

THE ST. NIKOLA CONNECTION

The Official Newsletter of St. Nikola Serbian Orthodox Church
3802 E. Squire Ave., P.O. Box 564
Cudahy, WI 53110,
July, 2015

COMING UP...

JULY 4: DIOCESAN PICNIC; GRACANICA

JULY 2,9,16,23,30: FELLOWSHIP DISCUSSION GROUP; 6:45-8:15 PM, CHURCH HALL

JULY 19: REGULAR MONTHLY CHURCH BOARD MEETING, AFTER CHURCH; EVERYONE WELCOME

JULY 25: CHURCH PICNIC; CALEDONIA, 10:30 AM-6PM

COMING SOON...

OCT. 3: 50TH CHOIR ANNIVERSARY ZABAVA, CHURCH HALL

OCT. 4: FRESCO BLESSING

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GOT NEWS? Contact Helga

Nikolic, newsletter editor, at (414) 476-2876 / email: stnikolaconnection@gmail.com with info, address change, etc. by the 25th of the month for next issue.

COME ON DOWN
AND HAVE A

GOOD TIME

At the
ANNUAL ST. NIKOLA
CHURCH PICNIC
SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2015

10:30 am to 6 pm

"Oplenac" Picnic Grounds
Hwy. V, Caledonia

Music by: "Timocki Kristali" w/ singer Tanja

- FOOD: BBQ Pig, BBQ Chicken, Cevaps, Sweets
- BEVERAGES for Young and Old
- KIDS' ACTIVITIES
- AUCTION
- RAFFLE: \$1,000 1st prize; \$500 2nd prize; \$250 3rd prize; \$150 4th prize; \$50 5th & 6th prize

DOBRO NAM DOŠLI!!



Meet St. Nikola's "Community"

(Here's a chance to meet some of the St. Nikola "family" who are part of the rich fabric of our community life. If you know of someone who should be featured, please contact Helga Nikolic [stnikolaconnection@gmail.com] with your suggestions.)



St. Nikola's Goodwill Ambassadors through Song Our Church Concert Choir at SOCA's 50th

To say that our church choir (officially "Draza Mihailovich" Choir) is phenomenal is an understatement. They lift our souls spiritually during church services with their beautiful harmonies, they show their joy when they perform at various programs, and they show how they truly enjoy singing when they spontaneously break into song at gatherings when a group of them is together. But the SOCA (Serbian Orthodox Choral Association) Festival is their time to shine, and our beautiful group absolutely "glowed" during their performance at SOCA's 50th Anniversary Concert in Indianapolis May 30th. Although the entire choir could not make the trip, the concert group represented our church with style. Members of the "concert choir" were: **Ron Babic, Dragi & Miki Djordjevic, Christina Emmrich, Ostoja & Slavko Grabovac, Don & Mileva Rick, Erika & Nada Simic, Tommy Spremo, Ljuba Stoker, Jenny Sweetland, Fred & Natalija Walker, Tina Weidinger and, Director, Milena Walker.** Key supporters also traveled with the choir: Dana Spremo, Robert Emmrich, Aleks Simic, Danko & Mirko Rick. Congratulations on always representing our church with such finesse and professionalism. Rounding out our talented choir are those who could not make the trip but are no less valued: *Lily Hubbard, Ljubinka Icovski, Shirley Kresovic, Irene Nikolic, Jean Pavlovic, Vera Pejnovic, Dan Petkovic, Donna & Mickey Radjenovich, Popadija Cheri Radovancevic, Danilo Rankovic, Marianne Tomic, Sue Tomich, Andja and Vera Trifunovic.* You all give our little church it's "Heart"!

ST. NIKOLA CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015-16

The following events and dates were determined at the Feb. 15th monthly meeting of the new Church Board, and are subject to change:

July 25:	Church Picnic
Oct. 2:	SOCA Convention
Oct. 3:	"Draza Mihailovich" Choir 50th Anniversary Zabava
Oct. 4:	Blessing of New Frescoes/Banquet w/ His Grace Bishop Longin
Oct. 11:	KSS Slava
Dec. 13	Church Slava celebration
Jan. 24	Sveti Sava Slava and Program

St. Nikola Serbian Orthodox Church Invites You to



**Come for Coffee, Stay for Fellowship
Every Sunday, After Divine Liturgy in the
Church Hall**

After worshipping together on Sundays, it's a wonderful opportunity to socialize and get to know each other better...and have a little "treat" as well! Our St. Nikola community has come together to host "Fellowship Coffee" every Sunday after church.

