

THE ST. NIKOLA CONNECTION

The Official Newsletter of St. Nikola Serbian Orthodox Church
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COMING UP...

AUGUST 6,13,20,27,: FELLOWSHIP DISCUSSION GROUP; 6:45-8:15 PM, CHURCH HALL

AUGUST 16: SEAFOOD BBQ 2, PICNIC LUNCH "ON THE LAWN" AFTER CHURCH;

AUGUST 16: REGULAR MONTHLY CHURCH BOARD MEETING, AFTER BBQ; EVERYONE WELCOME

COMING SOON...

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

OCT. 4: FRESCO BLESSING , WITH BANQUET FOLLOWING

ANOTHER PICNIC WELL DONE... First the Prep: Major Clean-Up/Paint-Up, July 18th



A productive crew of 18 workers cleaned and painted the pavilion, cut the grass and set up the supplies for St. Nikola's Annual Church Picnic at the Caledonia "Oplenac" grounds. Mnogo hvala to: Fr. Nikola Radovancevic, Popadija Cheri, Aleks & Helga NikoOlic, Milan & Irene Nikolic, Blagoje Icovski, Milan Kresovic, Ivan Pavlovic, Ostoja & Slavko Grabovac. Don & Danko Rick, Miroslav Pavlovic, Mitch ("Mico") Pavlovic, Vlada Ljubic, Miso & Jelena Vasiljevic. Great job!

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HALL RENTAL

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Then the Party/Picnic: July 25th!



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.

AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

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.)



"REBIRTH" STARTS WITH SLAVA SERBIAN SPORT CLUB REORGANIZES

The Serbian Sport Club, whose soccer teams play at our Caledonia grounds and who have a long history as part of our St. Nikola congregation, have reorganized, elected a new Board, set up club guidelines, and pledged to help the church with projects and maintenance at the Caledonia facility in an effort to become a more integral part of our community.

They have accomplished this over the last year, while rebuilding their adult Major Division team. One of their new "traditions" has been to establish a club Slava, "Petrovdan" (Sts. Peter & Paul), which they celebrated on July 12th by hosting the Coffee Hour after church. Their officers and some players were on hand to participate in the Slava blessing and to meet parishioners at the Coffee Hour. Their Operations Director, Milorad ("Misa") Vasiljevic, said that next year they would celebrate a "real Slava" with a banquet at the church. Meet the Serbian Sport Club Board:

President: Goran Pantelic	Treasurer: Dusanka Rodic
VP: Dragan Tomic	Op. Dir.: Milorad Vasiljevic
VP: Dragan Paldermic	Asst. Dir./Publicist: Jovo Dragicevic
Secretary: Vladimir Lekovic	Djoko Topolovac: Head Coach

With such a beginning, a bright future is sure to be in store!

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:

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.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOST</u>
Aug. 2:	Rade & Biljana Latinovich & family
Aug. 9:	Derikonja Family
Aug. 16	SEAFOOD BBQ 2/Popadija Cheri
Aug. 23:	OPEN (posno)
Aug. 30:	OPEN (mrsno)

READY FOR SEAFOOD BBQ 2?

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2015

AFTER CHURCH SERVICES

"ON THE LAWN"

(weather permitting)

If you missed the first "Seafood on the Lawn" during the Apostles' Lent in June, you will have another chance to savor this wonderful meal on Aug. 16th during the Virgin Mary Lent. Seafood (grilled shrimp on skewers, grilled cod with "Serbian sauce"), potatoes, corn on the cob, salad and dessert will be served. What a wonderful way to enjoy God's blessings than to break bread together. Let's fill the church...and spill over onto the lawn!



To keep this beautiful new stove looking that way, our Kolo is initiating a "Clean the Kitchen" night every Tuesday in August & Sept.. All sisters who are available any of those Tuesdays at 6 pm are urged to join in to prepare for some important events in Oct. by a "total cleaning and organization" of the area. An inventory will be taken with worn out items to be replaced. The whole kitchen should be as shining and bright as the new stove! The first Work Night will be Tuesday, Aug. 4th.

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!

DON'T FORGET...

