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## ST. SAVA SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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***Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God*** (John 3:3).

Thus the Lord Jesus spoke to Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, and Nicodemus asked in amazement: "How can this be?" That is, how can a man be born again? Even to this day, many ask: "How can a sensual man become a spiritual man?" "How can a sinner become a righteous one?" "How can the grace of God enter a man and replace his sensual thoughts and will?" "How can the Holy Spirit illuminate the heart of man?" "How can water be changed into wine?" We know that when the Spirit of God descended upon the apostles, they became different men—new men, reborn men. We also know, from thousands of examples, how men of sensual thoughts and sensual life became spiritual men, regenerated men. Therefore, we know that it happened then and happens now, by the action of the grace of God the Holy Spirit. It is not necessary for us to ask how this happens. It is enough for us to know that it does happen, and to strive that it happen in us, for the grace of the Spirit is given to everyone who seeks it and prepares himself to be able to receive it. There is no more difficult task than to explain spiritual things to men who think and judge only sensually. St. John Chrysostom says: "A soul which is given over to passions cannot achieve anything great and noble, for it suffers from a grievous blindness, like that of eyes darkened by the flow of pus." Usually the most sensual men inquire about the greatest divine mysteries. They do not inquire about that in order to know how they can be saved, but rather to confuse the faithful and to ridicule the Faith, and to justify their own sinful and passionate life. Unable to raise themselves to the first rung of the heavenly ladder, they fantasize about the last rung. Brethren, when such as these inquire about the profoundest mysteries of the regeneration of the soul and the Kingdom of Heaven, ask them, first of all, to fulfill the ten basic commandments of God. If they do this, then their souls will be opened to the understanding of the Divine Mysteries, inasmuch as that understanding is necessary for the cleansing of their sins and passions, and for eternal salvation. *St. Nikolai (Velimirović) – Prolog, Sept. 5(18)*



***Ако се ко наново не роди, не може видети царства Божјега*** (Јован. 3, 3).

Тако рече Господ Исус Никодиму, кнезу Јеврејскоме, а Никодим с чуђењем упита: како може то бити? тојест: како се може човек поново родити? Тако се и данас многи питају: како телесан човек може постати духован? како грешник може постати праведник? како благодат Божја може ући у човека и заменити умовање телесно и вољу телесну? како Дух Свети може озарити срце човеково? како се вода може претворити у вино? Ми знамо, да кад је Дух Божји сишао на апостоле, апостоли су постали другим људима, новим, поново рођеним. И знамо из хиљаде примера, како су људи телесних мисли и телесног живота постајали људима духовним, препорођеним. Ми знамо, дакле, да, је то бивало и да и данас бива под дејством благодати Бога Духа Светога. Ни мало нам није нужно питати: како то бива? Довољно је што знамо, да то бива, и да се трудимо, да се то збуде и с нама самима. Јер благодат Духа свакоме се даје, ко је тражи и ко се припремио, да је може примити. Нема тежег посла него објашњавати духовне ствари људима који само телесно мисле и суде. Св. Златоуст вели: „душа предана страстима не може постићи ништа велико и благородно, јер страда од тешког слепила као очи помрачене течењем гноја“. Обично људи најтелеснији распитују о највећим тајнама божанским. Не распитују они о томе, да би сазнали пут свога спасења, него да би

збунили верне, и исмејали веру, и оправдали свој грешни и страсни живот. Немоћни да се дигну на први степен небесних лествица, они маштају о последњем степену. Када вас браћо, такви питају о предубоким тајнама препорођаја душе и царства небеског, упутите их прво да испуне десет основних заповести Божјих. Ако то учине, онда ће им се отворити душа за схватања тајни божанских и то у толико у колико је то схватање нужно за њихово очишћење од греха и страсти и за вечно спасење. *Св. Николај (Велимировић) – Пролог, 5(18). септембар*

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## St. Lazarus Saturday - Vrbica



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### Blessings / prayers – *Благослови и молитве*

**Birth Prayers – *молитве за порођај:*** Ana and Natalia Ristich-Hendon.

**Healing prayers – *молитве за здравље:*** Stevo Krstić, Lubomir Petrovich.

**Home blessings – *освештавање домава:*** Branka Berovic Family, Drago Cvetkovich Family, Timothy Hendon Family, Radomir Jasika Family, Srdjan Jovcic Family, Stevo Krstić Family, Goran Kundačina Family, Ranko Lazić Family, Nesko Oskov Family, Isaac Patterson Family, Cheryl Spasojevic Family, Radoje Spasojevic Family, Bozidar Stajic Family, Milan Stefanovic Family, Vojislav Stijacic Family, Djoko Trifkovic Family, Andjelko Vasić Family.