DATE

HOST

July 5: Popadija Cheri, Nick Gerhartz, Andja Trifunovic
July 12: Serbian Soccer Club Slava/Coffee Hour
July 19: Bob & Shirley Kresovic
July 26: Helga Nikolic, Christina Emmrich, Ljuba Stoker, Tina Weidinger

TOPPER'S PIZZA IS TOPS!!

You meet such great people at a rummage sale...like the great crew from TOPPER'S Pizza (South Milw.) who saw that we were holding our Church Rummage Sale in May and delivered complimentary pizza sticks and sauce for our workers. We LIKE Topper's ..and you will, too!!





Our KSS "Kraljica Marija" has come into the 21st century with a new professional grade stove with both convection & standard ovens for more efficient cooking. An instructional presentation will be held Tues., July 7th @ 6pm for those interested in its use.

If you love coming to church functions because of the great food, KSS "Kraljica Marija" needs your help to continue providing the delicious meals we have all become accustomed to. The professional grade stove in the kitchen has been replaced, as it was not baking evenly anymore and there were serious problems with the burners. The new stove is a combination model with one convection oven and one standard oven and 10 burners...at a cost of close to \$9,000. The deep fryer and some other equipment also needs replacing, for another \$1,000. Can you help with these costs by a donation to the Kolo, earmarked specifically for the stove? KSS "Kraljica Marija" has always maintained the kitchen and purchased appliances, dishes, flatware, serving pieces and linens for the church. We have several events coming up in Fall and we need your help NOW! Mara Momcilovic, Pres., Gordana Tomasevic, Treas., or Christina Emmrich, Sec'y., will be happy to take your donation. Mnogo Hvala!

KSS DUHOVI PICNIC: A NEW TWIST ON AN OLD TRADITION



The 2015 KSS "Duhovi Picnic" had some fresh ideas. The "picnic" was held at church on June 7th, planned for outside (like the "Cevaps on the Lawn" events), but ending up in the hall out of the wind and chill of the day. Raznjici and grilled pork steaks were offered, with salad, oven roasted potatoes, gibanice and desserts. Thanks to all the sisters who helped cook & grill the tasty raznjici, serve and clean up. Thanks, also, to Aleks Nikolic, for grilling the tantalizing pork steaks and to all those sisters who contributed desserts. KSS is grateful for the monetary donations as well as the support of the attendees who enjoyed the food and company at the event.

CHURCH RAFFLE: DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!

Our church is again holding a \$2,000 CASH RAFFLE, with the drawing to be held at the Church Picnic, July 25th. The tickets are \$10 each for a chance to win \$1,000, \$500, \$250, \$150 or \$50. Only 400 tickets have been printed, so your chances to win are pretty good! So far, only half of the tickets are out to Parishioners to sell. If you would be willing to sell tickets (or buy them), please contact Mike Kresovic @ (262) 312-8355 (phone or text) or email: mkresovic@gmail.com. Don't be left behind; get those tickets!!

SOCA'S 50th: A WINNER AT INDY

The 50th Festival Celebration of SOCA (Serbian Orthodox Choral Association) was held in Indianapolis, IN, the weekend of May30-31, 2015. The host choir, "Jovan Duchich", of the St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church, and their priest Fr. Dragan Petrovic with his congregation, graciously welcomed five choirs from around the Midwest: "Stevan Mokranjac" Choir of Cicago; "Karadjordje" Choir of Merrillville, IN; "Kornelije Stankovic" Choir of East Chicago, IN; "Draza Mihailovich" Choir of Cudahy, and the "Vladika John" Choir of Holy Transfiguration Church in Crawfordsville, IN. All festivities and concert were held in the church hall and pavilion.



The massed choirs get ready to perform at the SOCA Concert.



An appreciative audience assembled in the hall.



A young tambura group from St. Nicholas; their priest, Fr. Dragan Petrovic, joined in on the drum.

Welcome greetings were given by parish priest, Fr. Dragan Petrovic. Past presidents of this national organization, who attended, were recognized: Mary Lou Suitca, Joliet, IL; Desa Stojanovic Gushue, Hamilton, Canada; Milenko Vuckovich, St. Louis, MO; Darinka Radoja, Hamilton, Canada; and our own Ostoja Grabovac.