Friday, August 28th is the Feast of the Dormition ("falling asleep in the Lord") of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, the Diocesan KSS Slava at Gračanica. Everyone is invited to attend the Holy Liturgy at 10 am and the Slava Banquet, immediately following the service. Kolo Sestara is a backbone of our church community and they deserve our support.

GET WELL WISHES...

...to Mr. Dragan ("Dan") Bratkovich, 91, a founder and president of our church and choir, now living with his wife, Jela, in Tulsa, Oklahoma near his children, had a pacemaker installed on July 23rd and got through the surgery with flying colors. He is recuperating at home.

To add to the good news, his granddaughter, Rachel, delivered a baby girl on July 24th, so "Mr. & Mrs. B" can be happy great-grandparents for quite a while!

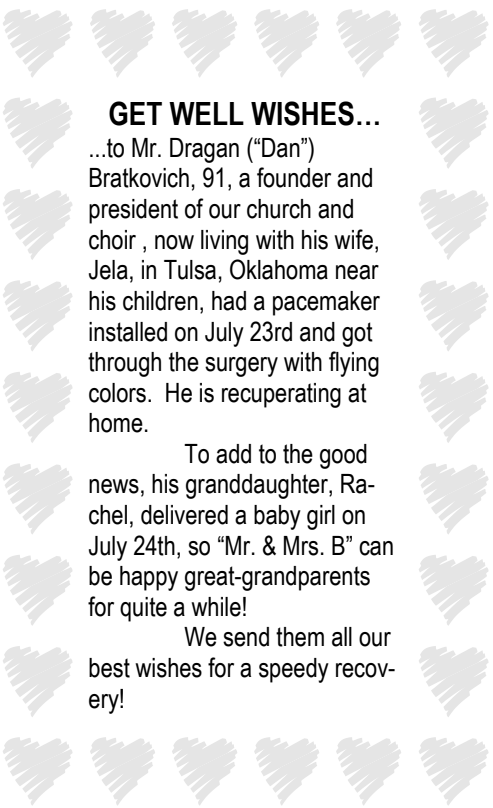
We send them all our best wishes for a speedy recovery!

News from our Sister Kolos:

The KSS of St. George Church in Joliet, IL has two exciting events coming up:

Sunday, August 30: The 85th Anniversary Celebration of Joliet KSS ; Divine Liturgy at 10 am, followed by: Noon reception with cocktails and appetizers; luncheon and program starting at 1 pm at St. George Social Center, 310 Stryker Ave., Joliet. Deadline for the Anniversary is August 17th.

Sunday, October 25: Lifeline Humanitarian Organization Fundraising Luncheon, 1-4 pm. Informational presentation after luncheon. Deadline Oct. 12th. Contact Danielle Serdar at (630) 709-7437 or email dserdar28@hotmail.com.



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"Wireless communication is nothing new. I've been praying for 75 years!"



SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH IN 2015

*2015 marks the canonization of two American Serbian saints in the Orthodox Church, one of whom had close ties with our St. Sava Monastery in Libertyville, IL. It seemed a good time to look back at centuries of highlights we should remember. (from The Calendar of the Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America)

850 years since the birth of Venerable Simon the Monk (Serbian King Stefan the First-Crowned), St. Sava's brother.

500 years since the martyrdom of St. George of Kratovo.

200 years since the martyrdom of St. Peter the Aleut, the first Native American saint (St. Herman of Alaska, having heard of Peter's martyrdom, said, "Holy New-martyr Peter, pray to God for us!")

200 years since the repose of Tesan Podrugovic, the main and favorite source of folk poems recorded and published by Vuk Karadzic.

175 years since the birth of Nikolai I Petrovic, King of Montenegro, founder of many churches, poet, hero and father-in-law of Peter I Karadjordjevic, King of Serbia.

150 years since the birth of St. Tikhon, Archbishop and Enlightener of North America, Confessor and Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, and founder of the Serbian Orthodox Mission in America.

150 years since the birth of Jovan Cvijic, scientist (geography, geology, geomorphology, climatology, anthropology, ethnography), President of the Serbian Royal Academy of Sciences and Rector Belgrade University.

90 years since the consecration of the foundation of the church at St. Sava Monastery in Libertyville, IL.

