and sing a few popular folk songs, too. And with the stage situated in-between the matching blue of the skies and the lake, framed by the abundant vines of the property's weeping willow trees, and enhanced by the occasional breeze, it was a perfect program. Fr. Ned then introduced His Grace, who welcomed the crowd and spoke about the commitment we make as Christians to our church, families, and each other.

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SNF National Sports Tournaments

Local Lodge Affairs

Church Functions

Serbian Singing Federation

Serbian Orthodox Choral Association

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A complimentary service of the Serb National Federation and the American Srbobran

** denotes the first time an event is listed*

2011 EVENTS CALENDAR

ST. ELIJAH MEN'S CLUB PICNIC #2

Aliquippa, Pennsylvania
July 23

ST. STEVAN DECANI SERBIAN FESTIVAL

Columbus, Ohio
July 23

ST. STEPHEN'S SERBFEST

Lackawanna, New York
July 23 - 24

SERB FEST PICNIC

Steubenville, Ohio/Weirton,
West Virginia
July 24

HOLY TRINITY'S SERBIAN DAY PICNIC

Youngstown, Ohio
July 24

* 4TH ANNUAL SERBIAN FESTIVAL

Akron, Ohio
July 30-31

ST. SAVA SERBFEST

Merrillville, Indiana
August 5 - 7

HOLY RESURRECTION SERB FEST

Chicago, Illinois
August 5 - 7

HOLY TRINITY 3RD ANNUAL CARNIVAL

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
August 8 - 13

ST. ELIJAH MEN'S CLUB PICNIC #3

Aliquippa, Pennsylvania
August 13

L-#93 SAVA TOMICH MEMORIAL OPEN

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
August 20

SERBIAN DAYS

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
August 26-28

ST. SAVA MEN'S CLUB PICNIC

McKeesport, Pennsylvania
August 28

HOLY TRINITY CASTLE SHANNON PICNIC

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
August 28

ST. ELIJAH MEN'S CLUB PICNIC #4

Aliquippa, Pennsylvania
September 3

ST. SAVA NJEGOSH SERBIAN DAYS & GOLF

Cleveland, Ohio
September 2-4

ST. BASIL TASTE OF SERBIA FEST

Lake Forest, Illinois
September 3 & 4

ST. GEORGE ANNUAL PICNIC

Midland, Pennsylvania
September 5

ST. ELIJAH CHOIR CONCERT

Aliquippa, Pennsylvania
September 10

HOLY TRINITY CASTLE SHANNON FOOD FESTIVAL

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
September 17

ST. ELIJAH FALL FOOD FESTIVAL

Aliquippa, Pennsylvania
October 1 - 2

* ANNUAL TRUCK DRIVERS' & AUTOMECHANICS' EVENING

Akron, Ohio
October 15

HTC CONCERT WEEKEND

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
October 15 -16

ST. GEORGE SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Schererville, Indiana
October 21-23

* SSS SLOBODA FALL CONCERT WEEKEND

Lansing, Illinois
October 22 - 23

SSS MITA TOPALOVICH CONCERT

Joliet, Illinois
November 5

SSS DR. LAZA KOSTICH 75TH CONCERT

Midland, Pennsylvania
November 5

* GRACANICA FOLKLORE ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Akron, Ohio
November 12

ST. SAVA SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH CONSECRATION

Cypress, Texas
November 12 - 13

"BRANKIES" CONCERT WEEKEND

Chicago, Illinois
November 12-13

* ST. ARCHANGEL MICHAEL CHURCH SLAVA

Akron, Ohio
November 20

HOLY TRINITY COOKIE WALK

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
December 10

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Happy 100th

ALIQUIPPA, PA – Mildred (Radulovich) Markovich was 100 years old on Thursday, June 16, 2011. She and her late husband Dragovan were Kumovi for St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church Slava in Aliquippa. She was also Kuma for Sveta Petka Kolo Sestara and sang in the senior choir.

Beaver, PA by her four siblings Olga, Zora, Bronko and Nadene. They are from a family of nine.

“Cooking and baking were her passions and her home reflected the ‘5 loaves and 2 fishes’ Christian hospitality,” Nadene went on to say. “Her nut, poppy seed, apricot and cloverleaf rolls and her breads were shipped coast to coast.”

“She has been blessed with a sharp, alert mind and intellect, keen senses, and a love of lie,” said her sister Nadene R. Siniard. Mildred was honored at a luncheon on Saturday, June 19th at Friendship Ridge in

The family are members of SNF Lodge #23. Congratulations, Mildred!

SAN DIEGO SAYS THANKS

Father Bratso in San Diego, California, has a “slogan” of sorts. It encourages everyone to just call, anytime, any occasion, any thing you want to talk about. Their email messages say, after all, “If it’s important to you, it’s important to him.” We like it.

In a recent email, they offered something else we liked - this poem to thank their many volunteers at St. George Serbian Orthodox Church in San Diego:

THIS POEM IS DEDICATED TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

We have some folks
Who deserve three cheers,
They give of themselves,
They are volunteers.

While some of us can't
And some of us won't
Whatever our reasons,
A lot of us don't

So let us honor
Those who conquer their fears.
And gladly serve others,
Our good volunteers.

FROM ST. GEORGE PARISH. MANY THANKS!!!

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Tel. 619-276-5827

LODGE NEWS

LODGE 98 – DETROIT, MI

Lodge #98 – S.B.S. Beograd will hold meeting July 31, 2011 at the Ravanica American Serbian Hall, 19940 Van Dyke at Outer Drive, Detroit, Michigan immediately after church services, approximately 12 noon.

At the meeting we will elect 6 delegates to attend the Serb National Federation Quadrennial Convention this year at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 10-11, 2011, Saturday and Sunday. All Lodge 98 members of one (1) year or more and over the age of 17 are eligible.

Looking forward to meeting with you. You may reach the writer, James Berar (Zivojin) at 1-248-689-3408. Leave a message if necessary, all calls will be returned.

*Fraternally yours,
James Berar, President*

NOTICE

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LODGE 345 NEWS

Srpska Kruna Lodge #345 of Windsor, Ontario held a special meeting on May 15, 2011 to elect delegates to the 21st regular Quadrennial Convention slated for September 9-11 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Representing the lodge will be Bob Brkovic, president; Steve Payne, Bogdan Chuk, Olga Calich, Nikola Gacesa, Blazo Radanovic and Vlado Kontic. Alternates elected were Donna Radanovic Lucy Kovacevich, Rose Kosanovic and Ljubo Djuric. Some are repeat delegates and others will be in attendance for the first time. However, all are eager to meet and work with their fellow delegates.

--Rose Kosanovic



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Eastern Diocesan Day August 7

The Serbian Orthodox Diocese of Eastern America will observe its annual Diocesan Day on Sunday, August 7, His Grace Bishop Dr. Mitrophan has announced.

Each year the Eastern American Diocese holds a diocesan reunion which brings together clergy and faithful from all over the Diocese for a day of prayer and fellowship around their bishop and archpastor. Taking place at the Most Holy Mother of God Monastery and St. Sava Camp at Shadeland, Pennsylvania, the event is a great opportunity to see old friends and make new ones, to enjoy the beauty of God's creation, and to thank Him for it.

The day will begin at 10:00 AM with the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy served by His Grace and most of the Diocese's clergy. Responses will be sung by the campers of St. Sava Camp Shadeland and the congregation. The liturgy will take place in the monastery church, which was completed and consecrated at last year's Diocese Day.

A traditional Serbian picnic will follow the liturgy, featuring barbequed lamb and lots of great food from the kitchen thanks to the efforts of the Diocesan Kolo sisters. Picnickers may use the spacious shelter or tents provided for the day, or just camp out on the lawn.

A program will include a short talk on a spiritual topic of interest and a performance by the St. Sava Camp Folklore Group. Diocese Day is the culmination of Folklore Week at the Camp, and the campers always put on an outstanding performance of Serbian song and dance. It is something not to be missed.

Serbian music for listening and dancing will go on into the evening.

Shadeland itself is a wonderful place to spend a summer afternoon. Its 1300 acres of rolling hills include woodlands and fields, hiking trails, a lake for fishing and boating and much more. Of special interest to many will be the new camp facilities and other improvements being made to the property over the past several years. The most recent improvements have been the completion of a new soccer field and renovation of the storage barn. This investment in Shadeland has made it a year-round destination for church activities, including retreats and conferences. Parishes are welcome to make arrangements to use the facilities for their own groups as well.

To allow as many of the clergy and faithful as possible to participate in Diocesan Day, most parish churches in the diocese will be closed that day. Parishes are encouraged to charter buses or make other transportation arrangements to help as many faithful as possible to attend.

Shadeland is located in northwestern Pennsylvania on PA Route 18, south of Erie and between Conneautville and Albion. It is an easy drive from Northeast Ohio and from the Pittsburgh and Buffalo areas. Visit the Diocesan web site www.easterndioocese.org for directions and more information.

Please join His Grace Bishop Dr. Mitrophan and our diocesan family for Eastern Diocesan Day at St. Sava Camp Shadeland August 7!

*His Grace Bishop Dr. Mitrophan invites all
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Sunday, August 7

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, 10 AM

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13TH ANNUAL VIDOVDAN CELEBRATION AT ST. GEORGE

by *Father Rodney Torbic*

CARMICHAELS, PA - Each year since 1999 the parishioners of the St. George Serbian Orthodox Church

in Carmichaels, Pennsylvania have gathered together to commemorate Vidovdan with a dinner and program. Remembering St. Lazarus and the Martyrs of Kosovo has consistently been considered important. The death and suffering did not end in 1389. To this day concern exists for the safety and well-being of Serbian Orthodox Christians in Kosovo.

Following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday June 26, 2011 parishioners assembled in the church hall for the annual dinner and program. Stan Brozik, Executive Board President emphasized the relevance and continued importance of continuing with this remembrance each year. Mr. Brozik drew attention to the present situation in Kosovo.

Sonia Janson, Kolo and Choir President, read from an article describing the destruction of the Kosovo Peonies as an act of violence. Several years ago Sonia Janson planted peonies at the Cross in the St. George Cemetery and around the St. George Church in remembrance of the faithful having lost their lives in Kosovo and in defense of the Faith.

Parish Nurse Practitioner Millicent Mitzie Hunchuck read from St. Nikolai's writing describing Vidovdan as the greatest Slava of the Serbian People. Mildred Bezjak read from Proto Stavofor Dr. Mateja Matejic's paper:

"Kosovo and Vidovdan after 600 Years." Paulette Radock, Maria Djonovich, Djelosh Milosevich, and Christina Sivak read additional selections from Hadzi Dragan Antic's book Kosovo Revisited. Milosh "Serb" Krewasky concluded with reading from an inspirational writing of Prota Dr. Mateja Matejic.

In addition to the annual Vidovdan dinner and pro-

gram, Vespers, Matins and Divine Liturgy are scheduled at the St. George Church each year for Vidovdan. The suffering Serbian People in Kosovo are remembered in each Divine Liturgy throughout the year.

The St. George Church in Carmichaels is far from Kosovo where defense of Orthodox Christianity has resulted in the loss of many lives and many people have suffered. Images of destroyed and damaged churches and monasteries remain as silent confirmation of the hatred and violence perpetrated against Orthodox Christians in recent years.

The readers in this year's program reflected the power of emotions associated with Vidovdan, the personal suffering that has taken place and the love of God causing individuals to face martyrdom. Being martyred for Christ requires complete commitment. Christians in Kosovo have had to make hard choices. The choices made reflect deep faith and resoluteness associated with being Christian.

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CHAPTER XIV

2. The Sultan Pays a Bill

Soon after this there was great excitement in Istanbul. The Sultan called a council of all the officials, and the leaders of the janissaries, and the outstanding Turks. The official treasure had been stolen. Some unknown thief had entered the city and had dared to take from the Sultan's palace the vast stores of gold, silver and precious stones that lay there. No one knew who had done this thing.

Since this was the case, why not blame the worst foe of the Turkish oppressors? So the janissaries, the Turks and high officials united in blaming Marko Kralyevich, and accusing him of this outrage. They were still smarting under the treatment he had accorded them at the time of his Slava. They did not care whether Marko was guilty or not. Here was a chance to stir up feeling against him and possibly to end his career.

The Sultan Bayazet called the council together, and when all had agreed on Marko as the guilty party, the Sultan spoke. He quite forgot the many things Marko had done for his predecessor, nor did he stop to investigate the justice of the accusation against Marko.

"If any man will go to Prilip and bring me back Marko, living or dead," the Sultan said, "I will make him Vizier of Bosnia. I will give him all the treasures of the land and he need not pay over to me one cent of the taxes for nine years. He can keep them all for himself."

This was indeed a marvelous offer, but it found no one to accept it. No one would volunteer to beard Marko in his lair. It was fine to talk of seizing him, but Marko at bay was dangerous, as the Turks had had cause to learn on too many occasions. They looked at one another and said nothing.

Finally Misirliya Djano, a young and boastful Turk, spoke up.

"O honored Sultan," he said, "I will go and bring you Marko alive."

The Sultan liked Djano, so he answered: "I am afraid that the odds will not be even, and that Marko will bind you instead."

"Perish the thought!" exclaimed Djano. "I, a true believer, a follower of the Prophet, a keeper of the fast of Ramadan? Why, I know those three Serb voyvodas, Marko Kralyevich, Milosh Obilich and Relya of Pazar, and I got into a fight with them and bound the hands of all three, so that they could not hurt me. So what is Marko Kralyevich alone? Give me, O Sultan, a plaited rope and a whip, that I may bind the hands of Marko with the rope and drive him with the whip, and I will bring him up to Istanbul without delay."

The Sultan was still suspicious of the boasts of Djano, but he gave him the whip and the rope, and Djano went directly to Prilip. He reached there late at night, and the door of Marko's palace was closed.

He knocked on it loudly. Marko was at his evening meal and he called out from the table: "Who is knocking so late at night?"

"Marko Kralyevich, it is I, Misirliya Djano!" was the answer. "Open for me!"

Marko had seen Djano around Istanbul, and he did not take him at all seriously. So he went and opened the door. The two men exchanged the customary greetings and then went up into the lofty tower to sit down. Marko, always hospitable, asked the stranger to be seated.

"Come, Djano," he said, "sit down and drink wine. I have not much in my house, and the cups are small. I have no cup of twelve quarts and I have not wine to fill it, but you are my guest, so we will divide up what I have, and to-morrow I will get more."

"I have no time to drink wine, Marko," Misirliya Djano answered. "The Sultan sent me in haste to bring you back with your hands bound."

"That is a pleasant task the Sultan gave you," said Marko, laughing. "Sit down and drink wine with me first."

