

THE ST. NIKOLA CONNECTION

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

NOV. 15: "CEVAPS ON THE LAWN", AFTER CHURCH

NOV. 18: REG. MONTHLY CHURCH BD. MEETING, 6 PM

NOV. 12, 19. : FELLOWSHIP DISCUSSION GROUP, 6:45-815 PM; NO FELLOWSHIP ON NOV. 5 OR 26

NOV. 20-22: HOLIDAY FOLK FAIR, STATE FAIR PARK

COMING IN DECEMBER:

DEC. 27: CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING, 3 PM.

DEC. 31: NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA

FOR THE GLORY OF GOD
 MUSIC AND ICONIC BEAUTY COMBINED...
 ALL IN ONE WEEKEND!



His Grace, Bishop Sava (ret.), surrounded by members of the SOCA (Serbian Orth. Choral Assn.) Board, Fr. Nikola and assisting seminarians, brought a memorable weekend to a close with the blessing of the frescoes (phase 2) in an hierarchical Liturgy on Oct. 4th. Representatives from choirs around the Midwest and Canada sang the responses with our own choir, which celebrated it's 50th Anniversary the day before with a beautiful concert and "Skadarlija"-themed café/music/dance. A banquet was held after the Liturgy, and guests were treated to a delicious meal and the warmth and wit of Bishop Sava's anecdotal presentation. Wonderful!

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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.



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.)



...to the Lord; for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever." (Psalm 136)

It's that time of year again when we pause to reflect on our blessings and thank God for keeping us part of the "St. Nikola Community". This community, which has struggled and come through many adversities, is finally seeing the results of the dedication and perseverance of its faithful. We **WANT** to keep our warm and beautiful little church the "heart" of our community, a safe haven and strength for all who enter. We **WANT** to continue to be problem solvers and innovators, providing a rich and inspiring religious and social atmosphere where people come together in acceptance and welcoming. We **WANT** to develop and sustain our many traditions and customs for the benefit of ourselves and our children. We **WANT** to strengthen our varied church organizations so they will continue to be motivated to serve the church through hospitality, music, education, the arts and traditions. We **WANT** to find new programs, projects, ideas and methods to build on the already established foundations created throughout the years. We **WANT** to recharge and energize our people to believe in themselves and in positive possibilities for the future. We **WANT** to support and respect each other and our leadership so that we prosper spiritually, ethically and materially. We **WANT** to be able to reach out to those in need with generosity and concern. But, above all, **WE WANT TO THANK GOD FOR GIVING US THE ABILITY TO DO SO!** *Happy Thanksgiving!*

Donations/Prilozi

The Fresco Banquet, Oct. 4, 2015

\$100.

Dobrivoje & Slavica Miletich
Danica Momcilovic Cook
Milorad & Jean Pavlovic
Schaff Funeral Home
Philip & Dragica Shashko
Tomislav & Dana Spremo
Dragoslav & Marija Zigic

\$80.

Radovan & Javorka Nikolic

\$60.

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\$50.

Pera & Nada Bulic
Robert & Christina Emmrich
Judith Gajic (Indianapolis, IN)
Cathleen Mihajlovich-Jegdic (Schererville, IN)
Borislav & Shirley Kresovic
Nick & Zorica Momcilovic
Milan & Irene Nikolic
Don & Mileva Rick
RAde & Staka Tirnanic
Dafina Trifunovic sa decom, *IMO Miroslav Trifunovic*

\$40.

Ostoja & Slavko Grabovac
Desa Halstead (Hobart, IN)
Desa Stojanovic-Gushue (Ontario)
Aleks & Helga Nikolic
Alex & Marija Obradovich & Slavka Lemajich
Radmilo & Rada Obradovich
Zoran & Milica Pesakovic
Vasilije & Branka Tirnanic

\$30.

Ljubomir & Helen Grabovac
David & Gordana Gerbick

\$30. cont'd.

Dara Popovich (Hamilton ON)
Radunka Matovic
Miroslav & Mary Pavlovic
Aleks & Erika Simic
Miodrag & Jelka Simic
Ljiljana & Jovanka Todorovic

\$25.

John & Radmila Fox
Drenka Grubor
Milinko & Milosava Pantelic
Vida Radisavcevic
Ljiljana Tirnanic
Gordana Tomasevic
Suzanna Tomich

\$20.