80 years since the repose of the **Right Reverend Bishop Mardarije Uskokovic**, the first Serbian bishop of America and Canada. *

75 years since the repose of the **V. Rev. Archimandrite Sebastian Dabovich**, the father of Serbian Orthodoxy in America.*

70 years since the repose of Petar Bojovic, Serbian army commander from the Balkan Wars and World War I and brother of Bishop Jefrem of Zica.

30 years of hierarchical service of Bishop Longin of New Gracanica and Midwestern America.

ABOUT CHURCH: The Dormition of the Theotokos

The feast of the **Dormition** or **Falling Asleep of the Theotokos** is celebrated on August 28th (new calendar), preceded by a 2-week fast. This feast, sometimes also called the **Assumption**, commemorates the death, resurrection and glorification of Christ's mother. It proclaims that Mary has been "assumed" by God into the heavenly kingdom of Christ in the fullness of her spiritual and bodily existence...

The feast of the **Dormition of the Theotokos** is the celebration of the fact that all men are "highly exalted" in the blessedness of the victorious Christ, and that this high exaltation has already been accomplished by Mary, the Theotokos. The feast of the Dormition is the sign, the guarantee, and the celebration that Mary's fate is the destiny of all those of "low estate" whose souls magnify the Lord, whose spirits rejoice in God the Saviour, whose lives are totally dedicated to hearing and keeping the Word of God which is given to men in Mary's child, the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

BOARD BRIEFS

PRILOZI / DONATIONS TO ST. NIKOLA CHURCH



July 19, 2015 (cont'd.)

Donations:
 NN.....60.00
 David Nikolic & fam.5.00
 Robert & Christina Emmrich, *for the health of our family*.....10.00
 Miomir Nesic, *za pokoj duse pemnulih u svojoj familiji*.....100.00

July 25-26, 2015

Stewardship:
 Aleks & Helga Nikolic.....\$ 50.00
 Milan & Irene Nikolic..... .50.00
Other donations:
 Dragica Milosevic, *za povodom slave*.....10.00
 Kosta & Duska Mirkovic.....100.00
 Church Picnic.....\$5,310.00

June 28, 2015

Stewardship:
 Aleks & Helga Nikolic.....\$ 50.00
 Suzanna Tomich.....40.00
 Robert & Christina Emmrich..... 60.00
Other donations:
 Drenka Grubor.....20.00
 George Pavlovic Family.....20.00
 Ljiljana Timanic.....20.00
 Gordana Tomasevic, *za pokoj duse mame Mirjane Sucevic*.....25.00
 Radomir & Zorica Miladinovich, *za zdravlje nase porodice*..... 100.00

July 5, 2015

Anon.\$ 60.00
 NN.....10.00
 Robert & Christina Emmrich, *for the health of our family*.....10.00

July 12, 2015

Stewardship:
 Ivan & Martha Pavlovic.....\$ 20.00
Other donations:
 Anon.60.00
 John & Radmila Fox..... 25.00
 Robert & Christina Emmrich, *for the health of our family*.....10.00
 Gordana Tomasevic, *for health*.....20.00

July 19, 2015

Stewardship:
 Borislav & Shirley Kresovic.....\$200.00

ST. NIKOLA CHURCH BOARD

(Updated)

Priest: Rev. Nikola Radovancevic
President: Milan Nikolic
VP: Slavko Grabovac
Secretary: Ostoja Grabovac
Treasurer: Mileva Rick
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Fin. Sec'y.: Tina Weidinger
 Mico Pavlovic

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 Blagoje Icovski
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 Irene Nikolic
 Milinko Pantelic
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 Miroslav Pavlovic
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 Tomislav Spremo
 Tomo Tomasevic

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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.

