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Parish Highlights

LUNCHES – Thank you to Diana and Praney Shayum & Son for preparing a most delicious Lunch on November 10. Everyone enjoyed the food very much.

We have a December Lunch planned which is in need of a Sponsor. Won't you please consider being a Lunch Sponsor?

CONGRATULATIONS TO PARISHIONER JENNIE PJANIC AS SHE RECENTLY CELEBRATED HER 91st BIRTHDAY.

A BABY SHOWER FOR BABY MEADOR – Protinica Gordana and other ladies in the Parish sponsored a Lunch and Baby Shower for Eliana Meador on Sunday, November 24. The ladies and gentlemen who attended enjoyed delicious food and desserts. It was so nice of the ladies to think of Eliana and Adam in this very special manner – to make sure their child has a warm welcome into our world.

JANUARY 6 AND 7 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE – Be sure to check the January 2014 Calendar for the list of Liturgy Services and other activities celebrating our Christmas.

THIS MONTH'S PARISH HERALD SPONSORS are **Vlado & Marina Vasich.**

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2014: January-Emina Short & Family; February-Bojan & Gordana Lukovic & Family; March-Dragana & Bruce Clafin & Family; April-Michele Miladinov; May-Joshua & Patricia Savage; December-Dragana & Bruce Clafin & Family.

Should you wish to sponsor a Parish Herald, please send a check for \$80 payable to St. George Church noting which month you wish to sponsor and if you want to add "In Memory of a Family Member" Thank you.

Nancy Helbich-December

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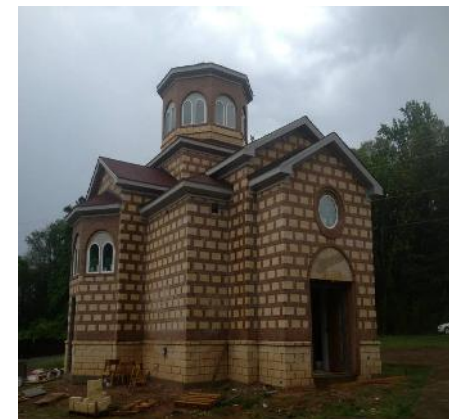
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Stewardship Reflection

During this past week, a parishioner was having a discussion during coffee hour and said "I understand Stewardship, but what is my responsibility?" When we think about Stewardship, the responsibility we have should be very serious. We strive to excel in our careers so that we can live a comfortable life and provide for our families. We take our jobs seriously and the responsibility to do well, to be on time, to put in the hours necessary to succeed and at times, to be away from our family all so that management can say - "he is a company man, worthy of a promotion, gives his time to our corporate efforts." Think about the responsibility of the rich man from the Gospel reading - what he could have done while on this earth to place him in Heaven with Lazarus, instead of being tormented in Hades?

What responsibility do we take for God, Jesus Christ and our Church - as Stewards of what has been provided for us? Do we strive to excel in our faith so that we can live a humble life and provide for our Church? Do we set a good example for our children so that they understand Stewardship and become good Stewards of our parish? Do we take the Church seriously, take the responsibility necessary as a Steward, to put in the hours sharing our Time, Talents and Treasures? And at times, do we actually move away from the earthly life to focus on the Heavenly? Can God can say - he is a faithful man, worthy of Salvation, gives selfishly as a Steward to God's efforts?

What we must give up - nothing compared to what the Apostles gave up!
What we must face - nothing compared to



what Jesus faced!

