

ST. SAVA SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2006 ANNOUNCEMENTS - *OBJAVE*

CHURCH-SCHOOL – Црквена Школа: At an earlier Church Board Meeting it was decided to form a Church-School Board to facilitate the administration of the church-school. Due to the time required to find individuals to serve on the board, school registration is scheduled for October 1. We also have a need for teachers. Anyone wishing to serve on the church-school board or to be a teacher may contact Fr. Ilija by September 6.

HOUSE BLESSING – Водица: It is not too late to have your home blessed if it hasn't been blessed within the last year. If you just moved into a new house or apartment it is appropriate to have your home blessed as soon as possible. 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.

CHOIR - Хор: Whoever is musically inclined is encouraged to join this vital ministry to help lead the worship response melodies. Choir practices every Tuesday evening at 7:30 pm unless noted otherwise.

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? Remember that to be a steward (parishioner in good standing) you have to be baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christian, be at least 18 years old, regularly participate in worship services of the Church and regularly receive the Holy Mysteries (Sacraments) of Confession and Holy Communion in our St. Sava Church, satisfy your pledge commitment, and comply with all other relevant provisions of the Church's Bylaws and the Constitution and Rules and Regulations of the Serbian Orthodox Church. *Да будете старатељи (парохијани у добро стање) морате бити крштењи и миропомазани као Православни хришћанин, да имате најмање 18 година, да често долазите на Богослужење и да редовно примате Свете Тајне Исповест и Причест у нашој цркви Св. Сава, да задовољите ваше финансијске обечања, да придржавате свих значајнијих одредаба црквеног Правилника, црквеног Устава и других закона и уредаба Српске Православне Цркве.* 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.

CONFESSION / HOLY COMMUNION: Please consider the importance of having your confession heard and receiving Holy Communion. One cannot truly experience the life of the Church if one neglects participating in the Holy Mysteries. It is best to give yourself enough time to confess your sins, so come on Saturday evening to have your confession heard. It is also spiritually beneficial to attend vespers on Saturday evening if you plan to receive Holy Communion on Sunday. *Молим вас да разматрате зашто је важно да се исповедите и примите Свету Тајну Причестиће. Заиста неможе човек да доживи живот у цркви ако не обраћа пажњу да учествује у свете тајне. Добро је да себи дадеш довољно време да исповедиш своје грешке, тако дођите у суботу у вече да се исповедите. Ако планирате да примите Свету Тајну Причест дођите на вечерњој богослужење у суботу у вече гати буде духовно корисно.*

CHURCH COMMITTEES – Црквени Одбори: If anyone would like to serve on any committees (new property search, stewardship, bylaws, etc.) please contact the Church Board.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS – Питања и одговори: If anyone has any issues or concerns regarding our parish in general, please bring them to the attention of the Church Board or Fr. Ilija regarding our Orthodox Faith, Worship and Holy Tradition. Thank you.

FEES – Цене: Fees for various services performed at Church or at the home, and rental of the hall are posted on the bulletin board in the Church Hall. Contact any Church Board member or Fr. Ilija if you have any questions. To make it easier for recording please put your donation/honorarium in an envelope and designate how the money is to be distributed. *Ценовник за разне духовне потребе обављено у цркви или у кући и издавање црквену салу се налази на таблу у црквену салу. Контактирајте чланови управног одбора или оца Илије ако имате питања. Да би било лакше да се уведе ваш прилог-хонорариум ставите га у коферту и забележи како да се подели.*

LUNCHEES – Ручкови:

The KSS will sponsor luncheons every last Sunday of the month unless noted otherwise.

The Choir will sponsor luncheons every second Sunday of the month unless noted otherwise.

If anyone would like to organize a lunch, please contact Gordana Cekarmis.

FISH FRY – Посна Вечера: In an effort to increase the fellowship and interaction of parishioners, the Church Board decided to have “fish fries” once a month on Fridays. Along with this lenten supper a presentation will be made followed by a discussion.