Ranisav & Erika Babic
Radivoj & Sladjana Andrejevic (Hamilton, ON)
Nicholas Chkavtovich (St. Louis, MO)
Goran & Bridgeta Dragisic
Darinka Radoja (ON)
Anna Relyea
Jennifer Sweetland
Blagoje Icovski
Jelena Ljujic
Ratomir & Zorica Miladinovic
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NN
Ivan Obradovic
Gordana Panettic
Dragan (Danny) Petkovic
Jelka Petrovic
Zoran Radisavcevic
Simo Sikirica Family
Bojana Stefanovic
Jelena Subotic
Tomo Tomasevic
Marija Zdero

\$15.

NN

\$10.

Savo Blagojevic
Pavle Radovancevic
Savka Stojakovic
Marianne Tomic

\$5.

Danica Nedeljkovic
NN

Mnogo Hvala ! / Many thanks!

NEW SEMINARIAN

At the request of Fr. Seraphim, the new director of the Theology School currently housed at Gracanica, the church board has approved accepting a regularly assigned seminarian to assist, learn and get "hands-on" experience during Sunday Liturgies, or whenever he is needed and available.

NEMANJA MIJATOVIC has been assigned to our church and has begun attending and participating in the services. He is in his third year at the Seminary and is originally from Bijeljina, Bosna/Herzegovina.

In order to help with his travel expenses from the monastery, the church has agreed to giving him a stipend, raised through donations made to the Coffee Hour on Sundays. Donations specifically for that purpose may also be made directly to the church through the mail or at the candle counter on Sundays.

We welcome Nemanja and wish him success!



KSS KORNER KSS SLAVA "RESTORES THE SOUL"



KSS "Kraljica Marija" celebrated their Slava, "The Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God" on Sunday, Oct. 11, with *domacica/Kuma*, SUZ-ANNA NIKOLIC TOMICH and her family welcoming a full hall of guests to a tasty dinner and friendly atmosphere. Sue donated the cost of the meal and, after the kolach blessing, presented the *domacica* role, in the form of half the Kolach, to Christina Emmrich for the 2016 Slava.

KSS "Kraljica Marija" thanks our members, parishioners and guests who attended the celebration, especially Sue Tomich, as the *domacica*. Everyone's generous donations are very much appreciated, as is your continued support of our Kolo. A list of donations will be posted in the small hall. If you have any questions about the donations, please contact Gordana Tomasevic, Kolo Treasurer. We also received two donations for our new stove: many thanks to Dafina Trifunovic (\$30.) and Petar Tomasevic (\$50.) Finally, we thank our Kolo sisters and other volunteers who helped prepare the meal, set-up, serve, clean-up or donated baked goods. Many thanks! Ziveli na mnogaja ljeta!

KSS "Kraljica Marija" zahvaljuje se clanovima, parohianima i gostima koji su dosli da sa nama proslave nasu Slavu. Zahvalni smo na nasem velikodusnom prilogu, kao i vasioj neumornoj pomoci KOLU Sestara. Spisak priloznika bice izlozen u maloj Sali. Ukoliko imate pitanje u vezi vasesg priloga molim vas pozovite Gordanu Tomasevic, blagajnicu Kola. Na dan slave primili smo novcani prilog za kupovinu novog spoeta od: Gospodje Dafine Trifunovic (\$30.) i od Gospondina Petra Tomasevica (\$50.). Zahvaljujemo se nasim plemenitim darodavcima. Za ovaj uspeh zahvalni smo svima koji su nam pomogli oko kuvanja, serviranja, postavljanja i ciscenja, kao i dragim sestrama koje su donele kolace. Mnogo hvala, Ziveli na mnogaja ljeta!



JOIN US AT HOLIDAY FOLK FAIR, NOV. 20-22: CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF LIGHT



It's that time of year again for St. Nikola Church to be represented at the Holiday Folk Fair at State Fair Park. KSS will again man their popular Sweets Booth and our young dancers will perform in the Children's Matinee. Advance sale tickets at \$10. each will be available every Sunday until Nov. 15th at the Coffee Hour after church. At the door, they are \$12. on Fri. & Sat. and \$15. on Sunday. **Also**, KOLO needs your help with contributions of cookies and pastries. You may be getting a phone call in that regard, with bakery drop-off on Thurs., Nov. 19 from 3-4:30, and if you need your donation picked up, please contact Andja Trifunovic (414.243-9963) to make arrangements. We're so proud to be part of Folk Fair and hope you'll join us there!!