"I have no time. Stretch out your hands that I may bind them," ordered Djano, roughly, in his most imperious tone. As he did so, he raised his whip and struck Marko across the shoulders. That was enough to arouse the hero, but at that moment Marko happened to have a cup of wine in his hand and the cup was the nearest weapon. What was he to do? For Marko there was only one answer. He never wasted wine, so he drained the cup at one draught, and then, with the precious wine saved, and before Djano could strike a second blow with his whip, Marko dashed the heavy wine-cup against his forehead, cleaving Djano's skull, and the Turk fell down on the floor, dead.

Marko dragged the body out of the room, left it on the refuse pile of the castle, and walked directly to the stables. He saddled Sharats, and though it was late at night he started directly for Istanbul.

The next morning early he reached the city. The servants of the Sultan, who were watching for the return of Djano, were surprised to see Marko riding up in his usual carefree manner. Yet there seemed to be an ominous appearance about him as he rode, and the servants suspected something at once. They ran hurriedly in to the Sultan with the unexpected news.

"Honored master, our most noble Sultan," they said, "here is Marko Kralyevich."

"But," asked the Sultan, "where is Djano?"

"Marko only is coming," was the reply. "We see nothing of Djano."

This was disturbing news to the Sultan. Marko seemed angry as he rode up. He barely nodded to the servants, but rode directly toward the center of the court, tying Sharats to one of the columns of the porch. Then he strode into the council room of the Sultan. When the Sultan entered Marko met him with perfect courtesy. He kissed

his hand in token of his humility, bowed low and then stood quietly before the Sultan.

"Tell me, my son Marko," said the Sultan, "where is Djano?"

"O my master, the Sultan," replied Marko, "I am surprised that you ask such a question. The Turkish faith cannot tolerate renegades who drink wine in Ramadan."

This was a strange answer, and the Sultan looked steadily at Marko to see what the Serb was thinking. He understood at once that the plan of Djano to capture Marko had failed, but he wanted to know more.

"Marko, my son, do not say that, for I do not believe you. You have slain my Djano. Draw your sharp sword and let me see whether it is bloody."

"O Sultan," Marko answered, "I cannot draw my sword without shedding blood. I swore to God that I would never draw my sword except to use it."

The Sultan knew this by experience, but he decided to make one last effort.

"O Marko, my son," he said, "I do not want you to break your oath to God, but draw your sharp sword and cut one of my young Turks lightly on the left hand. Scratch it just enough to draw blood and then you will not have violated your oath."

Marko saw what the Sultan had in mind. There was of course no blood on his sword, as he had not used it on Djano, but he saw the Sultan's order as a good chance to annoy the Turks. So, having the Sultan's permission, he drew his sword and laid around him so manfully that soon two hodjas, four cadis and four viziers of high rank lay dead at his feet. Then he knelt at the knee of the Sultan.

The Sultan leaped lightly to his feet.

"May God confound you!" he exclaimed. "I certainly did not order you to kill Turks!"

"No," said Marko. "Give praise to God, for you are still alive."

The Sultan was by now thoroughly frightened, and with a trembling hand pulled one hundred ducats out of his pocket and hand-

ed them to Marko.

"Marko, my son," he said, "take these ducats and go drink wine. I cannot look you in the eye."

Marko threw the money on the floor.

"What are these, O Sultan?" he asked. "I cannot count them, I cannot measure them, and all too soon they are gone. Give me a firman that I may drink wine wherever I go, and that they can send you the bill and not bother me. Then I will drink to the health of the honored Sultan."

This seemed cheap enough to the Sultan, so he gave Marko Kralyevich the desired firman.

Marko went from one inn to another, and wherever his whim moved him he drank and drank on the strength of the firman without paying for the wine. So he did for fifteen days and then he stopped, because there was no more wine in Istanbul.

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Seniors: Share Your Medical History With Your Family

(StatePoint) Do your relatives know the facts about your personal medical history? What about your family history and their risk for disease?

A recent survey found that 96 percent of Americans believe it's important to know their family medical history, yet only a third actually gather specifics, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

This has public health officials concerned, as a number of diseases, such as diabetes, cancer and depression, have been known to run in families.

For example, while one in six American men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in his lifetime, that figure jumps to one in three for men with a family history of the disease, according to the Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF). And women with a family history of breast cancer have a fourfold greater chance of developing it than average women, even if they don't have the genes associated with increased risk of it, according to research by the University of Toronto.

"Knowing your family history can save your life, since survival rates are highest when cancer is caught early," says Dan Zenka, senior vice president of communications at PCF. "This simple knowledge gives doctors vital insight when it comes to patient assessment and care."

However, gathering a family history can be difficult. Even when doctors try to collect such patient data, most patients don't know the details. That's why it's important older relatives share their medical histories with younger generations.

PCF recommends collecting family medical histories at family reunions and holidays. Some thoughtful strategies can help ease your relatives into an open conversation about health:

- Share your purpose. Explain that you're creating a record the whole family can use to receive better health care.
- Provide multiple choices. Some people may be more willing to share health information in face-to-face conversations, others by phone or e-mail. Let them choose.
- Speak less, listen more. Keep your questions short and neutral. Medical diseases are not moral failings, but feeling judged is likely to get your relatives to clam up. So listen without comment.
- Respect privacy. Just because this information is to be shared, there's no need to make Uncle Jim's prostate problems the focus of discussion at the next family barbeque.

You can keep your family medical history current by using free Web services such as the government's Family Health Portrait Tool, available at <http://familyhistory.hhs.gov>. After information is collected about grandparents, parents, siblings, children, aunts, uncles and cousins, it organizes it into a diagram for health care professionals to better individualize diagnosis, treatment and prevention plans.

To find out more about how your family history can affect your risk for diseases such as prostate cancer, visit www.pcf.org.

Then take the opportunity to collect a family history the next time your family is together. It might just save a life.



Reunions are a great time to collect family histories.

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40. Very dark black
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50. Needlefish
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53. St. Louis attraction
55. Flightless bird
57. Farthest from point of origin
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64. Panna _____, dessert
65. Promissory note
67. Balance zodiac
68. Chicago's planetarium
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31. Allah's cleric
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33. *Economic behemoth
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Christ is Born!

Reflections on the Gospel of the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ
 Matthew 2:1-12

by Father Rodney Turbic

Matthew 2:1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem.

The Holy Orthodox Church celebrates the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ every year. A period of fasting and preparation precedes the celebration.

The Divine Liturgy of the feast is the apex of the celebration. Believers have the opportunity to hear the Holy Gospel and receive the Precious Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Christ is born! Indeed He is born!" — Christ is born! Gladly! Hear! — an ancient Orthodox greeting at the arrival of the feast. The hymns of Orthodox faithful fill with joy in the Divine Liturgy.

The Holy Gospel of St. Matthew mentions the specific place where the Christ Child was born. Bethlehem of Judaea. The time of the birth is established when Herod is identified as having been king.

Jesus Christ came into the world in human flesh at a particular time in history. He did not come to human flesh earlier. The Holy Apostle Paul told the Galatians: "When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law." (Gal 4:4)

The Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians 4:4: "In and through the Christ, Liturgy on the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ." The celebration of the Feast of the Nativity opens the minds of believers to the Lord Jesus Christ taking on human flesh. Serbians believe will think carefully about this significant birth.

Serbian believers will think about the culture into which Jesus came. Serbians believe think about the circumstances into which Jesus came. Serbians believe will think about the country leading to the birth of the Christ Child.

Centuries have passed since Jesus took on human flesh. Much communication has grown up in the world associ-

ated with the celebration of the birth of Christ in contemporary times.

Believers benefit by focusing on the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ as described in the Holy Gospel and elaborated in the teachings of the Church.

Believers receive their own study studying the writings of the Holy Fathers of the Church regarding the Gospel account of the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 2:2-3 And he said to them, "Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him?"

The Lord Jesus Christ is identified as King of the Jews. At the time of Holy Baptism, believers confess Jesus Christ as King and as God.

A specific star is identified with the birth of the Christ Child. The star was a great of reference in wise men coming to worship the Christ Child.

Are we attentive to the Gospel on the Feast of the Nativity? Are we attentive to the Gospel in the present? Attention to the Holy Gospel is important for Orthodox believers.

The wise men made a journey to see the Lord Jesus Christ. The star rejoined effort. Making an effort to draw near to the Lord Jesus Christ is and has always been a wise investment.

Think carefully about the identity of those coming to see the Christ Child. Out of all people at all continents, wise men were identified and given this honor.

In contemporary life, who identifies as given to those seeking to draw near to the Lord Jesus Christ?

What type of knowledge is spoken of in the Gospel? At Holy Baptism when we confess Jesus Christ as King and as God, what do we mean? What is expected of us in daily life when we say Jesus is King and God?

Do we meditate daily on our confession of faith? Do we meditate daily about Jesus Christ being King and God for our lives?

Do we make the effort to reach into ourselves for understanding? Do we reach into ourselves in hopes of

greater understanding of the Lord Jesus Christ as King and as God?

Contemporary believers must reach through the centuries to fully understand the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. Believers are required to have confidence in the Gospel message as viable.

Fasting one's thoughts regarding the birth of Christ involves use of the mind and the heart. Believers come to the birth of Christ from different perspectives.

Some individuals grow up celebrating the Feast of the Nativity, having been born into families that are Orthodox. Some individuals come to Christ as the Orthodox Church at later times in life.

Regardless of whether one is raised in the Church or comes to the Church as an adult, the person needs to test information available. St. John the Evangelist gave this advice: "Believe, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world." (1 Jn 4:1)

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Holy Trinity Slava

FAIRMONT, WEST VIRGINIA

by Father Rodney Torbic

His Grace Bishop Dr. MITROPHAN celebrated the first Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church in Fairmont, West Virginia on April 15, 2000. The tiny mission parish in Fairmont has continued to grow and become stronger.

The chapel has doubled in physical space and improved in appearance. The average attendance at the twice monthly Divine Liturgies has increased. Several of the initial founders of the parish have departed this life and new members have begun attending.

The Holy Trinity Church is the only Serbian Orthodox Church physically located in West Virginia and the only Orthodox Church in Fairmont. The chapel used for worship is sufficient for current needs and is in a good location. Wayne and Joyce Kirby, owners of the Fairmont Graphics have been gracious in providing the dedicated space for the chapel since the very beginning.

The Slava for Holy Trinity Church is celebrated on Pentecost Monday each year. This year on Monday, June 13, 2011 as in previous years, His Grace Bishop Dr. MITROPHAN came for the Slava celebration. Vespers were served and His Grace officiated at the blessing of the Slava kolach and koljivo. The Slava dinner was held afterwards in the adjoining dining area.

His Grace addressed the faithful at the Slava dinner as did Michael Danko, Vice-President of the Trustees for the mission. With Sharren Paroda doing advance work, Maria Djonovich organized the dinner with the faithful fully participating.

The Holy Trinity Church is very welcoming of visitors. Each person coming for the first time appreciates the warm welcome received. Visitors to the chapel have come from various parts of Pennsylvania as well as other states including Ohio and the Washington D.C. area. This year one of the Slava attendees was from the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania area.

Individuals regularly attending services at the chapel come from the West Virginia areas of Buckhannon, Bridgeport, Clarksburg, Fairmont, and French Creek. The parish website has attracted inquiries from different locations, some far distant. Clergy, church organizations and individuals from the Pittsburgh Deanery parishes in Aliquippa, Carmichaels, McKeesport, Midland, Monroeville, Pittsburgh and Steubenville have been supportive and shown interest in the mission.

God has been good to the Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church in Fairmont, West Virginia. The celebration of the Slava each year is a time to thank God for the blessings throughout the year and a time to thank His Grace and the faithful supporters and helpers of the mission.



More on the Wisdom of God

Proverbs 5:1-My son, pay attention to my wisdom; Lend your ear to my understanding.

Seeking wisdom is seeking God. Wisdom comes from God. Wisdom is the way of God. Wisdom is choosing to live in ways pleasing to God. Individuals set goals for themselves. Those goals may be definitive and pursued with fervor. Other individuals proceed in life aimlessly.

Silence is important for listening to God. Silence is a way to be attentive to the presence of God. Silence is a way to consider the self and the direction life is taking. Silence can be uncomfortable. The world can be full of noise. Silence can seem strange. The words of the Psalmist deserve consideration: "Be still, and know that I am God..."(Ps.45/46:10)

Listening to God is an active and beneficial use of the mind. Listening to God includes directing the heart towards God and the ears to God. Listening to God includes a directing of the thoughts toward God. Elijah heard the Lord ask the question: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" (I Kings 19:13)

All believers have to answer the question to God, "What are we doing here?" Are we faithful to God? Do we seek the wisdom of God? Do we seek the Kingdom of God? Do we seek to live faithfully to God? Do we fight against sin and actively live the Christian life each day?

When in attendance at the Divine services, are we attentive to the message of the Holy Gospel? Are we attentive to the words of the Divine Liturgy and other services of the Church? Believers benefit from asking where they turn to seek the answers to the questions of the meaning and mysteries of life and death?

Believers benefit from turning to the Holy Scriptures in seeking the wisdom of God. Believers benefit from turning to the writings of the lives of the saints in seeking the wisdom of God. Believers benefit from praying and attending the Divine services of the Church when seeking the wisdom of God.

The problems of life need solved. The problems of life need addressed. Wisdom is needed in the raising of children. Wisdom is needed in personal relationships. Wisdom is needed in the marital relationship. Parents set good examples for their children when being wise in their decisions. The choices of children have an impact on the parents. Proverbs 29:3 states: "Whoever loves wisdom makes his father rejoice, but a companion of harlots wastes his wealth."

Wisdom involves the exercising of the mind. Applied wisdom impacts different lives. Solomon's determination of who was the mother in the dispute over a child is the lasting classical example of applied wisdom.(I Kings 3:16-28) When a person acquires wisdom, the benefits are not only to the self. The benefits extend to others. The acquisition of wisdom is for the benefit of the soul. The care of the soul is of primary importance for each serious believer.

Proverbs 4:7-Say to wisdom, "You are my sister;" And call understanding your nearest kin.

Active prayer will shape the mind and the contents of the mind. Active prayer affects the heart and the soul. Active prayer is connected with the use of the mind. The mind and prayer are inseparable. The heart and mind are battlegrounds for prayer. The Lord Jesus Christ said: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."(Mt.6:21)

The Divine services will influence the lives of serious believers. The mind set of the believer in the Divine services affects the degree of learning and understanding taking place. Willingness and interest in learning go a long way regarding Christian growth. The hunger in the soul for authenticity is important in the use of the mind and time of life.