**Slavas – *славе:*** St. Lazarus: Ranko Lazić, Božidar Stajić.

**Funerals – *опела:*** Ljubica Kesić.

**Pomens / Parastoses – *Помени - Парастосе:*** Ljubica Kesić, Fr. Marko Kosev, Lubomir Petrovich.

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### In Memoriam

+Lubomir “Lu” Petrovich passed peacefully April 23, 2011, at the age of 69 from complications of Multiple Sclerosis. Lu passed, as he wished, surrounded by his family. Lu touched many lives and had a great number of good friends of all ages.

Lu was born in Seattle, WA, where he lived his entire life except for three years in Southern California while in the Navy. He was a 1960 graduate of Roosevelt High School and his first job was at Boeing Co. He then worked many years for Crescent Foods as a salesman, calling on bakeries and other food related businesses. Lu was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis at age 40 and, fortunately, was an early winner of the WA State lottery, which enabled him to retire from Crescent when he was unable to continue calling on his customers.

Lu will be greatly missed by all and will be remembered for his smile, humor, style, generosity, and especially for his interest and concern for all his family and friends.

Lu was preceded in death by his father William "Bill", mother Danica, and brother Demitre "Cheech". He is survived by brother George (Judy); nephews Nik, George (Nesli); niece Kim (Dan); great-nephew Ryan, and great-niece Madison.

In honor of Lu's wishes, there will be no service. Remembrances to: the Building Fund for St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church, P.O. Box 2366, Issaquah, WA 98027 and N.W. Chapter of Multiple Sclerosis, 192 Nickerson St., Ste. 100, Seattle, WA 98109.

*VEČNAJA PAMJAT - MEMORY ETERNAL*

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### **New Property Update**

The following new individuals have contributed to paying off the mortgage: Ranko Lazic, Petar Temunovic, Vladimir Vulovic.

We are close to paying off the mortgage on the new property. If we can pay off the mortgage this month, we can save over \$70,000 in interest payment over the next four years. For those who have not contributed yet, search your hearts and ask yourself if you want to be part of the legacy of the growth of St. Sava Church for generations to come for the glory of God. If you do, then give what you can, for no gift is too small. You may bring or mail your checks to St. Sava Church, P.O. Box 2366, Issaquah, WA 98027 and note on the check "property." You may also use 'PayPal'

[https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=UNKW7Y4WSFG9U](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted_button_id=UNKW7Y4WSFG9U).

### **Новости о купљеном имању**

Следећи нови људи су донирали новац да се исплати имање: Ранко Лазих, Петар Темуновић, Владимир Вуловић.

Близу смо да исплатимо хипотеку на ново имање. Ако би исплатити хипотеку овог месеца, уштедили би преко 70.000\$ на интересу који би плаћали у преостале 4. године. За оне који још нису ништа дали, потражите ваше срце и запитајте се да ли желите да будете део исторског раста цркве Св. Саве, за генерације које долазе у славу Бога. Ако желите то, онда дајте шта можете, јер ниједан дар није сувише мали. Можете донети или послати ваш чек St. Sava Church, P.O. Box 2366, Issaquah, WA 98027 и назначити да је за имање. Можете и употребити „PayPal“ [https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=UNKW7Y4WSFG9U](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted_button_id=UNKW7Y4WSFG9U).

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### **Thank you - Хвала**

**Sunday Lunches:** KSS, Choir, Cheryl Spasojevic & Mary Jane Vujovic.

**Paschal breakfast:** Michelle Hrle, Protinica Carole Balach.

**Paschal lunch:**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I wish that I can thank you enough for your abundant help. Today we had a great Paschal Feast at the Church with our Serbian family. Great food, excellent service, tremendous music, but above all joy of seeing so many of our family members.