Of special note was the "Vladika John" Choir of Holy Transfiguration Church. The vast majority of this parish are converts to Orthodoxy. During the tragic bombings by NATO in the 1990's on Serbia, lasting 78 days, this parish had prayers given within their church 24/7 for the duration, praying for peace and an end to the bombings. It brings to mind the Beatitudes, where our

Lord and Savior said, "Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." Tears could be seen on the faces of all attendees after the choir's performance, which earned a standing ovation.

There were so many meaningful things about this event: on Friday evening, the Akathist service was held. At that time, people were able to venerate the holy relics of St. Nikola of Myra, which are safeguarded in their church; this St. Nicholas Church in "Indy" was the parish that bought and refurbished our Bishop's Throne that was damaged during the fire that ravaged our church in 2008, which they said our community to theirs. What a feeling! It was like being at home.

Our "Draza Mihailovich" Choir held the second SOCA Festival in 1967, followed again in 1973, 1986, 1994, 2001 and 2005. We hosted a National Convention in 1978 and, after all these years, we will host the 34th National Convention this coming Oct. 2nd and 3rd, coinciding with our own 50th Anniversary Concert/Dance on Sat., evening, Oct. 3rd.. Rounding out that memorable weekend, our church will have the Blessing of the Frescoes (Phase 2), concelebrated by His Grace Bishop Longin and our parish priest, Fr. Nikola Radovancevic, with visiting clergy. The Banquet will follow in our church hall. SAVE THE DATES...more info will follow.

—Ostoja Grabovac; Tina Weidinger

ABSOLUTE LAST CALL FOR PHONE DIRECTORY INFO!

In order to have the new church phone directory, being created by our choir, ready for distribution by the choir's 50th Anniversary Oct. 3rd, you have until JULY 31st to get any address or phone changes in to the committee. Please leave any info at the church candle counter, send to church (P.O. Box 564, Cudahy, 53110) or email Tina Weidinger @ krstina@wi.rr.com.

How to Have Fun at the Church Picnic...Get Involved!

Our Church Picnic on July 25th promises a good time for all...but it can't run itself. We always need a few more helpers in all areas. Slavko Grabovac is picnic chairman; contact him (262.822-1433) if you can help. We also need everyone's best desserts or gibanice to sell at the "Sweets Station". Contact Helga Nikolic (414.476-2876) if you can donate. Thanks for helping make a good thing BETTER!

"Let the children come to me,"
Jesus said to those who believed.
Do not hinder them at all
For the kingdom belongs to these.
They have ears to hear and eyes to see,
Why are we so deaf and blind?
Can we not perceive their need
for Him who is gentle and kind?
...Teach the children holiness
The kingdom belongs to these.
—from Gladsome Light CD, Eikona singers

Book Suggestion: As parents (and grandparents), we are always looking for guidelines for the upbringing of our children. We want them to learn values in a faith-based tradition, but, frankly, there is not much out there to help pave the way. A book you may want to consider is "**WALKING IN WONDER**", **Nurturing Orthodox Christian Virtues in your Children**, by Elizabeth White. The author is a convert to Eastern Orthodoxy, She is the director of Spokane (WA) Montessori School and an instructor for a Montessori teaching training course. Check our bookstore; if it's not there now, you can order it I got my copy from the Gracanica Bookstore, so I know it is readily available.

Excerpts from Walking in Wonder Introduction:

"Providing religious training for children in today's spiritually bankrupt society is not an easy task for parents or educators; yet it must be our primary goal. The consequences of neglecting a child's spiritual upbringing become more and more apparent as we see an ever-increasing number of Orthodox youth abandon the faith, or worse, attempt to combine it with popular world-views that are irreconcilable with genuine Christianity. Our contemporary culture is drawing our youth away from an Orthodox mindset and way of life. A child who has lacked proper spiritual nourishment in his early years will have a more difficult time keeping on the right path and reaching his full potential in Christ. Recognizing, accepting, and responding to divine grace will be as unnatural to him as trying to speak an unfamiliar foreign language.

St. Theophan said, "*Of all holy works, the education of children is the most holy.*" He also offered this challenge:

...one may know man's final goal: communion with God. And one may describe the path to it: faith, and walking in the commandments, with the aid of Divine Grace. One need only say in addition: here is the path—start walking!

This is easily said, but how to do it? For the most part the very desire to walk is lacking...

One may ask, "How does one reach the point where desire is born to walk toward God on the path of Christ?" What does one do so the law will imprint itself on the heart, and man, acting according to this law, will act as if from himself, unconstrained, so that this law will not lie on him, but will as it were proceed from him?