A person chooses the way he or she will use the time of life. A person chooses the way he or she will expend the energy of life. The person determines if each day will be an investment in the Kingdom of God. The person determines if he or she will immerse themselves in a life with God.

Prayer and fasting affect the attitude towards God. Prayer and fasting reflect the interest in God. A person may speak of interest in God but make little effort to be immersed in a life dedicated to God. Prayer and fasting may increase a person's awareness to the presence of God and a person's interest in being fully united with God.

Barriers to being united with God increase with the commitment of sins. Joy increases when a person repudiates sin in his or her life and seeks the mercy and forgiveness of God. Wisdom comes with learning the lessons of God and applying them to daily life. Wisdom comes when respect and appreciation of God are learned and become a regular part of daily life.

Wisdom provides individuals with an accurate view of situations. Wisdom involves clarity of mind and decisiveness. Confidence in God accompanies the exercise of wisdom. Interest in God and the ways of God are always beneficial. Knowing that wisdom comes from God and does not originate with the self increases appreciation for what is known.

Continuous appreciation to God is primary in understanding wisdom. The love of God is revealed in the exercise of wisdom. Solomon had a great appreciation for wisdom. He asked God for an understanding heart. God said to Solomon: "I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you."(I Kings 3:9-12)

Faithfulness to God is necessary not to abuse or betray the blessings of wisdom. Solomon went astray from the ways of God.(I Kings 11:9-11). To the last moment of life, believers are expected to be faithful.

Proverbs 10:23-To do evil is like sport to a fool, but a man of understanding has wisdom.

What a person chooses to do and does with his or her life reflects the primary interest of the heart and soul. Wisdom is beneficial to the extent it is used for purposes blessed by God. Abuse of the ways of God leads to peril of the soul. Lack of faithfulness

to God leads to the downfall of a good life. Safety and security are for faithful followers of God. Even when a believer loses his or her life in faithfulness to God they live on. The Lord Jesus Christ said: "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it."(Mk.8:35)

The ways of evil may have a certain appeal and may even be made to look as good but the ultimate destination is perilous to the soul. The journey to the Kingdom of God can be very long. The believer must guard against temptations and distractions which appear along the way. Many years can pass from the time a person enters the baptismal font and when departure from this life takes place. Countless decisions are required throughout each day and each year of life. Faulty decisions can lead a believer down paths that lead to everlasting punishment(Mt.25:46)

Hardness of heart and misuse of the mind can cause a person to reject God and the ways of God. Lack of self-control can cause a person to engage in behaviors that destroy relationships and cross the line into criminal behavior.

Jails and prisons have a certain amount of individuals with brilliant minds that have been used for improper purposes.

Goodness is associated with God. Being good can make a person pleasing to God. God gives individuals their minds. The individual chooses the use of the mind and the goals of life. The individual chooses what he or she will value and seek in life. The individual makes personal determinations about God and the faith and trust he or she will place in God. The individual chooses the use of the mind and the goals of life. The individual chooses what he or she will value and seek in life. The individual makes personal determinations about God and the faith and trust he or she will place in God. The individual chooses the degree to which he or she will seek to live in ways pleasing to God.

God needs to be at the heart of the decision making process for the person to acquire wisdom. God needs to be the goal and the purpose of the decision making process for the person to acquire wisdom. Quickness of mind does not equate with wisdom. Wisdom reflects discernment consistent with the ways of God. Wisdom reflects a lasting purpose and a foundation resting in God.

Wisdom is not common. Wisdom is to be valued. Prayer greatly aids a person in the exercise of wisdom. Prayer greatly aids a person in the acquisition of wisdom. Wisdom can lead to well-developed prayer. Well-developed prayer can lead to an increase of wisdom.

Wisdom and evil are not proper companions. Wisdom will seek to be distanced from evil. Evil will not be comfortable in the presence of wisdom.

Proverbs 12:8-A man will be commended according to his wisdom, but he who is of a perverse heart will be despised.

Hunger for God leads to wisdom. God is the source of life. Hunger to be united with God and remain with God leads to wisdom. Wisdom cannot be separated from God. A person may misuse his or her faculties of mind but these are not applications of wisdom. Wisdom is associated with good. Decisions and actions that are not based in good and intended for good cannot be identified with wisdom.

The desire for evil and evil actions have no lasting benefits. Unless a person rejects that which is evil and seeks good, he or she fails in efforts to gain wisdom and understanding. A person is known by his or her fruits. The Lord Jesus Christ said: "A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit."(Mt.7:16-18)

The world improves with the application of wisdom. The world deteriorates when perversions occur. Individuals affect the society in which they live. The decisions and goals of individuals affect their families, their co-workers and their communities.

Parish churches are shaped by the decisions of the clergy and parishioners.. When the clergy and parishioners are faithful to God, their faithfulness strengthens the parish. Their wisdom contributes to the parish. When perversions occur in the lives of clergy or parishioners, one or many, the parish is greatly affected. Prayer helps to root out evil. Prayer helps as a defense against evil.

Wisdom is needed in dealing with evil. Solomon was able to identify the real mother of the baby in dispute. Solomon was able to uncover the evil intent of the mother that had lost a child and was willing to see the living child cut in two.(I Kings 3:16-28)

Each person does well to examine his or her mind and heart. Good intentions are necessary to seek the Kingdom of God. Good intentions are necessary to remain faithful to God. Wisdom will not take root in evil foundations. Wisdom will not materialize in the hearts overcome with evil.

Minds that find satisfaction in perverse interests will not cultivate wisdom. Individuals investing their time in actions contrary to the ways of God

cannot expect to yield fruits pleasing to God. Sin needs to be rejected with fervor. The Holy Gospel needs to live in the hearts and minds of individuals seeking to acquire wisdom. The Holy Gospel is the garden where wisdom grows and matures.

The Holy Gospel shapes the mind in the best way. The Holy Gospel influences the heart in the best way.

Joy is experienced in the application of wisdom. Joy is revealed in the application of wisdom. Wisdom is certainty founded in God. Wisdom is the strong defense against the wiles of the devil.

Proverbs 14:33-Wisdom rests in the heart of him who has understanding, but what is in the heart of fools is made known.

Wisdom is the God-blessed integration of knowledge and experience. Wisdom is to be applied in accord with the blessings of God and in ways pleasing to God. Failure to adhere to the ways of God and with the blessings of God voids the benefits of any decisions and actions a person may take.

Individuals need to assess what occupies the mind and the heart. Individuals need to assess the ultimate meaning and destination of their personal lives. The relationships a person engages in each day affect the outcome of life and are affected by the beliefs of each individual.

God needs to be the primary resident of the heart, the mind and the soul. God needs to be recognized as the source of life and the basis for eternal life. The Cross and the Resurrection are central to understanding life and learning the meaning of life. Wisdom is rooted in the Cross and the Resurrection.

The Holy Apostle Paul told the Corinthians: "We speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory..."(I Cor.2:7) The wisdom of God changes a person. A person's outlook changes due to the wisdom of God. A person's demeanor changes due to the wisdom of God. A person's faithfulness

changes due to the wisdom of God. A person takes on responsibility when benefiting from the wisdom of God.

From the moment of exiting the baptismal font until the time a person departs this life, change for the better is expected. Growth in Christ is expected.

In the Divine Liturgy the priest prays: "'Grant also to those who pray with us, O God, growth in life and faith and spiritual understanding.'"¹¹

The Holy Apostle Paul told the Romans: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."(Rom.12:2) Stagnancy has no place in the Christian life. Growth in Christ is the desired goal throughout life. Unity with Christ is the desired goal throughout life.

The Holy Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians about the transformation that takes place. The Holy Apostle Paul said: "We all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."(II Cor.3:18)

Great Lent helps believers return to a greater vision and understanding of God. Great Lent helps believers come to terms with their own sinfulness and shallow understanding of God. The Psalmist says: "O Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all."(Ps.103/104:24)

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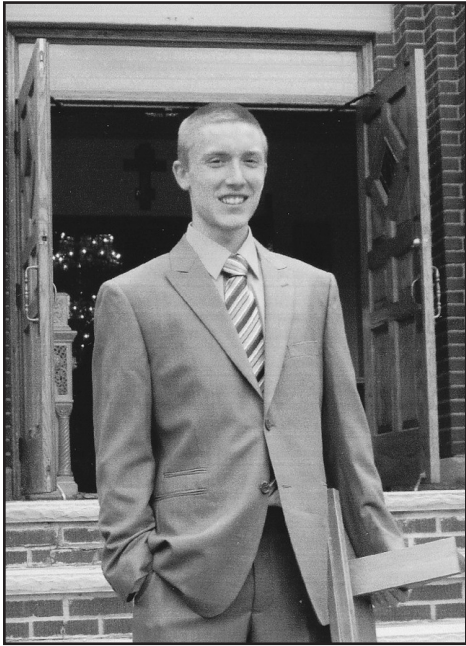
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ALIQUIPPA, PA - The American Serbian Eastern Rite Brothers (ASERB) held their forty-sixth annual scholarship banquet on Saturday, June 18, 2011, at the American Serbian Club in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. ASERB President Robert Baron welcomed all recipients and their families, members, and guests. We were honored to be joined by V. Rev. Stevan Stepanov of the St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church in Aliquippa along with his wife Ana: Fr. Stevan gave the invocation and benediction as well as words of congratulations and encouragement to the graduates. This year's speaker was Kathryn A. Zachem, Senior Vice President, Regulator & State Legislative Affairs for Comcast Corporation. Ms. Zachem, a 1976 ASERB Scholarship recipient originally from Freedom, Pennsylvania, talked about growing up in a strong Serbian family and the support she received from her baba as she went to Washington, DC to attend college and then law school. She also reminded the graduates that their plans may not always work out perfectly, but that it was okay to step back, reevaluate, and then move forward to success. This year, ASERB member Steven Linta presented each student with the gift of a laptop computer.

The 2011 scholarship recipients are:

David R. Ensign is the son of Tim and Maribeth Ensign. David attends Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church in Youngstown, OH, graduated from Jackson Milton High School, and will be attending the University of Akron to study criminal justice.

Nikki Halstead is the daughter of Ronald and Kristine Halstead. Nikki attends St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church in Aliquippa, PA, graduated from South Side High School, and will be attending Juniata College to study peace and conflict studies.

Milena Maragos is the daughter of William and Cynthia Maragos. Milena attends Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Church in Steubenville, OH, graduated from Weir High School, and will be attending Wheeling Jesuit University to study pre-med.

Joshua Pribanic is the son of Tim and Janet Pribanic. Joshua attends St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church in Monroeville, PA, graduated from Norwin High School, and will be attending Duquesne University to study finance and supply chain management.

Samantha Susich is the daughter of Nick and Jackie Susich. Samantha attends St. George Serbian Orthodox Church in Midland, PA, graduated from Poland Seminary High School, and will be attending the University of Pittsburgh to study civil engineering.

Adrijana Vukelic is the daughter of Michael and Judith Vukelic. Adrijana attends St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church in Aliquippa, PA, graduated from Hopewell Senior High School, and will be attending the Pennsylvania State University, Beaver Campus.

The ASERBs congratulate all of our recipients, their parents, grandparents, siblings, kumovi, and friends and wish them all the best as they begin their college careers. With the awarding of these six scholarships, the ASERBs have given 250 scholarships totaling \$216,000.00. We are proud of this record of supporting Serbian-American high school graduates in their pursuit of college degrees.

CANDACE HRELEC: MAJOR MILESTONES WITH HONORS

Prosveta Lodge #19 of Campbell, Ohio, is proud to announce that its president Candace Hrelec has graduated Cum Laude from the Ohio State University College of Medicine. Doctor Hrelec is completing her internship and now begins her residency in otolaryngology at The Ohio State Medical Center in Columbus.

She is a 2003 graduate of Campbell Memorial High School, earning the distinction of valedictorian. She continued at OSU, entering the College of Medicine where she earned an honors degree in Psychobiology and Behavioral Neuroscience.

A member of Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church in Youngstown, she has remained active from attending Sunday School to being a volunteer at the weekly fish fry with her sister Heather who is also an OSU graduate currently pursuing certification in education, and with her brother Nicholas, a YSU student recently accepted into its School of Nursing. Her father Nicholas is the fire chief for the City of Campbell. All are members of SNF Lodge #19.

Candace is the eldest child of Nicholas and Marian Hrelec and the granddaughter of Peter and Dorothy Hrelec, all of Campbell, and all members of Holy Trinity. She is also the granddaughter of Margaret Banjo and the late Joseph Banjo of Younstown.



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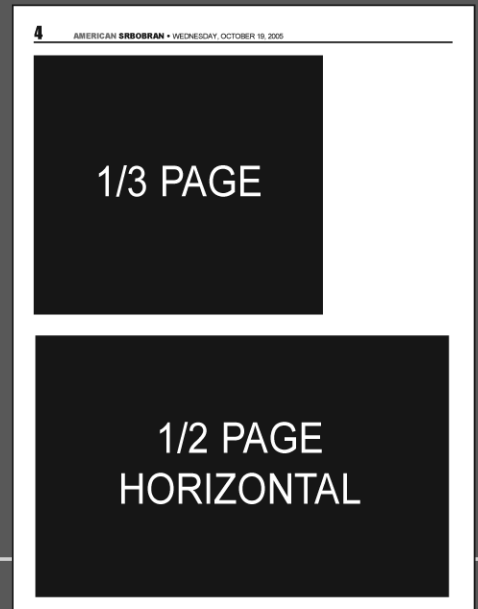
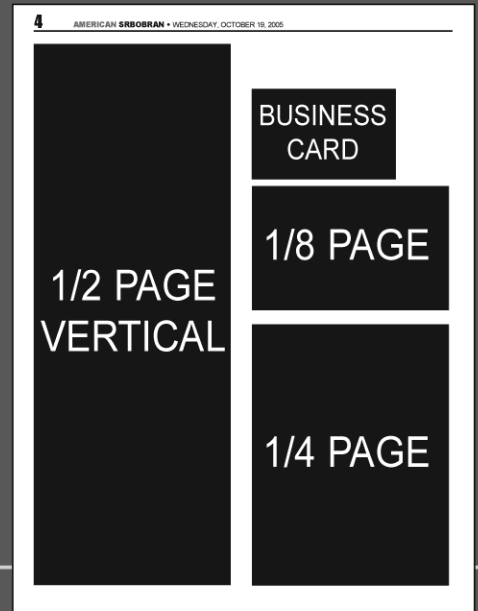
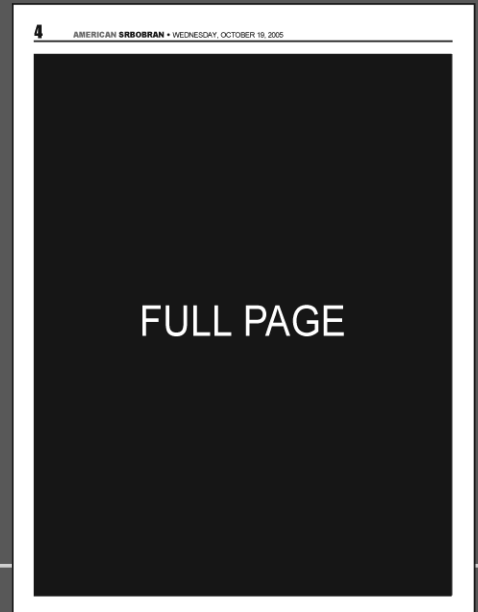
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Young Greek Farmers Receive Encouragement From Visiting IOCC Director

BALTIMORE, MD — Almost four years since wildfires devastated much of southern Greece, young Greek farmers committed to restoring their land received words of encouragement last week from visiting International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) Executive Director, Constantine Triantafilou. More than 200 Greek farmers and family members from the Prefecture of Ileia gathered in the courtyard of the local farming resource center to hear Triantafilou praise their ongoing efforts to restore farms and revive agricultural activity following the 2007 wildfires that devastated Greece.