Sunday School Report **A+** HUNGER DOESN'T TAKE A SUMMER VACATION

Remember the hungry with your donations to the barrel in church for the needy. The Sunday School continues to sponsor this project throughout the year. This fall and winter, Sunday School will be undertaking two charitable projects. We will continue to have the food drive during Oct. & Nov., with contributions to be donated to Lad Lake, a non-profit organization serving at-risk families in southeastern Wisconsin. Please bring non-perishable food items, such as canned goods, peanut butter, cereal, etc. We will then do a hat, glove and scarf drive in December 9th through Christmas) to donate to Project Concern, which provides assistance to needy families in Cudahy, St. Francis and So. Milwaukee. Please help us help others!

IT'S TIME FOR A VISIT FROM FR. TOM

Archimandrite Fr. Tom Kazich, Diocesan Education Director, will pay his annual school visit to our Sunday School on Sunday, Nov. 15th. He will accompany the children to church, give them a children's sermon, teach a lesson and meet with the teachers. As in years past, the children and teachers look forward to his visit and the special lesson he brings.

BOARD BRIEFS



Highlights of the Church Bd. Meeting

of Oct. 25, 2015.

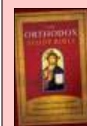
- A letter was received from Fr. Seraphim, director of the St. Sava School of Theology, currently housed at Gracanica, requesting that our church accept a seminarian to help in his training. Board approves, and will try to raise money through donations to pay him a weekly small stipend.
- The Board thanks MARA MOMCILOVIC, POPADIJA CHERI & Org. "KRALJ PETAR II" for filling and preparing the welcoming flower planters in front of the church in time for the Fresco Blessing.
- Fr. Nikola presented a new style of church calendar to be given out on Badnje Vece and asked for the Board's opinion & approval. Schaff Funeral Service will donate the cost of the calendars again. Board approves.
- Fr. Nikola asks that money be budgeted to redo one of the Sunday School classrooms into an office for him.
- Fr. Nikola also wants to meet with groups to brainstorm the question "How can the church grow?"
- Pres. M. Nikolic reported that the chapel roof in the cemetery has been repaired and security cameras have been installed on the Caledonia property. The cracks in the entrance steps have been repaired temporarily, and we will see how this patch works before we proceed with anything more. Storage shelves are being put up in the garage behind the rectory to get boxes of items from Root River off the ground.
- A new fundraiser will be tried: "Peel Cards" to be sold with discounts for restaurants, car washes, etc.

- T. Spremo reported a very successful SOCA convention and choir 50th anniversary celebration Oct. 2nd & 3rd. "Everyone who was asked to held, did." The choir is thinking of making a CD, maybe after the holidays. They promise that the new church phone directory will be ready by BOZI C!
- Significant discussion was held on the house on our Caledonia property. Since it is in a great deal of disrepair, the question is should it be razed or should it be restored? In the meantime, the first floor windows and access to the basement need to be boarded up before the winter to keep out animals, possible squatters and the elements, since some windows are broken. Help is needed in this area.
- "Cevaps on the Lawn" will take place on Nov. 15th for possibly the last time this year.

GIFT IDEAS

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

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



"The Orthodox Study Bible", beautiful, hardcover edition, with full-color icons..\$45.00

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.



BOARD BRIEFS



PRILOZI / DONATIONS TO ST. NIKOLA CHURCH

October 4, 2015

Stewardship:

Borislav & Shirley Kresovic..... \$ 50.00

Other donations:

ANON.....60.00

Tatiana Nenaudukh, *for her health and sons Misha and Sasha*.....20.00

Robert & Christina Emmrich, *IMO Ljubinka Icovski*.....15.00

Ilija & Djurdja Zoric.....10.00

October 11, 2015

Stewardship:

Martha & Ivan Pavlovic..... 40.00

Other donations:

Milutin Stojavljevic.....\$ 5.00

Christina & Robert Emmrich, *IMO our parents*..... 10.00

Mila Wamsley..... 25.00

Slobodan & Ljuba Mejic, *za zdravlje Nikole Widemnan, baba Ljuba I deda Slobodan*..... 20.00

ANON.....60.00

Blessing of the Frescoes:

Draza Mihailovich Choir..... \$250.00

Ljubica & David Stoker.....100.00

Christina Weidinger..... 25.00

October 18, 2015

Stewardship:

Milan & Irene Nikolic.....\$ 50.00

Oct. 18, 2015 cont'd.