...In many ways children are closer to God than adults. They enjoy a natural, spontaneous relationship with Him and do not entertain doubts that creep into adult thinking. That spark of divine grace given at baptism is waiting to burst into full flame. The problem is not so much *what* truths to teach children, but *how* to present truth on a child's level—or how to provide spiritual nourishment in experiential ways without extinguishing the gift of grace, along with its youthful zeal.

...This book is my humble effort to assist the caregiver and educator in finding practical ways to instill in our children the desire "to walk toward God on the path of Christ" in the ordinary experiences of daily life."

This is a book that is not only inspirational, but full of common sense. It's an easy read (just 67 pages), but a thought-provoking one of interest to parents and educators alike.

St. Nikola Church needs your help!
We need people for the following:

- *Grass cutting at Caledonia*
- *Maintenance work around church & rectory*
- *Flowers & weeding around church*
- *Chair repair and cleaning project*
- *Caledonia picnic area maintenance and cleaning*

If interested in helping, please email Fr. Nikola at otacnikola@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE
JOIN US
Oct. 2nd: SOCA CONVENTION
Oct. 3rd: CHOIR 50th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT/DANCE
Oct. 4th: BLESSING OF FRESCOES (PHASE 2); BANQUET TO FOLLOW

BOARD BRIEFS

PRILOZI / DONATIONS TO ST. NIKOLA CHURCH



June 21, 2015

Donations:

Jelena Subotic.....\$10.00
 Gordana Tomasevic.....10.00
 Detlef Pavlovic.....40.00
 NN.....60.00

Stewardship:

Ivan & Martha Pavlovic.....\$ 40.00
 Milan & Irene Nikolic.....50.00

ST. NIKOLA CHURCH BOARD

(Updated)

Priest: Rev. Nikola Radovancevic
President: Milan Nikolic
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Treasurer: Mileva Rick
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May 31, 2015

Zadusnice:

Aleks & Helga Nikolic.....\$ 10.00
 James & Milka Buege.....25.00
 Gordana Tomasevic.....10.00
 Milan & Irene Nikolic.....20.00

June 7, 2015

Stewardship:

Robert & Christina Emmrich.....\$ 60.00

Other donations:

Mitar Knezic, *for his Slava St. Jovan...* 20.00
 Dobrivoje & Slavica Miletich, *IMO ocu, Miodrag; majke, Zorke; dedi, Radivoju; babi, Roksandi; ocu, Svetomiru; sestri, Snezani; bratu, Slavku*.....75.00
 Helga Nikolic, *IMO dad, Trifun*.....10.00
 Robert & Christina Emmrich, *IMO our parents*.....10.00
 Nenad & Nada Derikonja.....20.00
 Jelena Latinovic.....100.00
 NN.....40.00

June 14, 2015

Drenka Grubor.....\$ 20.00
 Olga Marley.....25.00
 David Nikolic.....5.00
 Christina & Robert Emmrich, *IMO my parents*.....10.00
 Miroslav & Mary Pavlovic, *za pokoj duse roditelja*.....20.00

TO BE NOTED...

Additional Donations Recorded:

EASTER:

Emil Prodanovic.....\$ 50.00
 Slobodan & Ljuba Mejc.....30.00

CHURCH LIGHTING PROJECT:

Rade Radosavljevic.....100.00

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

If you know someone who should be getting the newsletter, but is NOT, please have them contact Helga Nikolic (414) 476-2876 with address info.

WEBSITE UP & RUNNING

In addition to a Facebook and Twitter presence, St. Nikola Church now has a website, created by Duke Mihajlovic. He is looking for current content, as well as historical and archival items. You can access the website by going to stnikola.org. Contact Duke by email @ duke@ohhanson.com with ideas.

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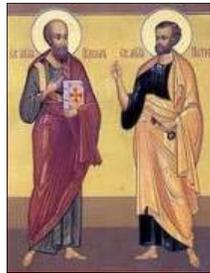
BOOKSTORE OPEN!

Come and check out our church bookstore, located right across from the candle counter. There are a variety for religious books and items to appeal to all age groups. The bookstore is open every Sunday before and after church. If you're looking for something you don't see on the shelves, Bookstore Co-ordinator, Nada Cosic, will find out where to order it for you. Stop in and talk to her about it, or fill out an order form and she will get back to you.