The IOCC director also delivered welcome financial support for the 193 young Greek farming families as part of a long-term recovery program generously funded by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Farmers up to age 40 received direct financial assistance in order to purchase seed and equipment, invest in modern facilities and techniques, and to sustain their families while they toiled to make their farms fertile again. IOCC program consultant, Despina Katsivelaki, says the boost of support could not have come at a better time as Greece struggles to save its economy. "It has been proven again and again that a helping hand not only provides temporary relief but, most importantly, raises the morale of those who are ready to quit trying."

The massive wildfires that swept through Southern Greece in 2007 left more than 667,000 acres of farmland, homes and protected forests in ashes. The Prefecture of Ileia was hardest hit, with 44 people killed and large numbers of animals and farms destroyed. The wildfires made already difficult agricultural conditions even worse. Coupled with the economic crisis in Greece, many people, especially young farmers with families, were forced to leave the area to find alternative sources of income. To stem the tide of migration by young farmers, IOCC partnered with a local economic development agency to implement a long-term recovery program.

Through the support of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and the Pancretan Association of America, IOCC also constructed the Peloponnese's first soil laboratory to help farmers analyze the condition of their soil

and water in order to determine what crops to cultivate and what kinds of fertilizers to use. Katsivelaki says these measures over the past three years have helped preserve the future of family farms in Greece. "It is critical to keep young people involved in agriculture and livestock farming," states Katsivelaki. "The aid to the neediest young farmers came at the right time, allowing them to catch their breath and giving them a boost for continuing their farm business. It will help them to cover the basic and most urgent needs of their families while the free soil tests enable them determine best cultivation practices."

IOCC, founded in 1992 as the official humanitarian aid agency of the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas (SCOBA), has implemented relief and development programs in more than 40 countries around the world.



Farmers with young families welcomed the financial assistance offered by IOCC Executive Director, Constantine Triantafilou, during a recent visit to the Peloponnese region of Greece.

Obituaries

+ Sam Stanovich

Sam Stanovich, of 512 Beechwood Ave. Farrell, Pennsylvania, died Monday, May 2, 2011, following a brief illness. He was 88.

Mr. Stanovich was born October 5, 1922 in Farrell, a son of Nicholas and Evelyn Oreschan Stanovich.

A graduate of Farrell High School class of 1940, he enlisted in the Army during World War II and was stationed with the 104th Timberwolf Infantry Division. He saw action in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, participating in five major campaigns including the taking of Cologne, the Remagen Bridgehead and the liberation of the Nazi slave labor camp at Nordhausen, Germany. Sam was awarded the Bronze Star for heroism when he and three other men volunteered for a hazardous patrol that took them behind enemy lines to successfully contact the Russian Army at the Elbe River near Torgau, Germany.

After returning to civilian life, Sam worked briefly at the former Sharon Steel Corp's Farrell plant, the former Sharon Transformer Division of Westinghouse Electric Corp. and General American Transportation Corp's former Masury plant. Finally, he was a letter carrier with the Farrell Post Office for 30 years, retiring in 1980.

Sam was an 82-year member of SNF "Vidovdan" Lodge 68, Farrell. His father, a pioneer in the Farrell colony, came to the United States in 1903, was very active with the early fraternal movement in Farrell, serving as an officer with several lodges, including serving as the first secretary of St. Nikola No. 87 in 1915. He also was a founder of and was active with St. George Serbian Orthodox Church in Farrell.

He is survived by two nephews, Keith Stanovich, Portland, Ore.; and Peter M. Stanovich, Hermitage; two nieces, Nancy and Cindy Stanovich, both Hubbard; three great-nieces, Brandi, Destiny and Melissa Stanovich; a great-nephew, Stephen Stanovich; four great-great-nieces Kasi, Kayla, Cheyene and Dakota; a godchild, Rick Miskolitz; and a sister-in-law, Betty Stanovich, Hubbard.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Peter, Michael, George and Louis Stanovich; and three sisters, Martha Bader, Mary Koehli and Mildred Stanovich.

Calling hours were May 5 at the A.E. Pustinger Funeral Home Ltd., Farrell. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Hermitage.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

Noon-3:00pm: Dunav (Tambura) in dining tent

4:00-Midnight: Srpski Sinovi from Pittsburgh (Tambura) in dining tent

5:15-6:30pm: Folklore dance performances

7:30-Midnight: DJ Spaz from Chicago in dance tent and singer Milana Anicic accompanied by Danny Danilovich and Bojan Jasnica in bar tent

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

Noon-4:00pm: Dunav (Tambura) in dining tent

5:00-9:00pm: Singer Milana Anicic accompanied by Danny Danilovich and Bojan Jasnica in bar tent and Nocne Smena (Power Kolo/dance band) in dance tent.

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SHADELAND CAMP, DIOCESE DAY PLANNED

With the blessing of His Grace Bishop Dr. Mitrophan, St. Sava Camp at Shadeland, PA is gearing up for another year of summer fun. At the same time, plans are being made for the annual Diocese Day celebration to be held at the camp on Sunday, August 7.

The St. Sava Camp at Shadeland has a history going back to the 1950's. In fact, many of the camp's organizers and leaders are themselves former Shadeland campers who want to share their great experiences with the present generation of youngsters.

CAMP COMBINES FAITH, FUN

The four weeks of Shadeland camp are scheduled this year for July 10-16, July 17- 23, July 24-30, and Folklore Week July 31- August 7. The first three weeks are designed for campers ages 7-17. Folklore Week has a special focus on performing Serbian music and dance, which is showcased at the annual Diocesan Day program which concludes that camp week.

Shadeland Camp is located on 1300 rolling acres of field and forest, with modern cabins, a lake, a swimming pool and many other recreational amenities. The facilities are crowned by the beautiful church, which was finally completed and consecrated last year.

The St. Sava Camp program aims to bring together Serbian Orthodox youth for a week filled with sports, fun and fellowship, all within an Orthodox Christian context. Campers learn more about their faith through active participation in daily services, classes in Orthodox belief and practice, and through learning liturgical music. A highlight of the week for the campers is the visit to the Camp by Bishop Mitrophan, who makes every effort to see and interact with the campers each week. Campers also learn about Serbian language, history, and culture, and enjoy Serbian music and dancing. Recreational activities include sports like soccer, baseball, basketball, bowling and volleyball, swimming and fishing, cookouts and campfires, a horse-drawn hayride and a weekly visit to the Waldemere Water and Amusement Park on the shores of Lake Erie. The Eastern Diocese Kolo Federation fuels all this activity with wonderful food every day. Clergy and camp counselors oversee the camp programs and ensure everyone has a safe and positive experience.

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Folklore Week is completely full at this time. There is limited availability in the first three weeks. Please check www.eastern-diocese.org for applications and postings on camper slots available.

DIOCESAN DAY AUGUST 7

The annual Diocesan Day at Shadeland will take place on Sunday, August 7, beginning with the hierarchical Divine Liturgy in the recently completed church at 10:00 AM. The traditional Serbian picnic with barbecued lamb, great food from the kitchen, and lots of refreshments and music for listening and dancing will follow. The highlight of the annual afternoon program will be the performance of the Folklore Week campers, who always put on a tremendous show. Parishes in the extended area will be closed that day to allow as many of the faithful and clergy as possible to participate. Parishes are encouraged to organize buses or car pools to allow as many people as possible to participate. Those in attendance are respectfully asked to support the diocese by purchasing their food and drink at Shadeland. His Grace Bishop Dr. Mitrophan invites everyone to share the day with him at this annual gathering of the diocesan family in Christ.

Reprinted from The Path of Orthodoxy, June 2011

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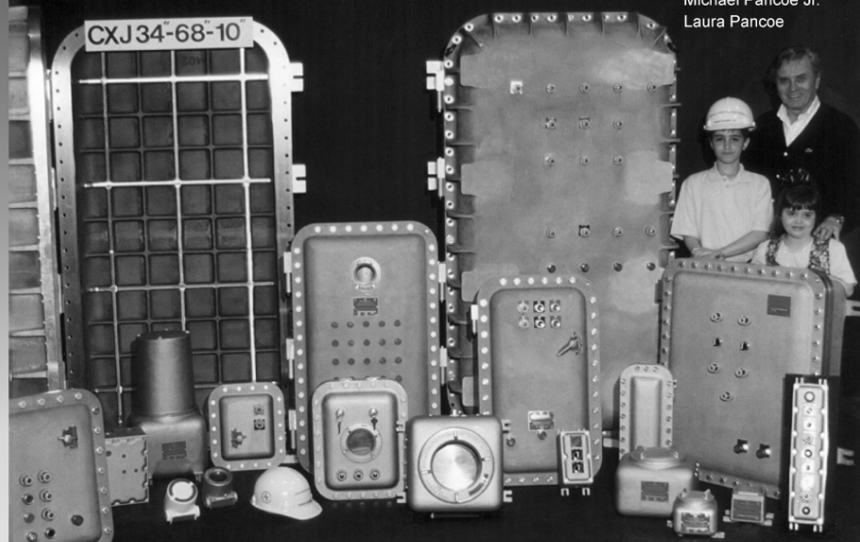
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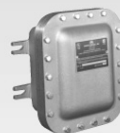
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1 package extra crispy seasoned coating mix

Remove skin from all the chicken pieces, except the wings.
Place chicken in a large, resealable plastic bag.
Add dressing.
Seal bag; turn to evenly coat chicken with dressing.

Refrigerate 30 minutes to marinate.
Heat oven to 400 degrees F.

Place coating mix in a pie plate or shallow dish.
Dip chicken in coating mix, turning to evenly coat both sides of each piece.

Place in a single layer on baking sheet.
Sprinkle with any remaining coating mix.
Discard bag and marinade.

Bake 40 to 45 minutes, or until chicken is one. (165 degrees F).

P.S. You'll save 90 calories and 9 g of fat per serving when compared to the same amount of fried chicken.

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RECIPE

Getting Ready for the BIG ONE in Weirton July 24

The parishioners of Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Church in Steubenville, Ohio come from three states: east central Ohio, the northern panhandle of West Virginia, and western Pennsylvania. But on Sunday, July 24 they will all be focused on one place—the church's Serbian Picnic Grounds in Weirton, WV.

The parish's annual Serb Fest Picnic features the best of Serbian food, drink and entertainment in a beautiful setting along picturesque Kings Creek. For years parishioners (and former parishioners now in other locations) have planned their vacations to make sure they can attend this event. But the picnic is great because it attracts visitors, both Serbs and others, from all over the tri-state area.

The parish is fortunate to have one of the best picnic facilities anywhere. There is plenty of parking. Volleyball, basketball, horseshoes, and a playground for the kids all help those who wish to work up an appetite or work off a meal. A huge picnic shelter means a great time can be had rain or shine, and there are plenty of picnic tables both under the shelter and out under the trees. One of the favorite places to gather is the barbeque building, where people love to watch the dozens of lambs and hundreds of chickens spinning over open fires. The kitchen has all kinds of Serbian and American foods and sandwiches to tempt every taste. The smell of sizzling homemade cevapcici brings a crowd around the grill. Everyone saves room for the pastries and desserts made by the women of the parish, and when people work up a thirst, the large bar is able to help them quench it.

Of course, every Serbian picnic needs Serbian music, which is available from early afternoon on. The Holy Resurrection Tamburitians are always a favorite attraction as they put on a great show of Serbian song and dance. This year's main entertainment will be the popular group Srpski Sinovi, who will play for listening and dancing.

All this and more makes the annual Holy Resurrection Serb Fest Picnic one of the biggest and most anticipated Serbian events of the year in the greater Pittsburgh and tri-state area. The people of Holy Resurrection Church look forward to welcoming all their friends and neighbors from near and far on July 24.

The Serbian Picnic Grounds is located on Kings Creek Road in Weirton, only about 40 minutes drive from downtown Pittsburgh. The Picnic begins at noon and goes into the evening. For directions and more information check the church's web site at www.hrsoc-steuben.org/picnic.html or call the church office at 740-282-4463. Dobro dosli!

Serb Fest Picnic

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Noon–9:00 PM

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TAMBURA *Spectacular*

Milan Opacich is a tamburas who needs little introduction to the North American Serbian communities. His many years playing prim have made him a household name in most Serbian homes.

Milan is also easily recognized for his multi-talents which include being a superb luthier (maker of stringed instruments), a performer, a teacher, an historian, and a writer. Add to this his extensive library of recorded tambura music, tambura sheet music, and his historical essays of the many tambura groups over a span of decades, his installation as a National Heritage Fellow and his display of instruments in the Renwick Gallery of Smithsonian and the Roy Acuff Museum and you realize that we have a giant in our midst.

Milan, of course, will shrug all this off, make no big deal about any of it. But his undying love of the music and musicians who provide it is truly amazing and unselfish. As proof of that, Milan is helping to host a Tambura Spectacular! Through his position as a member of the St. Sava Historical Museum board, Milan will be instrumental (pardon the pun) in putting together a display of tamburas, tambura trivia, tambura instruments and tambura history through displays of homemade instruments and handiwork of some of his fellow tamburasi. The Tambura Spectacular, which will take place on August 5, 6, and 7 at the annual Serb Fest in Merrillville, looks to be an event of great interest to all who have delighted in the songs, sorrows and talents of tamburasi here and gone.