What we do - nothing compared to what God has done!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

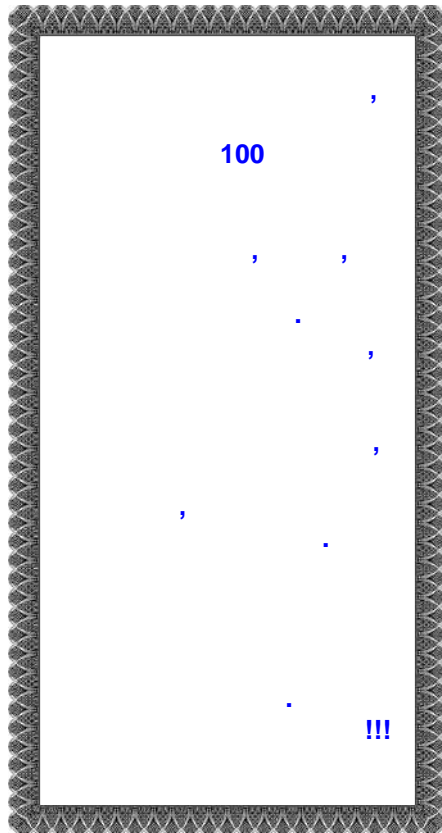
More than 100 years our parish of St. George in Cincinnati, Ohio is existing and functioning but the traditional Church has not yet been built.

With a little good will, work together and with a little money we can to, build a beautiful church, on an existing property, or another property.

All of you will be notified of the meeting at which will be addressed the future of our parish.

Think about it!

STARATEQSKA POUKA



PARISH NEWS:

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MEMORIAL SERVICES:

Помени / Парастоси:

1.+Andja Knezic.Seven Days Candle was offered in her memory by sister Jela Sebez and Family.



ST. PATRON DAY (SLAVA) WAS CELEBRATED BY:

- 1.Damjan Gligorevic with Family
- 2.Cedomir Djokovic with Family
- 3.Djordje Sebez with Family

THANK YOU :To Sasa Krsmanovic on plumbing job done in church hall.

CAKE&COFFEE SPONSOSR:Lidija Petrovic with Family;Asta Mishurda;

LUNCH: NOVEMBER 10th: Sponsors:Diana, Pranay and Iman Shyam

LIGHT LUNCH SPONSORS: Sisters from our Parish (for Eliana Meador "Baby Shower")

PLEASE START TO THINK ABOUT "STEWARDSHIP" FOR 2014 AND RESPOND TO LETTERS YOU WILL RECEIVE IN THE MAIL . GOD NEEDS YOUR COMMITMENT

PLEASE VISIT CHURCH WEBSITE AT <http://www.stgeorgecinci.org>



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VASIC**

If you would like to be a sponsor please call Fr. Petar Petrovic at (513)681-2350 or send a check \$80 payable to St. George Serbian Orthodox Church.

WHITE VESTMENTS

Our church needs a sponsor for White Vestments, which we use during Easter season and for weddings. If you would like to donate please make check payable to St. George Church in the amount of \$400.00.

**Jennie Pjanic donated
\$100.00**

**We need more people
to donate!!!**



WHITE VESTMENTS

GOD WILLING

**I am planing to start with
Vesper Services on
Saturdays and before Holy
Days.**

**Before I start, we need to
buy for Church needed
Books as follows:**

12 Books of Menaion - A growing collection of Troparia and Kontakia for the upcoming Sundays of the year. English text .

Triodion Books - Troparia and Kontakia for the Sundays of Great Lent. English text set to Serbian chant, adapted by Peter Drobac and courtesy of St. Luke's Serbian Orthodox Mission.

DATES TO REMEMBER

-November 28th- Nativity Fast started and will end on January 6th. **Please prepare yourself for Holy Confession and Communion.**

HOLY COMMUNION

In Serbian, holy communion, is called sveto pricesce. It is a holy sacrament in which the faithful receive, under the appearance of bread and wine, the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for salvation and eternal life. Jesus Christ instituted this holy sacrament at His Last Supper.

The visible aspect of this holy sacrament is represented by the leavened bread and pure wine diluted with water, as well as by the prayers of invocation of the Holy Spirit. The invisible aspect of it is the presence of the Holy Spirit by whose grace the bread and wine are changed into the veritable Body and Blood of Christ.