St. Nikola Church 2015 Budget (Update:Year-to-Date:6/28/15)

BUDGET ITEM	EXPENSES		INCOME	
	Proposed	Actual to date	Proposed	Actual to date
Beverages	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 910.67	\$ 6500.00	\$ 2,303.00
Caledonia	3,200.00	561.97	3,200.00	1,300.00
Church Exp./Inc. (candles,Tas,icon)	5,000.00	3,148.40	12,000.00	9,099.00
Cookbooks (Bibles)			400.00	135.00
Bookstore	\$ 1,000.00	303.76	1,750.00	697.00
Donations			13,000.00	6,146.00
Christmas			8,000.00	8,088.00
Easter			6,000.00	8,655.00
Slava			3,000.00	0.00
Hall Rental			2,000.00	500.00
Gas & Electric	6,500.00	3,563.08		
Insurance	11,000.00	7,110.00		
Membership Dues	4,500.00	1,500.00	8,500.00	2,975.00
Op. Expenses	3,700.00	2,480.27		
Newsletter	1,400.00	521.84	1,400.00	270.00
Priest/Janitor Salaries	27,000.00	11,250.00		
Rectory	2,000.00	1,196.00		
Repair & Maintenance	3,000.00	1,404.64		
Stewardship			10,000.00	7,795.00
Zabavas/Dinners			10,000.00	4,014.00
Church Picnic			4,000.00	0.00
Fundraising/Raffle			2,000.00	3,658.50
Miscellaneous (coffee hrs.)	1,500.00	1,213.80	1,000.00	137.00
Church lights project	895.00			
Loan payback		4,000.00		
TOTALS	\$ 73,195.00	\$ 39,164.43	\$ 93,550.00	\$ 56,461.50

РАСПОРЕД СВЕТИХ БОГОСЛУЖЕЊА ЗА МЕСЕЦ ЈУЛ, 2015



STS. PETER & PAUL, JULY 12

SCHEDULE OF HOLY SERVICES FOR JULY, 2015

- 5 Јул: НЕДЕЉА 5. ПО ДУХОВИМА; ИСПОВЕСТ
У 9:30 ЧАС., Св. ЛИТУРГИЈА ИЊ
ПРИЧЕСТ У 10:00 ЧАС.
- 7 Јул: УТОРАК; РОЂЕЊЕ Св. ЈОВАНА; Св.
СЛУЖБА У 10 ЧАС.
- 12 Јул: НЕДЕЉА 6. ПО ДУХОВИМА; ИСПОВЕСТ У
9:30 ЧАС.; Св. ЛИТУРГИЈА И ПРИЧЕСТ У
10:00 ЧАС.
- 19 Јул: НЕДЕЉА 7. ПО ДУХОВИМА; ИСПОВЕСТ
У 9:00 ЧАС; Св. ЛИТУРГИЈА И ПРИЧЕСТ У
10 ЧАС.
- 26 Јул: НЕДЕЉА 8. ПО ДУХОВИМА; ИСПОВЕСТ У
9:00 ЧАС., Св.ЛИТУРГИЈА И ПРИЧЕСТ У
10:00ЧАС.

- July 5: 5th Sunday after Pentecost; Confession, 9:30 am; Holy Liturgy, 10 a.m.
- July 7: Tuesday; **Nativity of St. John the Baptist**; Holy Service at 10 a.m.
- July 12: 6th Sunday after Pentecost; **STS. PETER & PAUL**; Confession, 9:30 am; Holy Liturgy, 10 am.
- July 19: 7th Sunday after Pentecost; Confession, 9:30 am; Holy Liturgy, 10 am.
- July 26: 8th Sunday after Pentecost; Confession, 9:30 am; Holy Liturgy, 10 am.
- With Blessing
Rev. Fr. Nikola Radovancevic, Parish Priest

С'БЛАГОСЛОВОМ,

ОТАЦ НИКОЛА РАДОВАНЧЕВИЋ, ПАРОХ

"The only difference between a saint and a sinner is that every saint has a past and every sinner has a future."

—Oscar Wilde

JUST A REMINDER...

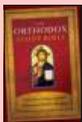
...Vespers are served every Saturday evening at St. Nikola Church at 5:30 pm. Confession is offered afterward as an alternative to Sunday am confession.

GIFT IDEAS

It's always a good time to think about gift-giving. Two ideas are available at the Candle Counter in church:



"Cooking in the Serbian Tradition", our 400-recipe, hardcover cookbook.....\$15.00



"The Orthodox Study Bible", beautiful, hardcover edition, with full-color icons..\$35.00

THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Every Christian ought:

- To go to church for public worship every Sunday, and on great holy days, besides the every day private prayers;
- To keep the fast periods and fast days as prescribed;
- To respect the priests as spiritual fathers;
- To confess sins with repentance before a priest';
- To avoid association with unbelievers and to read no atheistic, vulgar books;
- To pray for the living and for the dead;
- To keep special fasts and prayers when they are ordered by the Church authorities in times of emergency such as war, pestilence, hunger, drought, etc.
- To support the maintenance of the church, Church servants and Church institutions;
- To educate children by the Faith of our Fathers, and to admonish sinners to return to the Faith.
- To help in every respect the Orthodox Church's mission in this world.