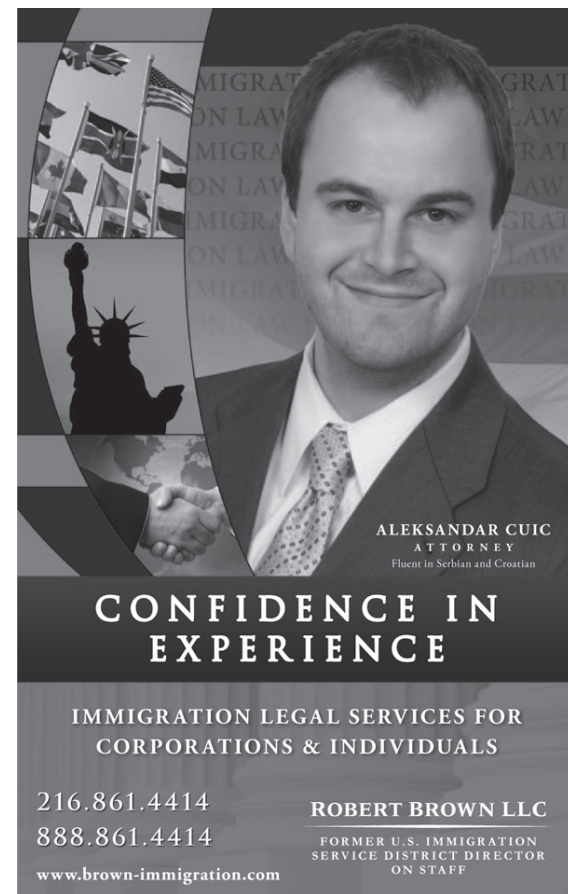
The Tambura Spectacular will feature a pictorial tribute of the late +Steve Barich. Steve was the teacher and director of the St. Sava Youth Tamburitza Orchestra. This group at one time boasted an enrollment of over 70 students. Many young tamburasi who still play today look upon Steve as their teacher and mentor.

Milan is planning on displaying many of his own hand-made tamburas as well as historical tamburica music, drawings by the late +Adam N Popovich as well as some of +Adam's wrought iron wall instruments, a stainless steel tambura set made by +Steve Barich, a complete hand-carved wood miniature tambura set made by the late +Mike N. Popovich, drawings of fellow tamburasi by Matt Rebric, music boxes, antique Serbian instruments – the list is almost endless.

This is a huge undertaking for Milan and his crew – his wife Roz, Dorothy Paunovich, and Paul and Xenia Jan-carich. The museum has been a great featured event at St. Sava's Serb Fest for many years now and this year's display promises to be one of the finest yet.

Please come and see all that Milan has gathered and is willing to share with all of us. You will not be disappointed. The museum opens at 4 p.m. on Friday, August 5th, and noon on both Saturday, Aug 6th, and Sunday, August 7th.

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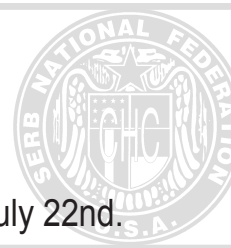
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Ljiljana Vukic

THE PARTING

Holding hands, they preserve the warmth of their palms like fine gossamer threatening to tear apart any minute. They hardly notice the crowd pushing and carelessly brushing against them, ripping the last moments of their parting. They stand avoiding looking at each other, fearing the possible torrents of tears salting their open wounds. Behind their backs the huge black monster grunts, waiting to seize one of them, and with a victorious scream snatch her away into the night.

For both this is their first long parting bringing uncertainty, something that splits the tree in two, unsure which side will prevail, what would become of the nests it carefully nurtured. She dares not look at her mother's beautiful face now looking like a trampled flower still spreading fragrance, afraid that she may be asked something she could not answer. She is leaving her with a thousand consolations; this will be good, even better for her, she will send her adored mother lots of new things, Mom will visit as soon as they settle down, and – after all – two years will pass quickly! Mother secretly dries her eyes, mostly swallowing tears, repressing pain deeper, so she could calmly wish her loved one happiness in the new world where she is following her great love...

In a flash her glance turns from sadness and gentle-

ness into anger at the one walking nervously around them, obviously wishing to cut short their parting. She cannot forgive, later not forget either, that he succeeded in persuading her daughter to undertake such a long perilous trip. Her daughter would never have done this to her aging mother, leaving her alone without support. Only her daughter's joyous laughter can pull her out the deepest chasms of constant depressions, giving her will to fight all the troubles. Worry pierces her, can Lily adjust to the new city and will her husband successfully fulfill all of his promises, which she has doubted all along. She tries to think of more good advices: at the beginning her daughter will have no one to encourage her, she cannot count on him for support, though he always claims to know everything. As if sensing being caught in the web of her thoughts, he feels a noose tightening around his neck, so he hastens them to board the train, it is about to leave, a wonder it is still here, our people cannot do without being late, there is no such thing in the West where he is going, impatient to finally get to the civilization, and why do they have to create such a drama, isn't it normal for a woman to follow her man! He wishes to break her away from this torture of the great love with the obligations it brings. Look, nobody is here to see him off. His mother and father rejoiced over his step. Either they want to unload their lives or they lost trust in him, whichever, he never gave it much thought, he loaded all the suitcases into the train...They stand like statues pressed together, firmly bonded by an invisible band of agonizing love, breaking their bodies with all their past and the future...

The engine's shrill scream, like the traitor's merciless stab, penetrates the heart, shortening the agony of the slow death...A long embrace, a warm kiss, intimate and painful last hand grasp, a whisper: take care, be happy, call when you arrive!!! Tears spill uncontrollably, ignored, maybe they will wash off the pain collected in her bosom. Mother looks small, only her hand grows extending to touch the fingers of her dearest only child. She wants to say again, good luck Lily, but a brutal shock pushes her away from the window, the deafening screech of the wheels swallows her whisper, like a ghost, following the train...

Her hand, a broken branch, uselessly falls along the split trunk. For a long time she watches the departing train for a wave. Even after the monster becomes a big black hole, she cannot move. She hopes the train will have a problem and return to the station. What if they forgot something important, a packet, an official, one never knows, she better stay!

Suddenly, a strange quiet falls. The station is empty. Dropping her head, she slowly shuffles toward the exit. Her legs move on their own, she does not see her surroundings, doesn't have where to go. She just wants to be far from this place where minutes ago her life unraveled like a pearl necklace. Away, away from this place!

Translation into English: Mira N. Mataric, who says, "Another fine story by the Belgrade poetry and children literature author, ex-teacher of Serbian children in Diaspora, residing in Germany and Serbia."

St. Nicholas Monroeville Celebrates Slava and much more!

by Darleen Licina Tubbs

In the fall of 1904 in Wilmerding, Pennsylvania, a group of pioneers met in the Watkins Avenue home of Theodore Uzelac. There they agreed to adopt St. Nicholas as their Patron and in the spring of 1905 celebrated their first Divine Liturgy in a wooden frame building that had been adapted to meet their needs.

Soon after on May 22, 1905, the church was consecrated by Holy Archbishop Tikhon of New York and through the years, having been blessed by yet another holy man, Bishop Nikolaj of Zhicha, the St. Nicholas parish has continued to grow and prosper.

It was with great joy that on May 22, 2011, we observed our 106th Church Slava. The day began with the celebration of Divine Liturgy. Prota Dragoljub Malich served, joined by Prota Adam Yontich and following Liturgy, the Feast Bread was blessed and the Slava Banquet ensued. Honored Kumovi for the event were long time parishioners Milan and Violet Novakovich. Other guests included Prota Stavrofor Dr. Rodney Torbic and current and past Church Board members. A delicious meal, prepared by the St. Petka Kolo Sestara, was enjoyed by all before the Slava program festivities began.

First Vice President, George Klipa, served as Master of Ceremonies and on behalf of the St. Nicholas Church Board, extended a warm greeting to all. Prota Malich then took the microphone, delivering an inspirational message as well as acknowledging and remembering those who have dedicated much time and effort on the parish's behalf.

Honored Kumovi Milan and Violet Novakovich greeted the crowd, sharing fond remembrances of their many years in the parish and graciously ac-

cepted their gift from the church community, a beautiful icon of St. Nicholas. And stepping forward as Kumovi for 2012 - Rade Rajkovich and his daughter, Pamela. Congratulations, God bless, and may we all continue in the Spirit of God and His Holy Gospel.

Our 2011 Slava celebration concluded with the recognition of our 2011 High School Graduates who received an Orthodox Study Bible and a copy of the Orthodox Church Catechism. Each addressed the crowd, shared their plans for the future and reflected upon being a part of the St. Nicholas Church School.

And about our Church School - we're pleased and excited to announce that a first-ever Church School Reunion is scheduled for the weekend of November 26- 27, 2011 at our St. Nicholas Social Hall in Monroeville.

The purpose of the reunion is to give thanks to God and to remember, honor and celebrate all of the wonderful past and present students, parents, teachers, priests, administrators and assistants who have made and continue to make our St. Nicholas Church Community so special.

Open to the public, the Reunion will commence with a Dinner-Dance on Saturday evening, November 26th. Festivities will continue on Sunday with Divine Liturgy, a Parastos for all deceased students, teachers, priests, administrators and assistants, followed by an afternoon social featuring live music, food and refreshments.

This Reunion was the dream of our late 3rd grade teacher, +Mrs. Mildred Devich, who for decades, faithfully served our parish. Please look to this publication for additional Reunion details as well as "other" St. Nicholas parish news. And remember to visit our website, www.stnicholasmonroeville.org.



GREETINGS FROM CLEVELAND, OHIO

..the site of your SNF Summer Golf Tournament. In case you haven't sent in your registration yet, I am attaching it here. Our committee has been working to provide you with a week of challenging golf, good food and Serbian fellowship. Please see our website for information on hotels, schedule of events, menus and golf course information. <https://sites.google.com/site/2011snfsummerngolf/home>

The hotels are booking quickly and their deadlines are fast approaching, so be sure to contact them and mention either St. Sava Cathedral or SNF golf to get the special rates.

If you have questions or need more information, contact us at this email or cleveland2011snfgolf@yahoo.com Should you wish to extend your stay one more day, Lodges 15 & 108 will be holding a picnic at the St.Sava Picnic grove (2153 W. Ridgewood Dr.) on Sunday after Divine Liturgy with lamb and pork available.

We look forward to seeing you July 27-30!
Michele Kuhar, Committee Secretary

READER STAYS CONNECTED THROUGH SRBOBRAN

Thoroughly enjoyed your article on the Little Greek restaurant (June 15, 2011). Guess you have to be there to get the salad dressing. Sounds like a promising venture.

Reading further on in the Srbobran, I was saddened to learn an old friend, Slavko Lazich, passed away. Did not know until I read it in the paper. Those were the days in Farrell with St George on the corner of Darr Ave and Union St, with the Serbian Home just a few steps away. There were many dances, many featuring Dave Zupkovich, in the Church hall. And, they were rowdy too. But, that was the fun of it, where most of the parishioners worked at the Sharon Steel Farrell Plant. Can't bring it back, but it's good to reminisce.

Joe Cupurdija, Mechanicsville, VA

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Draza Mihailovich: *The first 25 years in the life of a true hero...*

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the new king of Serbia, would become one of the most beloved royal hierarchs in all of history. The new king had to repair the damage created by the assassination and did so fairly quickly, pronouncing that Serbia under his rule would be a constitutional monarchy and parliamentary democracy. He kept his word. A more settled life in Serbia began. There was a lot of progress on all levels in Belgrade itself. Young Draza was old enough by this time to experience all of this excitement.

Even while he was still in grade school watching his Uncle dress in his military uniform every morning impressed Draza tremendously. It instilled in Draza's heart and mind a desire to become an officer in the Serbian army.

During his high school years Draza would become very religious. He loved the military greetings used by the Serbian army. Officers greeted soldiers with "*God be with you heroes*" ("*Pomaz Bog junaci*") and the soldiers answered with "*God help you*" ("*Bog Ti pomogao*"). He would also become an exemplary student.

From a very early age Draza wanted to establish his independence. It bothered him that his Uncle had to support him. That was one reason he put extra effort in all of his studies and it was, more than anything else, what made him an outstanding student.

After completing 6 years of junior high and high school ("*Gimnazija*") with excellent grades, Draza was accepted into the Belgrade Military Academy in the 43rd Class. It was September 1, 1910. After only six months he was promoted to the rank of cadet-corporal on March 1, 1911. Two years after entering the Military Academy, Draza Mihailovich was promoted to the rank of sergeant-cadet on September 1, 1912. He was 19 years old. (During the First World War the complete military archives of the Serbian army were destroyed so the record of Draza's first two years in the Military Academy is limited.)

Draza's first real test as a military officer was to come shortly after his promotion to sergeant-cadet.

In 1912 Mihailovic was forced to leave the military academy and join the regular army on the battlefield as the First Balkan War broke out in October of 1912. He was assigned to a regiment stationed in Uzice in western Serbia, fifty kilometers from his birthplace in Ivanjica. He used that opportunity to visit his first home. He found it empty. The garden next to the house that his mother had loved to work in was overgrown with weeds. Even the path that led to the entrance of the house was overgrown with weeds, indicating that no one had been around for years. This saddened Draza, but he couldn't dwell on it. His mind was occupied with the coming war against the Ottoman Turks. They had kept the Serbs under Islamic subjugation for 500 years and the time had come to chase them out of Serbia and out of the Balkans for good. The time and opportunity had indeed come, as his father had predicted many years before when his son was born, for Draza and his generation of Serbs to avenge Kosovo.

Draza's regiment moved south to the area where a major battle with the Turks was to take place that was to become part of Serbia's long, magnificent history. The area was Kumanovo in Macedonia, in the northern part of the Macedonian region. United with the Serbs in this battle were the Greeks, Bulgarians and Montenegrins. At the Battle of Kumanovo on the 23rd and 24th of October of 1912, the Serbs destroyed a good part of the Turkish army and it was just a matter of time before the Serbs were free of Ottoman rule after five centuries and Christian Kosovo was theirs once again, where it belonged.

A series of significant battles followed in Bitola, then in Edirne (the Battle of Adrianople or "*Bitka za Jedrene*"), and the Serbs, along with their Balkan allies, were victorious against the Ottoman Empire in all of them. The Serbian commanders in the First Balkan War battles - Crown Prince Alexander, commander of the Serbian First Army; Stepa Stepanovic, commander of the Serbian Second Army; Chief of the General Staff Radomir Putnik and Petar Bojovic, both commanders of the Serbian Third Army, all distinguished themselves.

Of all the battles fought in the First Balkan War, the most important victory for the Serbs would be the return of their sacred Christian Kosovo to Serbian hands, and Draza Mihailovich was a part of that.