MAILING – Пошта: Please let us know if you are moving so that we can correct our database and not have to pay for returned mail. Thank you! *Ако се селите, молим вас да нам доставите вашу нову адресу да неби црква плачала поштарину на пошту која се враћа. Хвала!*

CHURCH BUILDING PAINTING – Фарбање црквену зграду: It is time to paint the exterior of the church building and help is needed in the form of labor, paint, supplies, equipment, and of course money to cover the cost of materials, etc. Of course, all labor is to be donated. Please contact Dan Cekarmis at 253 – 826 1012 and let him know what you can donate. The work is scheduled to start September 16, 2006 and last at least for 3 weekends. *Време је да се фарба црквена зграда од споља. Ко може да помогне са радном снагом, матриал, и.т.д. обратите се Душану Чекармишу на број 253 – 826 1012 што пре. Рад почиње 16. септембра. 2006.*

CALENDAR – Календар:

Correction to the Master Calendar (see attached calendar for Sept for further details):

Sept 9	Zabava by Drina rescheduled for Sept 16
Sept 10	Church School Registration rescheduled for October.
Sept 14	No Divine Liturgy
Sept 23	No zabava

As scheduled Divine Liturgy any morning at 10 am and Vespers any evening at 6 pm unless noted otherwise.

Please be respectful to God and considerate to those present by coming to Church before Divine Liturgy starts. After a church service starts it is also very disrespectful to be outside talking and making “noise”. Молим вас да дођете у цркву пре почетка св. Литургије да би били уљудни према Богу и пажљиви према присутном народу. Исто није уљудно да се напоље прића и буна да се прави када је већ Богослужење почело.

TRIENNIAL SABOR – Трoгодишњи сабор: The 19th Triennial Sabor was held August 9-11, 2006 at St. Lazarus Serbian Orthodox Church in Detroit, MI. The theme of this sabor was “Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and yes, and forever.” The highlights of the sabor are as follows:

In addition to the assembly of a total of 180 clergy and delegates representing all four dioceses, the Kolo Srpski Sestara and Youth had their own assemblies. This was the first time a youth conference was held and it was very successful. At the end of the Sabor the youth finalists of the St. Nikolai Oratorical Festival were heard.

On August 8, before the Sabor began, Metropolitan Isaiah of the Greek Metropolis of Denver addressed the clergy with the theme: “Consider your call, brethren...” Following the presentation the clergy brotherhood had their annual meeting.

The Sabor was officially opened with the Invocation of the Holy Spirit August 9. Met. Isaiah was the keynote speaker talking about “The Church and the Future.”

Reports from the Christian Education, Stewardship, Youth Ministry, Liturgical Music, Communications and Publications, and Serbian Culture and Heritage Committees were reviewed and approved. The work of these standing committees continues to be beneficial for our church now and in the future.

Workshops were held on Christian Education, Stewardship, Youth Ministry, Liturgical Music, Communications and Publications, and Serbian Culture and Heritage.

A number of revisions to the Rules and Regulations of the Serbian Orthodox Church in the U.S.A. and Canada were presented. After much discussion the revisions, minor and substantive, were approved. Some of the highlights of these revisions consisted of:

Parish administration, the formation of parishes, the formal identification of the Office of the Diaconate, responsibilities of clergy, clergy and clergy wives benefits, clarifying parishioner in good standing, responsibilities of the Church Executive Board, selecting candidates for the Church Executive Board, and selecting the nominating committees.

Members to the Central Church Council were selected. Representing the Western Diocese are: Donald Kral, Bosko Momic, Dr. Debra Tasic and alternate Mimo Papich. Vice Pres. Ron Radakovich; Bishop’s Deputy: Fr. Velimir Petakovic; appointed priest: Fr. Nikola Ceko.

The Resolutions Committee presented two resolutions which were accepted by the Sabor:

Greeting His Holiness Patriarch Pavle, Hierarchs of the Serbian Orthodox Church and the declaration of protection to all of the Holy Places and return of refugees. The Assembly offered its support to the Standing Committees of the Serbian Orthodox Church in the U.S.A. and Canada. The Assembly also called on all parishes and faithful to adhere to the teachings of the Church regarding proper means of parish support and unity. The Resolution also addressed moral issues faced and a call to work together and speak out on social issues and the support of charities. It additionally expressed the joy of the service to the church by graduates of our Theological school, the youth association established by this assembly and the ongoing work of our K.S.S.

A separate Resolution on Kosovo and Metohija, calling for the attention of the USA and Canada and the world to assure human rights for all and protection for the holy places – Churches and Monasteries of the Serbian Orthodox Church, and that it always remain a part of Serbia and all displaced persons be returned.

Met. Christopher thanked everyone for their participation and the Sabor concluded with a prayer.