The "invisible aspect" of this sacrament are:

(1) commemoration of the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ, (2) union with Jesus Christ, and (3) consecration and strengthening of our body and soul.

The holy sacrament is administered by a Bishop or priest to the communicants in both kinds: Christ's Body and Blood. Communicants, from

seven years up, should duly prepare themselves for this holy sacrament with penitence, charity, fasting, and prayers. Every communicant should receive, first, the holy sacrament of penance.

The holy sacrament of holy communion is presented fully in the text of the Holy Liturgy.

PENANCE(Holly Confession)

In Serbian, the holy sacraments of penance is called sveta tajna pokajanja. In this holy sacrament, the faithful confesses

to the bishop or priest his sins committed after his baptism. He confesses them in a penitent spirit, and promises his self-reform. Then, the bishop or priest, in the Name of Jesus Christ, absolves him from the confessed sins with the words "May our Lord and God, Jesus Christ, through the grace and bounties of His loving-kindness towards men, forgive you, my child (name) all your transgressions. And I, His unworthy priest, through the authority given to me by Him, forgive and absolve you from all your sins, in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen."

Jesus Christ authorized His Apostles to forgive sins when He said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (Jn 20:22-23).

The visible aspect of this sacrament is represented by the oral confession of sins, and by pronouncement of the forgiveness of sins. The invisible aspect is forgiveness of sins, and reconciliation of the sinner to God. Preparation for this holy sacrament are: self-examination, penitence, charity, fasting, and prayers. The holy sacrament of penance precedes the holy sacrament of holy communion. In this sacrament, the bishop or priest is entitled to impose upon the sinner some activities with the intention to cure him from his moral and spiritual infirmities, and to aid and strengthen him in his regeneration.

-December 4th- Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos -Divine Liturgy will start at 8:00.am

December 19th- St. Nicholas the Miracle-Worker-Divine Liturgy will start at 8:00.am

December 22nd- Children's Day- Please come in Church with your children.

December 29th- Serbian Mother's Day-All of your Family should be in Church.

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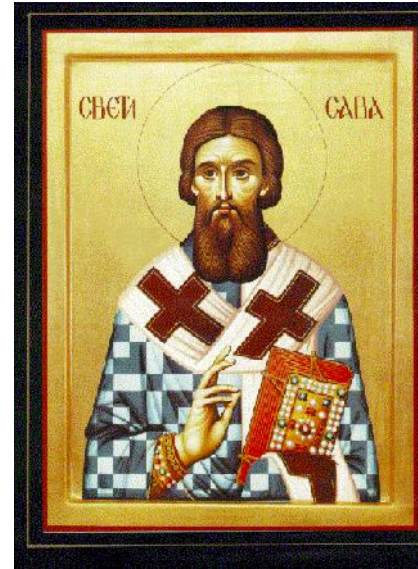
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SAINT SAVA



Serbian Orthodox individuals should attend Church. We should all begin New Year renewing our commitment to our St.Sava for the Church that he gave us and follow in his footsteps in serving God.

You are all invited, dear parishioners to this traditional celebration, so that we may together with our youth pay tribute to St.Sava - the great patron of the Serbian Orthodox Church, and Serbian Nation.

WELCOME!

PS.

If you have children, please call Fr.Petar Petrovic for "Recitations" in either Serbian or English language.

CELEBRATION

St.George Serbian Orthodox Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, is going to celebrate ST.SAVA'S DAY on:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26th, 2014

KUMOVI:SASA &EVELINA LAZIC WITH CHILDREN

Program:

1. Divine Liturgy at 10:30.AM
2. Cutting of Slava's Kolach at 12:00 NOON
3. Banquet and traditional Children's Program

Program participants will be your children.

For this year's celebration, all

Notice of Annual St Sava celebration we are providing to you earlier, so you would have enough time to cooperate with Sunday school teachers and timely prepare your children for the participation in the celebration of Saint Sava.