In the October 1912 battles with the Turkish forces, Draza's first real battle experience in war, Draza showed himself to be a very brave soldier, participating in the most difficult confrontations at the Pcinja River, a river shared between Serbia and Macedonia, and Nagoricino in Macedonia. As a result, he would receive his first military decoration, the Silver Medal for Bravery, and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. The Silver Medal of Bravery would be his first in a series of decorations that he would receive throughout his military career and beyond. The decorations Mihailovich would earn would not just be issued by the Serbs but by the British, the French, the Bulgarians, the Czechs and the Americans. He would go on to become one of the most decorated soldiers and officers of the Serbian and later the Yugoslav Army.

On May 30, 1913 the First Balkan War officially ended, and the Turks had effectively been driven out of southeastern Europe. Peace, however, was tenuous. With the Ottoman Empire vanquished from the region, there was now to be a power struggle over how the region would be partitioned and who would get control over what territory and its peoples. The Great Powers of Europe had a vested interest in how things would be divided among the smaller powers and would consequently provoke the smaller powers to go to war once again, this time against each other. Austria-Hungary most certainly did not want a strong Serbia to emerge from her victory in the Balkans. Bulgaria, unsatisfied with her share of the victory, was prodded by the Dual Monarchy to go to war against Serbia, her former ally in the war that had just ended. Official peace in the region would last only one month.

On June 29, 1913 the Bulgars attacked the Serbian positions at Bregalnica in Macedonia, thus beginning the Second

Balkan War, but the Bulgarians were soundly defeated. Draza's Fourth Regiment fought on the front from Stracin to Kriva Palanka. Then he was transferred from the Danube Division second line to the Morava Division second line. He participated in the battles on the Zletovica River and then at Kocani in Macedonia where Draza Mihailovich would sustain his first war wound.

On July 18, 1913, when the armistice with Bulgaria was signed with Bulgaria defeated, Draza was promoted to the rank of Second Lieutenant. He was 20 years old.

After the Second Balkan War ended Draza was transferred to Kosovo with his unit to quell the Albanian rebellion there. The Albanians were penetrating into Serbian territory and threatening Serbian civilians who needed protection.

In January of 1914 the 43rd class returned to the Military Academy. Draza Mihailovich completed his studies and graduated fourth in his class. His scheduled plans to continue on his military career path would be interrupted. Another war was on the horizon, and what was looming was more frightening for the Serbs than anything that had come before. They had lost so many men in the two Balkan wars, had expended their ammunition, and the economic situation in the country was very difficult. As frightening as the prospect of war with the great Austro-Hungarian Empire of over 50 million people against the small Serbian kingdom of less than 5 million people was, no one could imagine what it would eventually turn into.

Draza was mobilized for battle once again in July of 1914 and assigned to the Third regiment of the Drina division, which put him in the first line of battle when the Austrians attacked Serbia in August of 1914. The very first Allied victory against the Central Powers in World War I would be fought and won by the Serbs at the Battle of Cer that August. Draza Mihailovich was there. But there were two more great battles to come before the year ended. The Austro-Hungarians, temporarily driven back, would return in September.

When his company commander, Captain Cedomir Stanojlevic was wounded on September 9, Draza substituted for him. The battle with the Austrians on the Drina River was very bloody, but Mihailovic came out of the second great battle of 1914 unscathed. The Serbs were victorious and pushed the Austrians back over the river. As the third confrontation, the crucial Battle of Kolubara of November and December 1914 was developing Draza was in the midst of it. There was fierce fighting on October 24th and 25th at Kostajnik and on November 7th at Plandiste. Although his battalion withdrew, Draza Mihailovich remained on the battlefield. He participated in the defense of Majdanpekka Glavica and in the battle to recapture Valjevo on November 26. Once again, Draza Mihailovich proved himself to be a very brave soldier. For his bravery, on the recommendation of Major Ljubomir Djordjevic, Mihailovich was awarded the Gold Medal for Bravery. Draza Mihailovich had the kind of bravery that was required in the Serbian army, an army of 400,000 men up against an enemy force of almost 2 million.



Draza as a schoolboy



Draza Mihailovich as a civilian



Mihailovich at the Salonika Front World War One



Mihailovich kneeling center front at the Salonika Front WWI



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КОМАНДАТА I АРМИЈЕ ЗА Б. Ј. У. Н. И. 1917. године.

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Пешијаци потпоручник, заступник командира Митраљеског Одељена 2. батаљона XIII Пешијског Пука ДРАГОЉЕВ М. МИХАИЛОВИЋ, одликовао се необичном храброшћу:

Од 9. до 29. августа 1916. године, којом је приликом покрпао и велику умешност у руковању митраљеском ватром, а непријатељу нанео велике губитке.

11. септембра 1916. године, при овајану Корначи-оте Чуке, којом је приликом ивио на положај једновремено са отрамачним стројем и припомагао, да се освојени положај задржи, а непријатељски контра напад одбије. Том приликом био је тешко ранен.

Похваљујем у овој реткој именованој оффицире, под-официре, каптаре и редове, а остале позивам да оледују њиховом примеру храбрости, пожртвованости, одлучности, енергије, приобности и поодшности.

Командант Армије,
Војвода, *[Signature]*

Field Marshal Zivojin Misic 1917 commendation for Mihailovich

With the Austro-Hungarian Army defeated by the Serbs in December of 1914, it was relatively quiet on all fronts in the Serbian lands for 9 months. The peaceful time would not last. The Central Powers would come back with a vengeance in October of 1915. This time the Austrians would be joined by the Germans and the Bulgarians under the command of Field Marshal August von Mackensen. The attack was brutal and overwhelming for the Serbs this time. The Central Powers struck Serbia from the north with 600,000 men and from the east with 400,000 men. The Serbs would fight back heroically, but they were no match for the combined enemy force. The British and French did not participate in helping their ally. Serbia was alone.

[British professor of history Cyril Falls would later insist that without Bulgaria's entry into the war on the side of the Central Powers, Germany and Austro-Hungary could not have conquered Serbia. This contention was validated at the end of the war when only four weeks after Bulgaria surrendered on September 30, 1918, the Germans and Austro-Hungarians were driven out of Serbia on November 1.]

Draza fought bravely at Pozarevac where his father had been born, and soon after this he was made a platoon leader, but he would have to leave his beloved Serbia, as this time the onslaught was too much even for the bravest of men.

To save the army, and thus the nation, the Serbian Supreme Command had no choice but to retreat south in the hope of meeting up with the French and British who had established a new southern front in Salonika, Greece. But the Bulgars, with their nearly half-million man strong army, attacked Serbia from the east and cut off the southern route to Salonika. As a result, the Serbian Army was forced to retreat through the rough Albanian and Montenegrin mountains at the worst possible time of year. The elements they faced were snow, ice, and freezing temperatures that descended to 25 degrees below zero Celsius, conditions which they were not adequately prepared for. To secure the army reserve the Command mobilized 30,000 boys of Serbia from 12 to 18 years of age. 350,000 soldiers and civilians participated in this survival march, enduring the most difficult weather conditions and terrain and the inevitable starvation, but only 150,000 would reach their destination. Draza was among them. Many, so many, died along the way. Draza Mihailovich survived.

Draza's line of retreat was Pec-Berane-Podgorica-Skadar. With him his platoon had taken the four machine guns they had captured from the Austrians.

Draza finally reached Vlore, a small Albanian port in southwest Albania, at the end of December 1915. It was a miracle that his platoon still had all four machine guns with them as many of the other soldiers discarded their weapons, finding it impossible to carry them through the ice and snow of the Albanian and Montenegrin mountains. Here he stayed as a protective force as other Serbian units were slowly reaching the Adriatic coast. Along with the harsh weather conditions, the difficult terrain and starvation, the Serbs became targets of Albanian thugs along the way who attacked ruthlessly when the Serbs were at their most vulnerable.

On February 9, 1916, being among the last to leave the mainland, Draza was transported to the small Greek island of Corfu, exhausted and underfed, where he stayed until April of 1916. When the Serbian army reorganized and resurrected itself on Corfu, Draza was assigned to the 2nd battalion of the 23rd regiment of the Vardar Division. He would reach the Salonika front in May of 1916.

The first serious struggle Draza participated in after he reached the Salonika front was part of the legendary battle of Kajmakalan mountain. On September 11, 1916, on a battlefield near the village of Donje Vrbine and Neokazi, Draza was seriously wounded and transported to the Salonika hospital where he was forced to recuperate. In the mean time, Serbs did capture Kajmakalan on September 30, 1916, thus regaining some of their occupied territory. Of note, Second Lieutenant Mihailovich, due to his injuries and his rank, was made the offer to serve off of the battlefield however he did not accept this offer.

Against medical advice, Draza returned to the front line on his own in early April of 1917 and participated the battles at Ostrovo Lake, Gornicevo, Ziove, Sokolac, Zeleno Brdo, Govedar Kamen and Dobro Polje.

On the surface, 1917 was a relatively quiet year, with many skirmishes but no significant battles between the forces of the Central Powers and the Allies. Attention turned to the entry of the United States into the war on the Allied side in April of that year. Attention then turned to what was happening in Russia where the cataclysmic Bolshevik revolution was taking center stage, which would take Russia out of the war.

The new 1st Yugoslav infantry regiment of the Yugoslav Division was established at the beginning of 1918 and Draza's machine-gun platoon was transferred to it. It would be with this division that he would participate in the great breakthrough at the Salonika Front in 1918.

While on the Salonika Front, Draza Mihailovich was further promoted and decorated for his merits and bravery. He was promoted to Lieutenant on January 25, 1918. He would receive another Gold Medal for Bravery, the British Military Cross, and the Order of the White Eagle with Swords IV degree. There would be more awards to follow.

The most significant Serbian action of the First World War was yet to come. Ever since they had arrived at the Salonika Front in 1916 after their rehabilitation on Corfu, the Serbian Supreme Command had insisted on initiating a major action on that front. The Allies were reluctant to agree. They considered the Western Front as the only one where a major, decisive victory over the Central Powers was possible. It was only when French General Louis Franchet d'Esperey became the Commander of the Allied Eastern Armies which included the Serbian forces on Salonika Front that things started moving in the right direction. He had spent time in the Balkans as a young officer, and he understood the people, their culture, and their dreams. He especially understood the Serbs. Like them, he believed that a breakthrough on the Salonika Front would decisively break the back of the Central Powers, resulting in cutting the war shorter than predicted by other Allied leaders and commanders. On average, five million people, both military and civilian, were dying each year of this war so far. Thus, shortening the war meant saving over 13,000 human lives each day that the war was cut short. But the other Allied leaders as well as the leaders of the Central Powers were anticipating and planning for the war lasting another year and

maybe longer. Some even predicted it would last until the summer 1921.

At the end of June 1918 the Allied Supreme Command in Paris did finally approve a major action on the Salonika front as the Serbs and d'Esperey had demanded. The first thing the French general did was to request 1,500 heavy cannons which the Serbs had asked for and when the cannons arrived, the Serbs, with the help of their animals, pushed them up into the hills to a position from where they could reach the first line of the enemy defense. Very early in the morning of September 14, 1918 these cannons began firing and kept doing so all that day. At 5:30 on the following morning, September 15th, the Serbs began their assault on the Central Powers and the epic battle on the Salonika front known as the "Battle of Dobro Polje" began. Attacking first was the Serbian First Army under the command of General Petar Bojovic. When the French divisions collapsed around noon that day the Serbian Second Army under the command of Field Marshal Stepa Stepanovic, which was intended to be a reserve, entered the battle. The breakthrough on the Salonika Front was successful, the Serbs were victorious against the Bulgarian forces, and it was the beginning of the end for the Central Powers. The end of the war would come less than two months later, thereby ending the massive attrition of lives that could have gone on indefinitely had there been no such breakthrough on the Salonika Front.

That September of 1918 Draza Mihailovich was part of the Serbian Army that participated in the breakthrough on the Salonika Front. He fought at Dobro Polje, Kozjak, Konopiste, Kavadarci, Gradsko and near the village of Dragovo (near Stip). On Kozjak, which was the main defense point of the Central Powers on the Salonika front, Draza saw thousands of dead bodies of Bulgarian soldiers all around him. It saddened him, because Bulgars were Christian Orthodox Slavs. They should have been the Slav brothers and allies of the Serbs, but they weren't. They submitted to the tutorship of Austro-Hungary and Germany. For that, both the Serbs and Bulgars paid a horrible price.

There on the Salonika Front, on Kozjak mountain, a new life would begin for him. He was 25 years old.

He was not fortunate enough to enter his beloved Belgrade with the victorious Serbian army on November 1, 1918. After the breakthrough on the Salonika front his unit was again sent to the Albanian and Kosovo border to protect the Serbian civilian population under attack from Albanian armed criminals.

While still a young man, Draza Mihailovich would become one of Serbia's most decorated soldiers and officers, a true hero of Serbia. An excellent student in the classroom would excel on the battlefield where real life scenarios of war and survival would test him over and over again in three successive wars that he participated in with distinction. As the First World War ended he could not have known that the biggest tests of his life as a soldier, as an officer, as a patriot, as a Christian and as a man were still to come.



THE END

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ACTIVITIES IN YOUNGSTOWN

By Holy Trinity News Reporter Christina Tepsich

DUHOVI

YOUNGSTOWN, OH – Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church on Laird Avenue celebrated their Church Slava, a day of thanksgiving.

At the time of our Lord's Ascension, heavenly angels appeared and promised that the Lord's closest followers would be filled with the Holy Spirit. The day's activities began with parish priest Very Rev. Janko Rajlich serving the Divine Liturgy assisted by Proto Deacon Milan Madakovich.

Serving as altar boys were David Ensign, Daniel Juzbasich, Milan Juzbasich, Joey Strock and Isaac Moncilovich. Epistle Readers were Stephanie Budaker, Serbian, and Mary Hanlon and Mia Hanlon, English. It was an honor to have a mother and daughter be Kumovi for our Church Slava - Mrs. Olga Tatalovich and Mrs. Christine Baker.

Following church service and the traditional march around the church, parishioners and family and friends were invited to the Serbian Memorial Social Hall for the cutting of the Slavski Kolac. Chairman of the banquet was Ann Milkovich. President of the Circle of Serbian Sisters is Mildred Stankich.