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 Coordinator, 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:7/25/15)

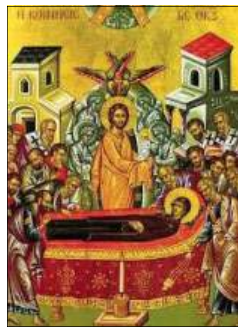
BUDGET ITEM	EXPENSES		INCOME	
	Proposed	Actual to date	Proposed	Actual to date
Beverages	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 910.67	\$ 6500.00	\$ 2,693.00
Caledonia	3,200.00	724.35	3,200.00	1,600.00
Church Exp./Inc. (candles,Tas,icon)	5,000.00	3,293.55	12,000.00	10,037.00
Cookbooks (Bibles)			400.00	135.00
Bookstore	\$ 1,000.00	303.76	1,750.00	1,203.00
Donations			13,000.00	6,806.00
Christmas			8,000.00	8,088.00
Easter			6,000.00	8,705.00
Slava			3,000.00	0.00
Hall Rental			2,000.00	1,000.00
Gas & Electric	6,500.00	3,812.40		
Insurance	11,000.00	7,110.00		
Membership Dues	4,500.00	1,500.00	8,500.00	3,070.00
Op. Expenses	3,700.00	2,559.92		
Newsletter	1,400.00	627.12	1,400.00	270.00
Priest/Janitor Salaries	27,000.00	13,370.00		
Rectory	2,000.00	1,266.23		
Repair & Maintenance	3,000.00	1,591.81		
Stewardship			10,000.00	8,095.00
Zabavas/Dinners			10,000.00	4,424.00
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	208.06
Church lights project	1,227.00		1,000.00	573.00
Loan payback		4,000.00		
TOTALS	\$ 73,527.00	\$ 42,283.61	\$ 93,550.00	\$ 60,565.56

РАСПОРЕД СВЕТИХ БОГОСЛУЖЕЊА ЗА МЕСЕЦ АВГУСТ, 2015

- 2 АВГУСТ: Недеља 9. по Духовима; **СВ. ПРОРОК ИЛИЈАС-НИНДАН**; исповест у 9:30 час., Св. Литургија и причест у 10:00 час.; освећење славских колача после Св. Литургије.
- 9 АВГУСТ: Недеља 10. по Духовима; Исповест у 9:30 час.; Св. Литургија и причест у 10 час.
- 16 АВГУСТ: Недеља 11. по Духовима; исповест у 9:30 час.; Св. Литургија и причест у 10:00 час.
- 19 АВГУСТ: Среда; **ПРЕОБРАЖЕЊЕ ГОСПОДЊЕ**; Исповест у 9:00 час; Св. Литургија и причест у 10 час.; Освећење новог грожђа одмах после Св. Литургије.
- 23 АВГУСТ: Недеља 12. по Духовима; Исповест у 9:00 час., Св.Литургија и причест у 10:00час.
- 28 АВГУСТ: Петак; **УСПЕНИЈЕ ПРЕСВЕТЕ БОГОРОДИЦЕ-ВЕЛИКА ГОСПОЈИНА**; Св. Литургија у Манастир Грацаница у 10 час. Епархиско КСС Слава банкет одмах после Св. Литургије.
- 30 АВГУСТ: Недеља 13, по Духовима; Исповест у 9:30 час.; Св. Литургија и причест у 10 час.

С'Благословом,

Отац Никола Радованчевић, парох



FEAST OF THE
DORMITION OF
THE MOST HOLY
MOTHER OF GOD
AUG. 28

SCHEDULE OF HOLY SERVICES FOR AUGUST, 2015

- August 2: 9th Sunday after Pentecost; **HOLY GLORIOUS PROPHET ELIJAH**; Confession, 9:30 am; Holy Liturgy, 10 a.m.; blessing & cutting of Slava kolachi after Liturgy.
- August 9: 10th Sunday after Pentecost; Confession, 9:30 am; Holy Liturgy & Communion at 10 a.m.
- August 16: 11th Sunday after Pentecost; Confession, 9:30 am; Holy Liturgy, 10 am.
- August 19: Wednesday; **FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, with Blessing of the New Grapes** Confession, 9:30 am; Holy Liturgy, 10 am.
- August 23: 12th Sunday after Pentecost; Confession, 9:30 am; Holy Liturgy, 10 am.
- August 28: Friday; **DORMITION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY**; Holy Liturgy at Gracanica, 10 am. Diocesan Kolo Slava banquet follows.
- August 30: 13th Sunday after Pentecost; Confession, 9:30am; Holy Liturgy & Communion, 10 am

With Blessing

Rev. Fr. Nikola Radovancevic, Parish Priest

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.