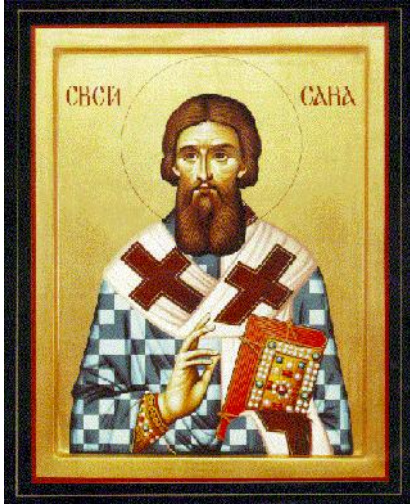
SUNDAY SCHOOL

Religious instruction for your children will be held on December 1st and 8th.

Please, bring your children to religious instruction, to discuss with Sunday school teachers about St.Sava Celebration.

SVETOSAVSKA PROSLAVA

Српска Православна Црква
светога Ђорђа у Синсинатију,



Охајо, прославиће Светога Саву у:

NEDEQU JANUARA 26, 2014

KUMOV
SA A I EVELI NA LAZI

Програм Прославе

- 1.Света Литургија -10:30
- 2.Благосиљање и резање славског колача у 12.часова
- 3.Светосавски Програм са дечијим рецитацијама

За овогодишњу прославу Светога Саве, нико ко се осећа Православним Србином или Православном Србкињом, неби требало да остане код куће или да га пут одведе негде на другу страну, него да дође у Цркву и на Светосавску Прославу.

Дајмо нови завет Светоме Сави, да ћемо остати чврсти у својој вери Православној, да ћемо увек бити захвални за Цркву коју нам је дао, и да ће нам он бити пример служења Богу и своме роду.

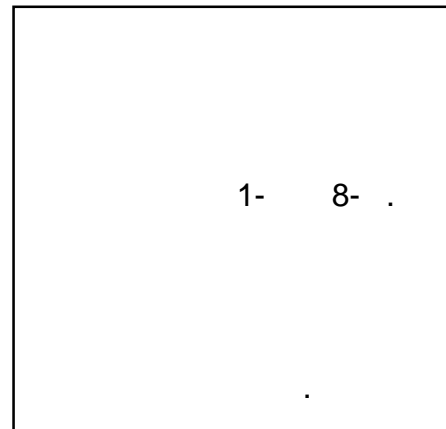
Узмимо учешћа у овој Светосавској прослави и покажимо да смо поносни што смо Православни и духовна деца највећег Србског Богоугодника Св.Саве.

PS

AKO I MATE DECE, MOLI TE SE
DA POZOVETE PROTU PETRA
PETROVI JA ZA RECI TACI JE
BI LO TO NA SRPSKOM I LI NA
ENGLESKOM JEZI KU

UKOLI KO DECA NEMAJU
VREMENA DA NAU^E
RECI TACI JE, MOGU I H ^I TATI .

Obavestenje o proslavi svetoga save
vam dostavljamo ranije, kak bi ste
imali dovoljno vremena da u saradnji
sa uciteljima nedeljne skole
blagovremeno pripremite vasu decu
za ucesce u svetosavskoj proslavi.



The gifts are given in the form of a ransom. In the morning of Detinjci, adults use a belt, rope, or scarf to tie their and neighbors' children. A child is tied by its legs – to one another if it stands, or to a chair if it sits. Children have already prepared presents for this event, with which they "pay the ransom" to their parents or neighbors who have tied them, and get untied. In the morning of Materice, a child or siblings suddenly tie their mother in the same manner as they have been tied on Detinjci. The mother, as if surprised, asks why she has been tied. The children then wish a happy Feast of Materice to her, and she pays the "ransom" with prepared presents, after which they untie her. They may do the same with married women from their neighborhood, receiving from them usually some smaller gifts, as candies and fruits. Mothers prepare a family feast for dinner on this day. In the morning of Oci, the Sunday immediately before Christmas Day, a child or siblings together tie their father and married men from their neighborhood, who too must pay the "ransom" to get untied. Women as well may be the tying ones on Oci. Instead of actually tying a child, woman, or man, it is often sufficient just to show them a rope to receive a present from them. Out of these three holidays, Materice is the most festive. It is sometimes celebrated even among those who do not celebrate Detinjci and Oci.