Ground blessing by Father John and Proto Deacon Milan



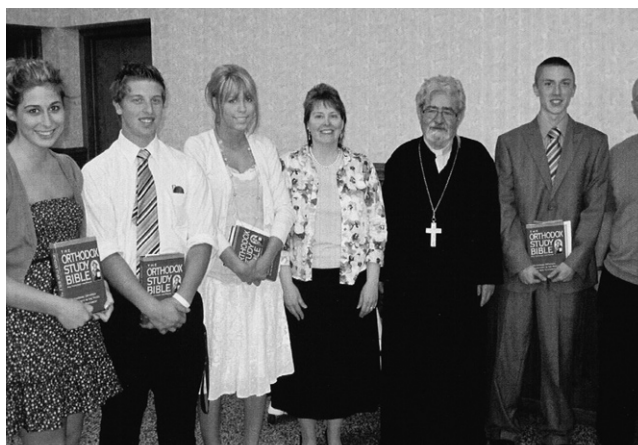
Flag bearers Bob Neskovich and Ivan Vlaici, front and Dusan Vuckovic in back



Blessing of the Kolac at the hall



Stephanie Budaker, Sophia Budaker, Alexandra Debelnogich, Jelena Debelnogich, Goran Debelnogich and Stefan Debelnogich



2011 graduates Jelena Neskovich, John Lucic, Leaya Cosic, Cathy Manus Gray, David Ensign and Mark Raseta with Father John

A wonderful family style dinner was prepared by the Circle of Serbian sisters for Duhovi. Ljubodrag Andjelkovich and Peter Lucic barbecued the lambs to perfection. The ladies of Holy Trinity sent delicious baked cakes and cookies. Waitresses serving were Wendy Obenauf, Lynn Krispinsky and Svetlana Andjelkovich. Also serving were our gentleman waiters Mile Andjelkovich, Charles Budaker, Michael Hanlon. It was wonderful to



Graduates Jelena Neskovich, Leaya Cosic, Cathy Manus Gray and Pamela Dolling

see the crowd who came to celebrate our Church Slava with us.

HONORING STUDENTS

Another annual event is to honor the high school seniors and college students.

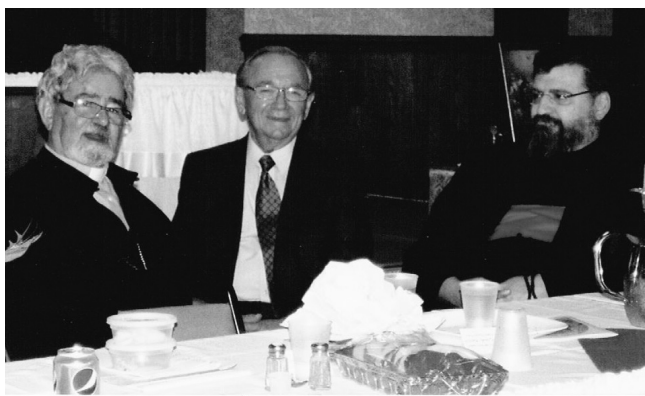
David Ensign graduated from Jackson Milton High School in North Jackson, Ohio. David excelled in football, soccer, track and basketball. He has been very active in church life, serving as altar boy for the past 11 years. He will attend Akron University to study political science and criminal justice. David is the son of Mari-beth Ensign, brother of Timothy Ensign, and grandson of William Stankich and Mildred Stankich.

Jelena Neskovich graduated from Liberty High School, and has been active in church life, serving many years as an Epistle Reader. She was also a member of the Av-ala Tamburitzens. Jelena is the daughter of Mike and Svetlana Neskovich. She has two sisters, Katarina and Marina. She is the granddaughter of Bob Neskovich and Vera Neskovich.

Leaya Cosic is a graduate of Eastlake North High School. For her senior year she took a business-marketing program that transformed her to Mentor High School. She has worked at Maypine Farm Equestrian Center and Estates all through high school. Her passion has always been working with horses. She plans on attending medical school in the fall and continue her work at the farm. Leaya's parents are Steve and Christine Cosic. She also has two older brothers, Brock and Derek. Her grandparents are Mirko and Mary Lou Cosic.

John Lucic graduated from Liberty High School. He also has been very active in church life and served as an altar boy assisting Father John on many Sunday mornings and especially holy days. In the fall, John plans to attend Akron University. He is the son of Peter Lucic. John's mother is Wendy Lucic. His stepmother is Bonnie Lucic, and he has a brother, Peter Lucic who resides in Florida. John is following in his father's footsteps as a professional wrestler.

Cathy Manus Gray graduated May 20th from Ursulin College with a Masters of Arts in Art Therapy and Counseling. Cathy earned an academic achievement award for maintaining a 3.91 GPA. She is an art thera-



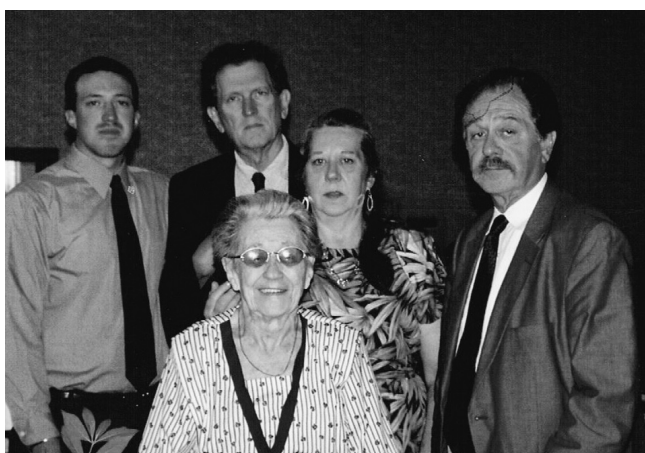
Father John with church president George Mirich and Deacon Milan



Having fun are Ryan Mitovich, Antonio Davanzo and Lucia Smith



Happy family - Danielle Smith with Lucia and Chloe, Ross Smith, Barbara Rogich and Michael Rogich



Safely home is Capt. Joseph Jacob Bratek with his parents Joseph and Yvonne, Uncle George Metzka and grandmother Millie Metzka



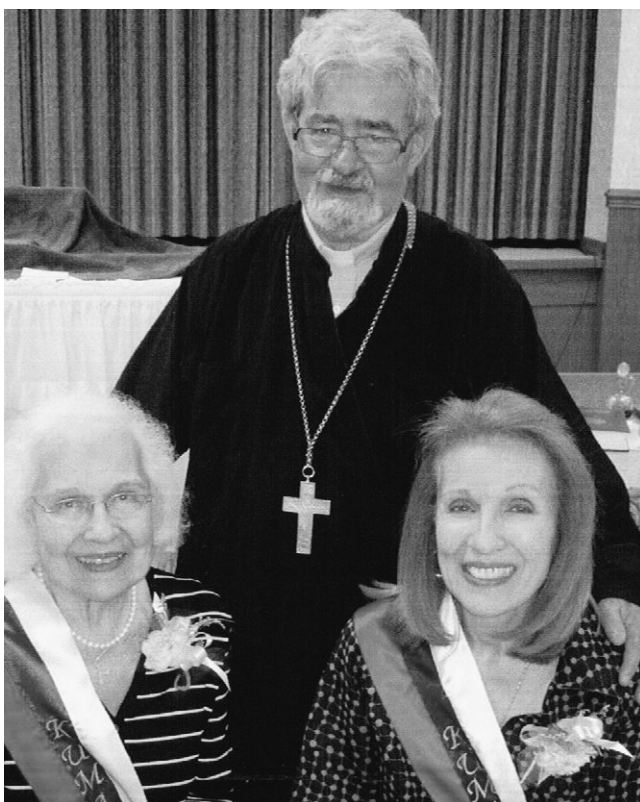
Kitchen crew, minus Phyllis Kulics, are Tala Pavacic, Betty Mirich, Nicky Martin and Wendy Obenauf



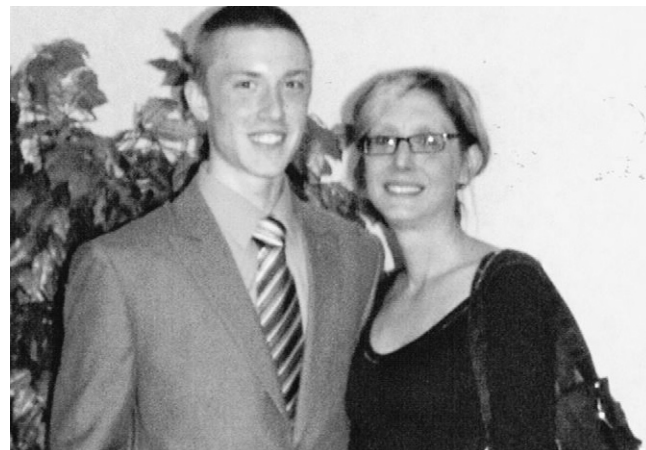
Executive Board President George Mirich with his sister Myra Mirich



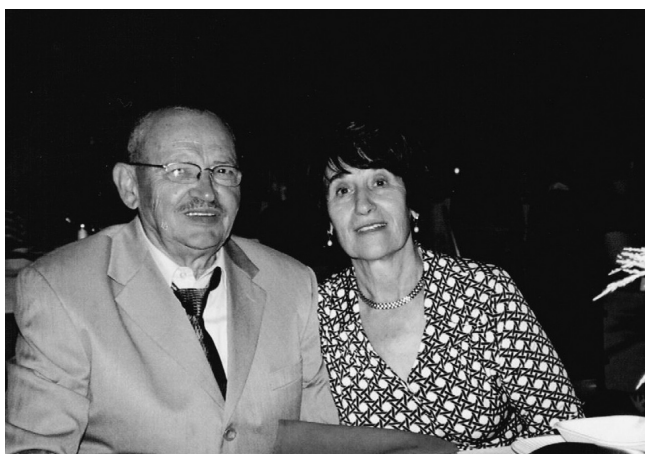
Tootsie and Bert Pavicic with Lynn Krispinsky and Matthew Krispinsky



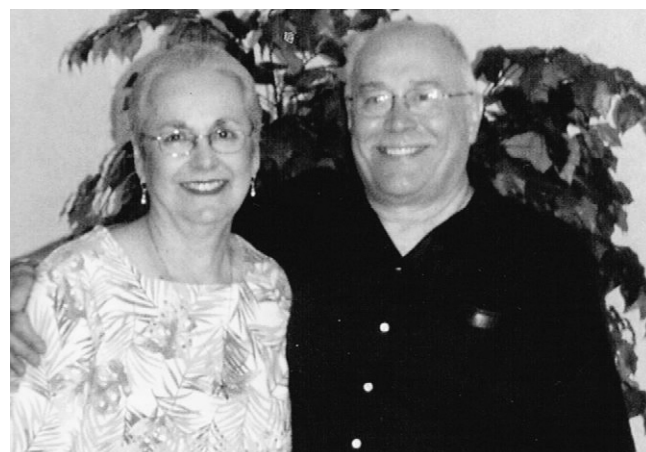
Father John with Kumovi Olga Tatalovich and her daughter Christine Baker



Graduate David Ensign with his proud mother Mary Beth



Nikola and Mandica Drobnjak at the banquet



Milka Juzbasich and her sister Desanka Sljepcevic enjoyed visiting

pist and will be sitting for the Ohio Licensed Professional Counselor exam shortly. She will eventually be doing group and individual therapy and also be working in her own practice providing art-based workshops. Cathy is married to Bob Gray and is the daughter of George Manus and Olga Manus.

Pamela Dolling received her BS in nursing from Youngstown State University on May 22nd. She is a graduate of Wilmington Area High School in Penn-

sylvania and attended YSU for four years majoring in criminal justice with a concentration in legal process and a minor in emergency medical services. She is a member of Alpha Phi Sigma, the national Criminal Justice Honor Society. She obtained her EMT certification and worked full time for Noga Ambulance Service in New Castle, PA. She earned her first degree from YSU in 2005 with a BS in Applied Science. Pamela is currently preparing for the national clinical licensure exam and hopes to be working as an emergency room nurse. She plans on working on her Masters Degree, working as a legal nurse consultant. Pamela is the daughter of Nicolette Kay Martin, stepdaughter of Randy Martin, and granddaughter of Peter Despetovich. She has one sister, Kimberly Ann Dolling.

Timothy Danilov graduate from the Ohio Northern

University following a six-year program for pharmacy. He graduated with honors, earning the Doctor of Pharmacy degree. He was a member of Phi Delta Chi professional pharmacy fraternity. He has been involved in reach-out programs with blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol screenings and service to the community. Timothy is the son of Timothy and Sally Danilov, and has a sister

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Britney Danilov. He is the grandson of Peter and Mary Shirilla.

Mark Rasetta received a Doctorate in Physical Therapy ADPT from Youngstown State University, in addition to his degree in exercise science from YSU. He is currently employed with Action Physical Therapy in Hubbard, Ohio. When he was younger, while attending Campbell Memorial Schools, he was a very active member of Holy Trinity, serving as an altar boy on many occasions. He is the son of Steve and Patty Rasetta and the grandson of Barbara Rasetta.

Candace Hrelec graduated from Campbell Memorial High School in 2003 as the class valedictorian. She then attended Ohio State University, graduating Summa Cum Laude with an honors degree in psychobiology and behavioral neuroscience in 2007. She attained a 3.91 GPA and was accepted into the Ohio State Medical Center for medical school. She graduated from there cum laude with honors in outstanding performance in head and neck surgery, otolaryngology, and was accepted at the Ohio State Medical Center for graduate studies in August 2007. Candace is the daughter of Nick and Marian Hrelec. She has one sister, Heather, and a brother Nick. Her grandparents are Peter and Dorothy Hrelec. Candace is a member of Prosveta Lodge #19 where she serves as president.

Capt. Joseph Jacob Bratek, U. S. Army, is the son of Joseph E. and Yvonne Bratek, grandson of Millie Metzka. He graduated June 1st from Military Intelligence Captain's Career Course at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. "Jake" as he is known, moved on to his next station at Fort Stewart, Georgia at the end of June. He regularly attended church from the age of seven until he graduated from high school. Captain Bratek and his parents would especially like to thank the church, Father Janko, and all the parishioners for their prayers which brought him home safely after serving a year in Afghanistan. Hvala!



Libby Fill and her daughter Sally



Olga Manus with Bob and Cathy Manus Gray. Cathy is a 2011 graduate with a MA in Art Therapy and Counseling



Myra Mirich and George Mirich with their niece Wendy Obenauf



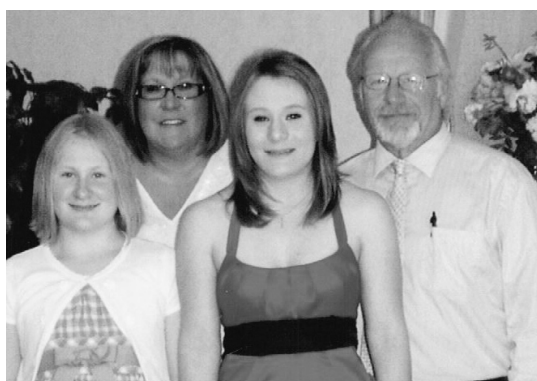
Nikki and Randy Martin with their daughter Pamela, one of this year's graduates



Banquet chairlady Ann Milkovich with her daughter Dr. Mala Milkovich



Four-month-old Chloe Smith is the youngest guest, seen here with her mom Danielle. Chloe is also newly enrolled in the SNF.