Please accept my deepest appreciation for all the hard work that you did today. I know that it might not be much, but it's whole hearted.

Truly yours, Milan Stefanovic

Drage Sestre i Braco,

Nemam dovoljno reči da Vam svima zahvalim za svu nesebičnu pomoć danas. Danas u Crkvi nam je svima bio divan dan proveden u krugu naše Srpske porodice. Izvrsna hrana, još bolja usluga, izuzetna muzika ali iznad svega zadovoljstvo što smo mogli radost da podelimo sa toliko brojnom porodicom.

Molim Vas da primite moju najiskreniju zahvalnost za svu požrtvovanost koju ste danas pružili smima nama. Svestan sam da moja zahvalnost i nije baš neka nagrada, ali mi ipak dozvolite to zadovoljstvo da Vam pružim svoj duboki naklon.

Iskreno Vam odan, Milan Stefanović

**Paschal egg decoration:** Michelle & Elena Hrle, Zora Stankovic, Elena's friend, Spomenka Novakovic, Ana Yanez, Sonja Orlovic, Vinka Kalajdjic, Georgiana Gavrilovic, Milica Kablar, Dinka Vujovic, Julia Kokeza and others.



**Donation of and planting two plum trees:** Bogdan Stankovic.

**Donation of 4 folding tables and 29 folding chairs:** Bogdan – Bosko & Georgiana Gavrilovic.

**Paschal flowers in memory of departed loved ones:**

*St. Sava Kolo Srpskih Sestara* – In loving memory of Departed Members Stefanija Antovich, Zorka Jaksich, Dora Jankovich, Angie Mladenovic, Ljubica (Vi) Popovich, Nina Rafailovich, Millie Sherensky & Baba Kata Vidic  
*Jovanka Antovich* – In loving memory of her mother Stefanija  
*Protinica Carole and Fr. Ilija Balach* – In loving memory of Ilija & Bosiljka Balach, Harry & Thelma Bullen & all departed relatives of Fr. Ilija and Protinica Carole  
*Ilija, Reina and Aleksandar Balach* – In loving memory of Harry & Thelma Bullen, Ilija & Bosiljka Balach, Henry & Nieves Garcia, Alexander & Dorothy Bryan & Alan Bryan Garcia  
*Gordana Cekarmis* – In loving memory of Draga Jovic, Sofia Kreneta & Dusanka Jones  
*Georgiana Gavrilovic* – In loving memory of Danica, Olga, Emilja, Ethlyn, Jovanka & Ljubica  
*Svetlana Glisic* – In loving memory of Vasilj, Ljiljana, Bosiljka, Emilija, Deca, Prokopije, Angelija, Milica, Vlada, Zoran V, Veselinka, Radomir, Sava, Zivana, Stana, Milorad, Kosa, Aleksandar & Slobodan  
*Darko and Michelle Hrle* – In loving memory of Veselin, Milica, Marija, Nikoleta, Ruzica & Vladimir  
*Srdjan & Silvija Jakovljevic* – In loving memory of Mitar, Zora, Marko, Jelka, Simo, Mileva, Stana, Zdravko, Djuro & Milovan  
*Janja Jasika* – In loving memory of Djurdja Krstic  
*Milica Kablar* – In loving memory of Milica Lazic, Ilija Lazic & Djuro Pupovac  
*Vinka Kalajdzic* – In loving memory of all her departed loved ones  
*Julia & Vojislav Kokeza* – In loving memory of all departed members of the Kokeza, Tot and Ninkovic Families  
*Rada & Cedo Marusic* – In loving memory of Trivun, Ruza, Zora, Dragutin & Gorana  
*Radenko & Kata Marusic* – In loving memory of Trivun, Ruza & Jozo  
*Vjera Melton* – In loving memory of Dragutin Mirkovich, Edith & Lee Melton & Tony Hoffmann  
*Spomenka Novakovic* – In loving memory of Slobodan, Andjelka, Krsto, Zivorad, Nastasija, Peladija, Dragutin, Zoran & Radovan  
*Sonja Orlovic* – In loving memory of Miodrag Bozovic  
*Radojevic Family* – In loving memory of Prota Milan Radojevic, Golub & Lillian Andrijasevic  
*Bonnie Skjonsberg* – In loving memory of Djoko Antovich, Danilo Antovich, Baby Stella Fotopoulos, Victor Kaloper, Carl Lundin & Eric Brown  
*Cheryl Spasojevic* – In loving memory of Mirko, Draga, Radoje, Selena, Jelena, Stanica, Ljubica, Milan, Slobodan & Charles  
*Zora Stankovic* – In loving memory of all her departed loved ones  
*Aleksandra, Milan, Mila & Angela Stefanovic* - In loving memory of Sonja Protic, Milinko, Radmila, Boban, Savo, Jermila, Milica, Trajko, Lalinica, Ruska, Dragutin & Stana  
*Mile Stevanovic* – In loving memory of Bogoslav Stevanovic  
*Dejan & Gordana Subotic* – In loving memory of Srecko, Katica, Pareskeva, Dragutin, Milan, Milka, Aleksandar, Ljiljana, Ljuban, Anka & Nikola  
*Varvara* – In loving memory of Zora, Dragica, Emilijan, Milovan, Dana, Sara, Novak, Ilija, Bojan, Goran, Mitar, Marko, Mileva, Jelka, Djura, Zdravko, Ratko, Zika, Misa & Ljuba  
*Mira Vidic* – In loving memory of Baba Kata  
*Mary Jane Vujovic* – In loving memory of Carl & Alice Brell  
*Totka Zhekova* – In loving memory of Dobromir, Minka, Ivanka, Tencho, Yavka & srodnisi  
*John & Andreana Zafiroopoulos* – In loving memory of his mother Stavroula, Connie & Andrew Raptis