Donations:

John & Radmila Fox.....\$ 25.00

Robert & Christina Emmrich, *for the health of friend Terry*.....10.00

Gordana Tomasevic, *za zdravlje*.....10.00

Cvijakic Family.....100.00

October 25, 2015

Stewardship:

Ivan & Martha Pavlovic.....\$40.00

Other donations:

Dennis & Denise Gerhartz.....100.00

Jadranka Aleksic, *za zdravlje cerke Mirjane*.....10.00

NOV. CHURCH BD. MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Nikola Church Board will be Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2015, at 6 pm in the small hall. All interested members & parishioners are welcome to attend.

ST. NIKOLA CHURCH BOARD, 2015 (Updated)

Priest: Rev. Nikola Radovancevic
President: Milan Nikolic
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Secretary: Ostoja Grabovac
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Accts. Payable: Erika Babic
Fin. Sec'y.: Tina Weidinger
 Mico Pavlovic

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Ranisav Babic Jean Pavlovic
 Blagoje Icovski Miroslav Pavlovic
 Mara Momcilovic Dana Spremo
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 Milinko Pantelic

AUDIT BOARD:

James Buege
 Milan Kresovic
 Dobrivoje Miletich

St. Nikola Church 2015 Budget (Update:Year-to-Date:10/26/15)

BUDGET ITEM	EXPENSES		INCOME	
	Proposed	Actual to date	Proposed	Actual to date
Beverages	\$ 2,500.00	\$1,967.00	\$ 6500.00	\$ 3,373.00
Caledonia	3,200.00	1,495.00	3,200.00	2,010.00
Church Exp./Inc. (candles,Tas,icon)	5,000.00	6,038.00	12,000.00	13,895.00
Bookstore	\$ 1,000.00	641.00	1,750.00	1,895.00
Donations			13,000.00	10,360.00
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	1,540.00
Gas & Electric	6,500.00	4,667.00		
Insurance	11,000.00	9,995.00		
Membership Dues	4,500.00	3,000.00	8,500.00	4,505.00
Op. Expenses	3,700.00	3,301.00		
Newsletter	1,400.00	973.00	1,200.00	270.00
Priest/Janitor Salaries	27,000.00	19,890.00		
Rectory	2,000.00	1,769.00		
Repair & Maintenance	3,000.00	2,346.00		
Stewardship			10,000.00	8,975.00
Zabavas/Dinners			10,000.00	4,752.00
Church Picnic		1,625.00	4,000.00	6,080.00
Fundraising/Raffle			2,000.00	5,519.00
Miscellaneous (coffee hrs.)	1,500.00	1,339.00	1,000.00	306.00
Church lights project	1,000.00	1,227.00	1,000.00	586.00
Loan payback		4,000.00		
TOTALS	\$ 74,800.00	\$ 64,273.00	\$ 90,650.00	\$ 80,859.00

РАСПОРЕД СВЕТИХ БОГОСЛУЖЕЊА ЗА МЕСЕЦ НОВЕМБАР, 2015 ГОД.

ПАЖНА, ПАЖНА: У Цркви Св. Николе у 5:30 час. Сваке Суботе, служи се Вечерња Служба. После Вечерње Службе, можете се исповедити ако сте спремни за причест у Недељу.

- 1 Нов.: Недеља 22. по Духовима; Исповест 9:30; Св. Литургија и причест, 10 час.
- 7 Нов.: Субота; **ЗАДУШНИЦЕ**; парастос у Храма Св. Никола у 11 час.
- 8 Нов. : Недеља 23. по Духовима; **СВ. ДИМИТРИЈЕ-МИТРОВДАН**; исповест у 9:30 час.; Св. Литургија и причест у 10:00 час.
- 14 Нов.: Субота; **СВ. КОЗМА И ДАМЈАН-БРАЧЕВИ**; Св. Литургија у 9 час.
- 15 Нов.: Недеља 24. по Духовима; исповест у 9:30; Св. Литургија и Причест у 10 час.
- 16 Нов.: Понедељак; **БУРБИЋ**; Св. Литургија у 9 час.; освећење славских колача одмах после Св. Литургије.
- 21 Нов.: Субота; **СВ. АРХАНГ. МИХАИЛО**; Св. Литургија у 9:00 час.; освећење славских колача одмах после Св. Литургије.
- 22 Нов.: Недеља 25. по Духовима; Исповест у 9:30; Св. Литургија и причест у 10 час.
- 28 Нов.: Субота; **ПОЧЕТАК БОЖИЋНОГ ПОСТА**
- 29 Нов.: Недеља 26. по Духовима; **СВ. АПОСТОЛ МАТЕЈ**; исповест у 9:30; Св. Литургија и причест у 10:00 час.