Epistle readers Mia Hanlon and Macy Hanlon, with parents Joamie and Michael



Phyllis and Terry Kulics had a great day



Svetlana Andjelkovich brought out the Slavski Kolac

SPORTS

DJOKOVIC IS #1 IN WORLD

BELGRADE - Described by some as the pride of the Serbian people, Wimbledon tennis champion Novak Djokovic came home in an open-topped bus from Tesla airport, escorted by official vehicles with lights ablaze and cheering along the way. He entered Belgrade victorious.

Over the screaming crowd he yelled, "You made this day the best day of my life!"

The streets were filled with thousands as his procession entered the center of the capital city. In front of parliament, he raised a replica of the Wimbledon trophy and the crowd went wild. Fans gathered in Nikola Pasic Square were chanting, Nole, Nole, Nole as they waved

banners expressing their love for Djokovic.

In this latest contest, he beat Rafael Nadal of Spain in the finals on Sunday, July 3rd. But, it was when he beat Joe-Wilfried Tsonga in the last four that his place as number one in the world was solidified.



CHICAGO FIRE JUNIORS 02 WINS

The Chicago Fire Juniors NWI 02 squad won the under-8 Olympic Division championship at the Grove United Memorial Day Shootout. Team members are front, from left, Mija Chang-Stroman, Haley Hylek, Gillian Alberto, Ziviana Labovic, Gianna Witte, Ethan Jones; back row, SNF Lodge 171 member Aleks Maric, Jordan Jajowka, SNF Lodge 171 member Coach Mirko Maric (Aleks' father), Hayden Eaton and Kristian Josifov. The 100% SNF Maric family of Munster, Indiana, including Aleks' mother Jana and brother Vuk, are joined by the Serb National Federation in congratulating Aleks and Mirko on a job well done.

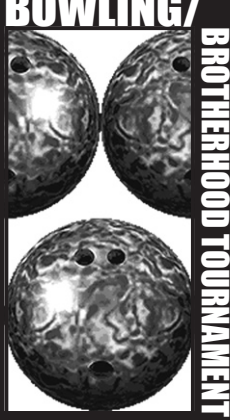


COLUMBUS IS READY

From October 7th through October 9th St. Stevan of Dechani in Columbus, Ohio is very pleased to host the 65th annual SNF Bowling Tournament and "The 1st Annual Brotherhood Tournament." Although bowling may not be as popular as it was when our fathers bowled in both a church league and a mill league, this tournament is sending out a new message: This is not just about bowling, it is truly about brotherhood.

"We will work diligently to exceed your expectations and interests," says event chair Dave Tumbas. "Our intent is to host a round of golf at Winding Hollow Saturday as well as invite Serbian Soccer teams to play soccer all day Saturday at our picnic grounds."

It is 4,915 miles from Columbus, Ohio to Belgrade Serbia but the distance will be much shorter on October 7th when we welcome everyone to St Stevan's.

BOWLING/

BROTHERHOOD TOURNAMENT
OCTOBER 7-9TH
ST STEVAN
OF DECHANI
COLUMBUS, OHIO

For non-bowlers attending the Bowling Tournament, there will be a golf outing on Saturday morning, October 8th. We are trying to gauge interest so please contact Nick Kosanovich via e-mail at nlnorainlw@yahoo.com the course is Winding Hollow Country Club.

MESSAGE FROM THE SNF GENERAL MANAGER

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Milos and I spoke to many people about SNF membership that day; and we consider ourselves fortunate to have been invited to start a tradition of SNF participation in future activities in the Midwestern parishes where former disagreements and loyalties prevented us from becoming a unified people. It's time we worked on unity a little bit more, don't you think?

At around 7:30 p.m. people were packing up to leave and after we loaded our stuff back into the car, we took a walk around the grounds and cemetery, with beautiful marble memorial headstones and rolling green lawns. As we headed toward the lake we counted (and heard) no fewer than five 4th of July fireworks displays in the area reflected in the water. We spent the last couple of evening hours talking and laughing with His Grace Bishop Longin, His Grace Bishop Petar of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad, Mother Abbess Makrina, Branko Tupenac, and New Gracanica parishioners Veneta and Sinisa Jevtovic. And after a taste of rakije and a bit of wine, we were shown to our very comfortable rooms in the Administration building of the Monastery by Fr. Milorad Loncar, parish priest. Quietly tiptoe-ing up the stairway, I learned that one wing of the building was occupied by the children for the first week of Church Camp.

fter a good night's sleep, we were invited to have breakfast with the campers and to appear as "guests" in the official Camp Gracanica photograph. When you meet fellow Serbs and they treat you like family, you become family. Let's hope that we can work hard on making that



Fr. Ned introduces His Grace Bishop Longin during the program



Our SNF "table" at the picnic

a reality. Milos and I were somewhat reluctant to get back on the road but we took home some lovely memories and some wonderful new friendships.

I hear that there is a Serbian festival coming up in Merrillville on August 5-7. There is an SSF Choral Workshop in Chicago. There is Summer Golf coming up in Cleveland. And of course, as we go



the photo-ready grounds of New Gracanica



New friends Mother Abbess Makrina and Veneta Jevtovic

to press here in the Home Office, we are very excited about 3-Day.

Djokovic! Number One in the world! Zivela Srbija!

Hope to hear from you, Cissy - cmrebich@serbnatlfed.org

Serb National Federation 70th Annual Summer Golf Tournament July 28-30, 2011

70th Annual SNF Summer Golf Tournament Cleveland, OH

Members of the St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral along with Lodges 15 and 108 are busily preparing for golfers and their guests to arrive. Director of Fraternal Activities John Buffalini traveled to Cleveland On July 5 to check out the preparations. In fact, John served as official "taster" and sampled some of the menu selections that will be available over the course of the tournament; Nada Susak prepared menu items such as chicken parmesan, tender roast beef, baby asparagus, and a unique summer tossed salad. Delicious. You definitely want to skip the restaurants and head directly to the St. Sava hall for dinner each evening. In addition to the above mentioned menu items, other favorites (both American and Serbian) will be available throughout the tournament weekend.

During his visit, John toured the Blue Heron Golf Club, where tournament play will occur. Although it looks like a private country club, this public course is rated among the best public courses in the United States. With superb facilities including rolling hills, lakes, and woods, all 27 holes will challenge even the experienced golfer. Each golf cart is equipped with a cooler, complete with ice, and a GPS navigational system, which directs golfers to their next hole, gives yardage information, and other great features. Non-golfers can use the Blue Heron pool during the course of the weekend. In addition, they can enjoy fabulous meals in the River Styx Grille, open each day.

The SNF and the host committee are looking forward to welcoming golfers to Cleveland and we hope that you're beginning to feel the excitement, too.

Things to Remember for the 70th Annual Summer Golf Tournament

- Golfers are encouraged to register Wednesday evening July 27, starting at 5:00 p.m. in order to expedite the start of tournament play on Thursday morning. For golfers unable to attend Wednesday's registration evening, a registration table will be set-up at Blue Heron Golf Course before the beginning of the tournament

on Thursday. All golfers must register and have financial obligations with the SNF resolved before participating in the tournament.

- Pairings will be e-mailed the week of July 25th to the e-mail addresses you provided on your official entry form. For the golfers not yet "online," please contact John Buffalini at the SNF Home Office if you would like to receive pairings before arriving in Cleveland.

- Proper attire is expected from each golfer during the course of tournament play at Blue Heron. Men must wear colored shirts with sleeves. There are no formal restrictions for ladies; however we ask that you use discretion. Golfers in violation of the dress code will not be permitted to golf.

- All golf cart drivers must be at least 16 years old and have a valid state-issued driver's license. Junior drivers must show proof of driver's license before registration begins. All golf cart operators must have their valid driver's license with them at all times while operating golf carts.

- A boxed lunch will be served to every golfer after each day of tournament play included as part of the tournament fees. Breakfast will be available for purchase each morning.

- Golfers are asked to arrive at Blue Heron at 9:00 a.m. each morning before golf begins.

- The awards banquet will be held on Saturday, July 30. The event is semi-formal. Shorts and t-shirts are not permitted.

- There is limited availability for guests at the awards banquet. Seat assignments for golfers and reservations for non-golfers must be made before golf commences Thursday morning. To make reservations before the tournament begins, please e-mail the host committee at cleveland2011snfgolf@yahoo.com.

- Shuttle service will be available Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings from the hotels (Holiday Inn, Crowne Plaza, Embassy Suites, and DoubleTree). Times will be available at golfer registration.

- Practice rounds at Blue Heron will be available Tuesday, July 26, and Wednesday, July 27. Golfers wishing to shoot a practice round must contact Blue Heron directly to schedule a tee time. A driving range is also available.

- Golfers and non-golfers are welcome to use the private pool at Blue Heron. The fee is \$6 per person per day. Anyone interested in using the pool should notify John Buffalini at the SNF Home Office before arriving in Cleveland.

- Following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, July 31, a lodge picnic will be held at 12:00 noon at the Saint Sava picnic grounds located right behind the Cathedral parking lot. All golf tournament participants and guests are welcome to attend. Lamb orders will be taken during Wednesday's registration evening.

- Hole sponsorships are still available. To purchase a hole sponsorship, please contact the host committee at cleveland2011snfgolf@yahoo.com. The donation is \$100.

For further information, please contact:

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Serb National Federation 70th Annual Summer Golf Tournament July 28-30, 2011

Weekend Itinerary

Wednesday, July 27, 2011

5:00 p.m.—Door open to St. Sava Hall
 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.—Meals available
 5:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.—Golfer registration
 Music by Sarena
 Free Admission

Thursday, July 28, 2011

8:30 a.m.—Golfer registration at Blue Heron
 (for those who did not register Wednesday)
 9:00 a.m.—Golfers begin to arrive at
 Blue Heron Golf Club
 5:00 p.m.—Doors open at St. Sava Hall
 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.—Meals available
 Music by Sarena in the bar and
 Drago in the main hall
 Admission: 14 and Over: \$8
 13 and Under: Free

Friday, July 29, 2011

9:00 a.m.—Golfers begin to arrive at
 Blue Heron Golf Club
 5:00 p.m.—Doors open at St. Sava Hall
 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.—Meals available
 Music by Lira in the bar and Mickey's Orchestra
 in the main hall
 Admission: 14 and Over: \$10
 13 and Under: Free

Saturday, July 30, 2011

9:00 a.m.—Golfers arrive at Blue Heron Golf Club
 for Championship round
 5:00 p.m.—Doors open at St. Sava Hall
 6:00 p.m.—Cocktail Hour/Hors d' Oeuvres served
 6:30 p.m.—Awards Banquet
 Dinner music provided by Lira
 Banquet ticket: \$25 (includes dance admission)
 7:30 p.m.—Trophy presentations
 8:30 p.m.—Dance begins
 Music by Lira in the bar and Mickey's Orchestra
 in the main hall
 Admission: 14 and Over: \$10
 13 and Under: Free



The Lakes Nine at Blue Heron



The Highlands Nine at Blue Heron

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Directions to Golf Tournament Course 2011 To Blue Heron Golf Club

Right turn out of Holiday Inn and Crowne Point

Left turn out of Double Tree

Take I-77 south toward Akron—left turn or right depending on where you are staying.

Take I-77 to I-271 South (10 miles-15 minutes)

Exit 144 to I-71 South (8 mi) right turn. Stay in right lane to get off on Route 18. Right on Route 18 (west, toward Medina)

Stay in left lane on 18 to River Styx Road, 1 mile on left side (Aldi's and Goodwill on corner) Turn left off of Route 18.

Go to Four way stop – Sharon Copley Road or Route 162 (5 min) – turn left.

First left – approx. 500 ft. – Blue Heron Up hill – to sign on left and parking lot.

Approx. driving time-40 min.

Golf Tournament Menu

Wednesday, July 28

Chicken parmesan with pasta, side salad, roll

Italian sausage sandwich with peppers & onions, chips

Postno: Roasted vegetable pita
Pasta with side salad and roll/butter

Thursday, July 29

Cevapcici (8) with onions, potato salad, bread

½ order (4) with above

Chicken piccata with garlic pasta, vegetable, side salad & roll/butter

Italian sausage sandwich with peppers & onions, chips

Friday, July 30

Cevapcici (8) with onions, potato salad, bread

½ order (4) with above

Sarma with mashed potatoes &

vegetable, roll/butter

Postno: Baked salmon with wild rice & asparagus, side salad, roll/butter

Salad (mixed greens, with tomatoes, cucumbers, strawberries, Mandarin oranges, glazed walnuts) with choice of dressing: Italian or viniagrette – served with roll/butter

Saturday, July 31 – banquet

Assorted appetizers

Beef tenderloin

Breaded chicken breast

Roasted redskins

Vegetable medley

Mixed green salad

Roll/butter

Torte or cheesecake

Coffee or tea

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO JUNIOR GOLFERS

Junior foursomes will be compiled based on age. Because those participating in the junior division will be allowed to use golf carts, there needs to be two golfers in each foursome that have at least a driver's permit; licensed drivers preferred. Proof of permit/licensure will be required at golfer check-in. Those without a driver's permit or driver's license will not be permitted to drive a golf cart. Foursomes without two eligible drivers must have a chaperone with a valid permit/license operate their golf cart.

Marco Glumac, Golf Director

John Buffalini, Director of Fraternal Activities

TIDBITS ON SNF SUMMER GOLF IN CLEVELAND

PLEASE MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS ASAP TO GUARANTEE GROUP RATE

HOTELS:

Holiday Inn 6001 Rockside Rd., Independence, OH 44131 - 216-524-8050 \$82.00 +tax

Crowne Plaza 5300 Rockside Rd., Independence, OH 44131 - 216-524-0700 \$79.00 +tax

Doubletree Hotel 6200 Quarry Lane, Independence, OH 44131 - 216-447-1300 \$109.00 +tax

Embassy Suites 5800 Rockside Woods Blvd., Independence, OH 44131 - 216-986-9900 \$112.00 +tax

NEED MORE INFO FOR SUMMER GOLF? GO TO: <http://sites.google.com/site/2011snfsummergolf>