**Live Music for Paschal lunch: Tri Šešira Orchestra**

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**KSS**

The KSS is planning to provide food catering services as a fund raising activity. Contact Sonja Orlovic if you would like to help.

Annual dues are \$20.

Mother's Day: Children's program to honor our mothers. Contest for the best cake.

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## Choir

The church choir had a very difficult winter this year. What with broken bones, commitments to care giving to elder parents, typical winter health issues, etc. etc. etc. a sobering thought came to mind. Who will, as the Prokeimenon in Tone 3 states, “Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!”, sing these praises during the divine liturgy when we are not able to do so? Every hymn the choir sings is a prayer to God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit and/or Saints. This is true from the first Amen to the last Amen.

As Stewards of our FAITH it should be the responsibility of all of us to make certain that these songs/hymns do not become silent. Please come join us for weekly practices on Wednesday’s at 7:00 pm or after liturgy twice per month (see church calendar for specific dates). Let us together sing praises to our God now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Please call Vjera Melton at 206 612-9171 for more information.

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## Home Blessing – *Освештавање домова*

Please contact Fr. Ilija to arrange for the blessing of your home.

Молим Вас, контактирајте о. Илију да се договорите када да Вам освештава дом.

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## Youth Conference – “Keeping It Real: Honoring God By Being Yourself!”

The Serbian Orthodox Church in N. & S. America will be holding the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Conference in Seattle (Seattle Pacific University), June 22-26, 2011. This conference is open to Orthodox Youth ages 14-18 (from the summer prior to 9<sup>th</sup> grade through the summer following 12<sup>th</sup> grade). This conference will challenge our youth to look at themselves as Serbian Orthodox, in the context of their families, friends, and relationships. Registration fee is \$150 and must be received along with the application by June 1, 2011. Contact Fr. Ilija if you are interested to have your teenager attend this popular conference and to receive registration materials.

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**Monastery Mileševa** is one of the most important Serbian medieval monasteries. It's situated about six kilometers from the city of Prijepolje, on Mileševka river banks in Serbia . It was built between 1219 and 1235, as the endowment of King Stefan Vladislav Nemanjić, in the Raška style. This monastery acquired great importance, after the transfer of the relics of St. Sava from Trnovo (Bulgaria), in 1236. The relics of St. Sava stayed in this monastery until 1594 when the Turks to the relics and burned them on Vračar.