

## ST. SAVA SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH APRIL 2006 ANNOUNCEMENTS - *ОГЛАСИ*

**Holy Confession and Holy Communion – *Свето Исповест и Свето Причешће:*** Please remember that Holy Confession will be heard Saturday evenings after Vespers or by a pre-arranged appointment at Church. During Great Lent confessions can also be heard after the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. With the exception of an emergency or other difficulty, confessions are discouraged before Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning because there usually is not enough time to hear a proper confession. Remember dear Sisters to wear a headscarf during Holy Confession and receiving Holy Communion. No confessions will be heard on Great and Holy Friday and Saturday.

**House Blessing – *Водуца:*** It is not too late to have your home blessed if it hasn't been blessed within the last year. There will be no house blessings during Holy Week. Please contact Fr. Ilija to make an appointment.

**Pre-marital Counseling – *Пребраћни Савет:*** Couples who wish to be married in our Holy Orthodox Church are requested to contact Fr. Ilija to arrange for pre-marital counseling sessions and setting the date for the wedding. Remember you don't have to have a civil marriage to have a valid marriage. A church marriage is just as valid in the eyes of civil authorities.

**Lazarus Saturday – *Лазарева Субота:*** On Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy will be served at 10 a.m. with a procession of willows (*vrbe*) around the church with the children. Parents please bring your children to church this day so they can participate in this traditional Serbian custom.

**Sunday School – *Недељња Школа:*** Our next program will be to commemorate Vidovdan. Please bring your children to Church regularly so that they can continue to learn about our Orthodox Christian Faith and Serbian Culture, and prepare for the Vidovdan program. If transportation is a problem please consider car-pooling. Last day of Religious Instruction this school year is June 4, 2006.

**God-parenting - *Кумство:*** As all of you who are Godparents know, your responsibility to your Godchild is to help raise them in the Faith in which they were baptized. Sometimes parents are busy and cannot come to Church for honorable reasons. Why not take the opportunity during this Lenten Period to discuss with your kumovi how you can help bring your Godchildren to Church.

**Circle of Serbian Sisters – *Коло Српских Сестара:*** The Kolo Srpskih Sestara continues to grow and become more active in the Church. All Sisters are encouraged to be part of this very important Church ministry.

**Choir - *Хор:*** Whoever is musically inclined is encouraged to join this vital ministry to help lead the worship response melodies.

**Stewardship - *Старатељство:*** More and more parishioners are becoming stewards as an expression of their commitment to help care for their Church. Won't you consider becoming a steward or re-establish your past pledge to be an on-going steward of your Church? Please contact Fr. Ilija if you have any questions regarding the requirements one needs to meet and maintain in order to be a God-pleasing steward.

**WOCA Lenten Vespers – *Вечерња Богослужења:*** Every Great Lent the Washington Orthodox Clergy Association sponsors vesper services on Sunday evenings. Please try to attend as many of these services as possible to worship God as a collective Orthodox Christian community in the greater Seattle area. All services

start at 5:00 p.m.

April 2, 2006 – St. John Climacus  
Homilist: Fr. David Sommer  
St. Katherine Church  
106 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Kirkland 425 – 637 0181

April 9, 2006 – St. Mary of Egypt  
Homilist: Fr. Dean Kouldoukis  
St. Thomas Church  
1309 Bonneville, #D  
Snohomish 360 – 433 5564

**Jim & Kitty Eppard:** Jim and Kitty would like to thank those who have helped recently in their time of need. Unfortunately, they have not been successful in keeping their home and will have to vacate it by April 30, 2006. They have some furniture that they would like to donate to a family in need. They would like to sell their Toyota pickup and purchase a van or a motor home. Any monetary contributions are still welcome. Please contact them at 253-946 2934 for further details.

**Serbian Monasteries Pilgrimage – *Поклоничко Путовање:*** The Standing Committee for the Serbian Language, Culture and Heritage of the Serbian Orthodox Church in the USA and Canada is sponsoring this pilgrimage to Serbian monasteries in Serbian and Montenegro that will take place from May 11 to 21, 2006. More information is on the Church bulletin board or contact Fr. Ilija.

**Summer Programs for High School Juniors and Seniors – *Летње Програме:***

“CrossRoad” sponsored by Hellenic College in Brookline, MA from June 23 through July 3, 2006. Space is limited so apply now by visiting [www.crossroad.hchc.edu](http://www.crossroad.hchc.edu) to download applications and obtain more information.

“Youth Institute” sponsored by St. Valdimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary from June 20 through July 3, 2006. Apply now by visiting [www.svots.edu](http://www.svots.edu) to download applications and obtain more information.

**Letter from the Church Board President:**

March 26, 2006

**Dear St. Sava Stewards and Parishioners,**

I am sending this letter to clarify any confusion or doubt about our intentions for new church property. The Church Board is still looking for new property to build a new church, a hall, parking and any other amenities depending on the property and cost. Our current property is not adequate for expansion or major improvements. We have a committee that reviews all recommended property for purchase. We have specific guidelines such as property size, location, cost, etc. We have looked at property in the past but have not found anything that met our needs. Please let any of the Church Board members know if you see any property that could meet our future church needs. Keep in mind that we are constantly trying to raise money for our future property and church. Just because there has not been any current activity, it does not mean that the future property and church is dead. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated. Also, we still must maintain our current property. We are continuing the necessary repairs and upkeep on our current church property. Any proposed major purchases or repairs will be presented to the parish stewards in good standing for a vote. With God’s help our parish will move forward.

God bless you,

Peter Lalic  
President - St. Sava Church Board