Children's Day, Mother's Day, and Father's Day

Gift giving during Christmas is not a Serbian tradition - instead, gifts are given on the three Sundays before Christmas Day - Detinjci or Djetinjci, Materice, and Oci. Children give gifts on Detinjci, married women on Materice, and married men on Oci. The best presents are exchanged between parents and their children.

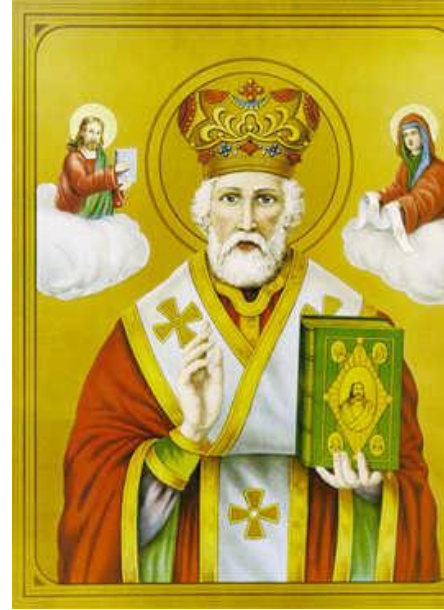




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Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia



This glorious saint, celebrated even today throughout the entire world, was the only son of his eminent and wealthy parents, Theophanes and Nona, citizens of the city of Patara in Lycia. Since he was the only son bestowed on them by God, the parents returned the gift to God by dedicating their son to Him. St. Nicholas learned of the spiritual life from his uncle Nicholas, Bishop of Patara, and was tonsured a monk in the Monastery of New Zion founded by his uncle. Following the death of his parents, Nicholas distributed all his inherited goods to the poor, not keeping anything for himself. As a priest in Patara, he was known for his charity, even though he carefully concealed his charitable works, fulfilling the words of the Lord: Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth (Matthew 6:3). When he gave himself over to solitude and silence, thinking to live that way until his death, a voice from on high came to him: "Nicholas, for your

ascetic labor, work among the people, if thou desirest to be crowned by Me." Immediately after that, by God's wondrous providence, he was chosen archbishop of the city of Myra in Lycia. Merciful, wise and fearless, Nicholas was a true shepherd to his flock. During the persecution of Christians under Diocletian and Maximian, he was cast into prison, but even there he instructed the people in the Law of God. He was present at the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea [325] and, out of great zeal for the truth, struck the heretic Arius with his hand. For this act he was removed from the Council and from his archiepiscopal duties, until the Lord Christ Himself and the Most-holy Theotokos appeared to several of the chief hierarchs and revealed their approval of Nicholas. A defender of God's truth, this wonderful saint was ever bold as a defender of justice among the people. On two occasions, he saved three men from an undeserved sentence of death. Merciful, truthful, and a lover of justice, he walked among the people as an angel of God. Even during his lifetime, the people considered him a saint and invoked his aid in difficulties and in distress. He appeared both in dreams and in person to those who called upon him, and he helped them easily and speedily, whether close at hand or far away. A light shone from his face as it did from the face of Moses, and he, by his presence alone, brought comfort, peace and good will among men. In old age he became ill for a short time and entered into the rest of the Lord, after a life full of labor and very fruitful toil, to rejoice eternally in the Kingdom of Heaven, continuing to help the faithful on earth by his miracles and to glorify his God. He entered into rest on December 6, 343.

**DIVINE LITURGY ON ST NICHOLAS
WILL START AT 8:00.A.M.**