С'Благословом,

ОТАЦ НИКОЛА РАДОВАНЧЕВИЋ, ПАРОХ

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.

House Blessings/"Vodica"

Please note that Fr. Nikola is available to bless your home, but **YOU MUST CONTACT HIM (414.403-9681)** to make your request. Until he has a list of people who would like this service, he has no way of knowing who he should call. Please reserve your date in plenty of time so he may schedule appropriately.



**STS. COSMAS
AND DAMIAN
NOV. 14**

SCHEDULE OF HOLY SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER, 2015

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

- Nov. 1: 22nd Sunday after Pentecost; Confession, 9:30 am; Holy Liturgy & Communion, 10:00 am
- Nov. 7: **Memorial Saturday**; Memorial Service in church, 11 am.
- Nov. 8: 23rd Sunday after Pentecost; **Holy & Glorious Great Martyr Demetrius** Confession, 9:30 am; Holy Liturgy, 10 am. ; *blessing of Slava Kolachi after Holy Liturgy.*
- Nov. 14: Saturday; **Holy Wonderworkers & Unmercenarys COSMAS & DAMIAN**; **Holy Liturgy**, 9 am
- Nov. 15: 24th Sunday after Pentecost; Confession, 9:30 am; Holy Liturgy, 10:00 am.
- Nov. 16: Monday; **Dedication of the Church of the Great Martyr George: "Djurdjic"**; Holy Liturgy, 9 am; Blessing of Slava Kolachi after Holy Liturgy.
- Nov. 21: Saturday; **St. Archangel Michael**; Holy Liturgy, 9 am; Blessing of Slava Kolachi after Liturgy.
- Nov. 22: 25th Sunday after Pentecost; Confession, 9:30; Holy Liturgy, 10 am.
- Nov. 28: Saturday; **Beginning of Nativity Fast**
- Nov. 29: 26th Sunday after Pentecost; **Holy Apostle & Evangelist Matthew**; Confession, 9:30 am; Holy Liturgy & Holy Communion, 10 am.

With Blessing

Rev. Fr. Nikola Radovancevic, Parish Priest

In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

Mrs. Olga Glavas-Trbic	Mrs. Smiljana Ninkovic
Mr. Slavko Jevtic	Mrs. Katarina Pacirski
Mr. Nick Kontich	Mr. Branko Petrovic
Mrs. Slavka Lemajic	Mr. Zika Petrovic
Mrs. Dragja Lukovic	Mr. Pavle Radevancevic
Mrs. Ljuba Mejic	

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

"SOCA CHOIR", directed by our Milena Walker, sings responses for the Fresco Blessing Hierarchical Liturgy on Oct. 4th with His Grace Bishop Sava.





"SKADARLIJA" SETS THE "TONE" FOR A GREAT 50TH CHOIR ANNIVERSARY



Thanks to Danny Petkovic for the photos; so many great pix and not enough room...see Danny for a complete CD.

FROM KROFNE TO KOLOS, CEVAPS TO CHEER, our "Draza Mihailovich" Choir's 50th Anniversary was a true celebration...and certainly made "a lot of memories" to add to the last 50 years' worth! Coinciding with the SOCA Convention the day before, the event combined the best in choral music in a concert Saturday night with guest choirs performing. It also brought back some old friends, especially two of the recent choir directors, Karen Wartchow and Paul Weisenberger. "Prazna Flasa" played to the delight of the "café crowd" and dancers. Kudos to the Decoration Committee for transforming the hall to a section of "Skadarlija", to the kitchen and "sweets" crew, whose cevap plates and dessert choices were in demand, and, of course, to the "Krofne Queen", Teta Savka, whose puffy delights were, naturally, "memorable"!