—From *The Faith of the Saints, A Catechism*, by Bishop Nikolai Velimirovic

We're Here to Help....

The mission of the Church, and in this case, our own St. Nikola Church, is to help its community remain strong, both spiritually and physically. If you need help in any way, or know someone who does, please contact Fr. Nikola (414.403-9361) or email: otacnikola@gmail.com. Your privacy will be respected, but we know everyone can use a helping hand at times.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

Mrs. Olga Glavas-Trbic
Mrs. Ljubinka Icovski
Mr. Slavko Jevtic
Mr. Nick Kontich
Mrs. Slavka Lemajic
Mrs. Ljuba Mejic
Mrs. Smiljana Ninkovic
Mr. Blagoje Otic
Mrs. Katarina Pacirski
Mr. Branko Petrovic
Mr. Zika Petrovic
Mrs. Marija Zigic

(Please let us know of those who are ill or incapacitated, so we can include them "in our thoughts and prayers".)



DON'T FORGET...

You can "follow" us on Facebook and Twitter and stay up-to-date on events and announcements concerning St. Nikola Church. Aren't "signed up"? *Nema problema...* just Google "St. Nikola Church Cudahy and you will find a link to Facebook; same with Twitter: St. Nikola Church@Twitter will get you there.



MOVE OVER, RED LOBSTER...SEAFOOD BBQ IS HERE!



What began as an experiment will probably turn into a tradition at St. Nikola. To accommodate the Lenten Season of Sts. Peter & Paul, the "Cevaps on the Lawn" format we instituted last summer was adjusted into a "seafood BBQ", with plate lunches of grilled shrimp on skewers, grilled cod with "Serbian sauce" topping, rice pilaf, corn on the cob and salad, all served in a casual, picnic-like environment, intended to be outside "on the lawn." Unfortunately, every "Lawn" event we've had this year so far has been cold, windy or rainy. But, the hall provided a great venue...and a warm, dry one!

More than 60 guests enjoyed the food, and were lavish in their praise of it...and the cooks! The cod was grilled by Strahinja Stojanovic, with the "Serbian sauce" made by KSS president, Mara Momcilovic, who also prepared the pilaf and corn. George Pavlovic prepared and grilled the shrimp skewers right outside on the grill, so they were piping hot when they were served. Popadija Cheri made her popular salad and Gordana Pantelic provided the coffee hour dessert treats, along with several other women from the parish. Thank you to all from a grateful, and appreciative, parish. All in all, a gourmet "picnic" lunch ... no one even noticed it was Lenten!

We have another Lenten period, The Most Holy Virgin Mary's Fast, coming up in mid-August for a 2-week duration. If we have another Seafood BBQ, the Church Board would like your input as to the menu. Please let a Board Member, or the president (Milan Nikolic) know if you would like to have:

Combination Plate _____ Fish only/*samo riba* _____ Shrimp only / *samo shrimp* _____

GODISNJI PIKNIK CRK. SVE NIKOLA

U Subotu 25tog Jula, Crkva Sv. Nikola odrzace svoj godisnji piknik na imanju "Oplenac" u Kaledoniji sa pocetkom u 10:30 pre podne. Muzika ce biti "Timocki Kristal" sa pevacicom Tanjom. Takodje bice pecenje, pecena piletina, cevapcici, gibanice, kolaci i pice za mlade srednje dodiste i stanje osobe. Takodje bice stvari za mladju decu. Takodje bice lutrija za pare sa prvom nagradom \$1,000, druga nagrada \$500, treca nagrada \$250, cetvrta nagrada \$150 i peta i sesta nagrada od \$50. Tikete su samo \$10 i samo 400 tikete je stampano. Ne morate biti tamo da dobijete nagradu. Tikete se mogu kupiti od svih clanove uprave crkve Sv. Nikole.

Mi bih zeleli da pozovemo sve nase clanove, parohijane I priatelje crkve Sv. Nikole, od svakog godista, da dodju i da sa nama provedu ovaj piknik.

—Uprava Sv. Nikole