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.

In the Life of the Church...

Wedding:

Natalie Kelnhofer and Jacob Sturomski
July 4, 2015
"Mnogaja Ljeta"



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](https://twitter.com/St_Nikola_Church) will get you there.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

Mrs. Olga Glavas-Trbic
Mrs. Ljubinka Icovski
Mr. Slavko Jevtic
Mr. Nick Kontich
Mrs. Slavka Lemajic
Mrs. Ljuba Mejjc
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".)

AND THE WINNERS ARE:

Our Annual St. Nikola Church Picnic included more than just the food, fun and camaraderie that is usually the hallmark of the event. This year, we had two "prize-giving" events: A Church Cash Raffle, with the possibility of winning one of 6 prizes, and a wonderful Auction, in which some top quality items were sold at bargain prices...all in the name of helping the church.

The Cash Raffle, coordinated by Milan Kresovic, awarded \$2,000. in prizes. A ticket was \$10.00 to win that chance, and there were happy faces all around. Just 400 tickets were printed (courtesy of Schaff Funeral Service) to make winning more feasible, and top ticket sellers were Fr. Nikola and the Grabovac brothers, Slavko and Ostoja. The Raffle netted the church close to \$2,000!

1st Prize: \$1,000.: JELENA VASILJEVIC 4th Prize: \$150.: SNEZANA OGRIZOVIC
 2nd Prize: \$ 500.: ALEX VIDAKOVICH 5th Prize: \$ 50.: MARIA CULAFIC
 3rd Prize: \$ 250.: RANISAV BABIC 5th Prize: \$ 50.: MARK NIKOLIC



A happy Jelena Vasiljevic with her \$1000 winnings!

The Raffle drawing was held at 4 pm at the picnic and was emceed by Tommy Spremo, with the "drawer", a little girl named "Brooklyn", selecting the tickets from the drum. An enthusiastic crowd witnessed the event. Immediately following the raffle, the Picnic Auction was held, with beautiful and unique items up for bid. Items donated by Dana Spremo, Popadija Cheri and Father Nikola were briskly bid upon, including a ladies' Bulova watch, several Harley-Davidson items (women's leather jackets, purse, sport jackets, fine leather men's classic style jacket and coat) and an authentic WWII wooden ammo case from Serbia, filled with coffee and other specialties (no ammo!)...bringing in \$851. for the church!

Donations to the church at the picnic totaled \$1372.00, including \$500 from Schaff Funeral Service toward the music. Donations were received from:

\$500.
Schaff Funeral Service
\$100.
John & Radmila Fox
\$50.
Ranisav Babic
\$40.
George Pavlovic Family
\$30.
Miroslav & Mary Pavlovic
 Borislav & Shirley Kresovic
 Ljiljana & Jovanka Todorovich
\$25
Tommy Spremo
 Radovan Tirnanich
\$20.
Helen (Jelena) Grabovac
 Rade & Jagoda Radosavljevic
 Steve & Connie Knezic
 Milan & Irene Nikolic
 David & Brittany Nikolic
 Brankica Radovanovic
 Radunka Matovic
 Aca & Erika Simic
 Jelena Ljubic
 Ivan Obradovic

\$20. (cont'd.)
Milorad & Jean Pavlovic
 Christina & Robert Emmrich
 Helga & Aleks Nikolic
\$12.
Vlada & Lisa Ljubic
\$10.
Ljiljana Tirnanic
 Erika Babic
 Danny Petkovic
 Marianne Tomic
 Gordana Tomasevic
 Vaso Tirnanich
 Rade & Rada Obradovic
 Bojana Stefanovic
 Mirko Ratkovic
 Sava Gusa
\$5.
Maria Babic
 Jelka Simic



(left) Ranisav Babic; Milan Kresovic



Auctioneer Tommy Spremo

Savka Stojakovic
 Shashko Family
 Radovan & Javoroka Nikolic
 Marija & Djuro Zigic
 Zivko Tomich



Fr. Nikola "models" one of the Harley classic jackets at the Auction.