



# ST. LUKE NEWSLETTER

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## FATHER'S ADDRESS

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

As the summer comes upon us, and we head off to our various vacation destinations, full of anticipation for exciting times and needed rest, let us not forget what we leave behind and the world around us. As you set off, you are leaving behind your church community which needs your support to continue the various projects started including preparations for building, and the continuous praise we offer to God.

Let us also remember those throughout the world and our own communities that have infinitely less than we do, and in many cases struggle under conditions we couldn't imagine. I know that we go away to

interesting places and do interesting things in order to get away from it all, but can we really get away completely? Are we not tied to one another as children of God, and to our church as Orthodox Christians? How long can we go without hearing the Gospel message and partaking of the holy sacraments? As we put our lives as we know them on temporary hiatus, our souls continue to live and need to be nourished. Therefore, I urge you, wherever you may find yourselves, continue to offer proper worship to God, seek out a local Orthodox Church (they are all over the world), and continue your support for your local church and those less fortunate souls. Wishing you all of God's blessings,

Father Aleksa

**If you are not able to attend our events, please use attached envelope to send us your donation.**

**Thank you!**

## FUND RAISING

Najavljujemo fund raising aktivnosti u Septembru.

We are informing of a planned fund raising action in September

## SLEDECI PIKNICI / NEXT PICNICS

JULI 19th  
AVGUST 28th

JULY 19th  
AUGUST 28th

## PISMO PREDSEDNIKA CRKVENE SKUPSTINE

Dragi Prijatelji:

Kao i svake godine leto je period kada se sve aktivnosti usporavaju, pa je to tako i sa crkvom. Od 10 do 11:30, Nedeljna Liturgija ce se redovno odvijati kao i do sada u "Beverly School", 8501 Postoak Rd., Potomac, MD. Treci ovogodisnji picnic ce se odrzati 19tog Jula. Nadamo se dobroj poseti i vas i vase dece. Do kraja Avgusta ne



Ivan Aksentijevich

planiramo nikakave aktivnosti (picnic 28 Avgusta), pa se nadamo da cete svi biti zeljni crkve i drustva po povratku sa letnjeg odmora.

Od proslog "newsletter" je proslo 3 meseca. Zeleo bih da vas obavestim sta se desava sa procesom dobijanja gradjevinske dozvole u Montgomery County. Clanovi nase crkvene uprave su se pre dva meseca sreli sa predstavnicima Montgomery County. County je imao malo sustinskih primedbi i nije bilo znacajnih novih zahteva. Trazene su neke promene plana u vezi sa sumom, strujom, osvetljenjem i landscaping/parking. Nasi inzenjeri su priložili ili su u procesu da priloze sve sta je trazeno. Imali smo miting i sa komsijama sa ciljem da ih umirimo, I mislimo da smo u tome uspeh. U Avgustu county ne radi, tako da je realno ocekivati njihov odgovor do kraja Septembra. Ja se iskreno nadam i verujem da cemo dozvolu konacno dobiti pocetkom jeseni.

Svima zelim dobar odmor,

Ivan Aksentijevich

## LETTER FROM OUR CHURCH PARISH PRESIDENT

Dear Friends:

Every year, summer is a period when all activities slow down, and so it goes with our church. From 10 AM till 11:30 AM, Sunday liturgy will be held at "Beverly School" 8501 Postoak Rd., Potomac, MD. This year third picnic will be held on July 19th. We are hoping for a great attendance from both you and your children. In August we are not planning any special activities (there will be a picnic on August 28th), so we are hoping that you will all be missing church and its company when you return from vacation.

Our last newsletter was about 3 months ago. I wanted to give you an update on where the building permit process stands. Some members of our church board met with the people from the county.

The county raised few points and there was no major request. They asked for very little change that regards the forest conservation aspect, electricity, lightning, and landscaping/parking. Our engineers have or are in the process to submit all the requested documents. We had a meeting with our neighborhood that had for purpose to smooth things out, and I think that we were successful. In August, the county does not work, so it is realistic to expect their answer some times in September. I honestly hope and believe that we will finally receive the necessary permit in early fall.

Wishing you all a great summer,

Ivan Aksentijevich

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY THRU JUNE 30, 2009

Account	Income	Expenses	Net
Operating Fund	107,360	100,796	6,564
Mortgage Fund	12,025		
Principal		6,866	
Interest		20,804	
<b>Total</b>	<b>119,385</b>	<b>128,466</b>	<b>(9,082)</b>
Building Fund	3,255		
Renovation Pledges	15,085		
Renovation expenses		44,583	
<b>Total</b>	<b>137,725</b>	<b>173,049</b>	<b>(35,324)</b>

As you can see, through the first six months, we are not able to pay our normal operating expenses (9,082). We are actively pursuing the recording of the plat and have already been issued several permits by the County. We would hope to start renovation before Fall. This has resulted in expenses for renovation which have not been offset by your donations to either the Building Fund or the Renovation pledges that many of you made last year.

The Old Testament instructed us that the first ten percent of our income belonged to God. Jesus repeated this obligation during his ministry. How many wish to stand in front of God and explain why they did not follow his command. If each of you would try to approach that level of giving I am sure that we will have enough money for our needs as well as helping others.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Recently, Dr. Ljubica Popovich suggested that people might consider making a gift to the St. Luke Church Building Fund when attending a person's Slava rather than bringing a personal gift to them.

Draginja and Donald Fish decided to adopt this suggestion for their Slava and, despite Donald's hospital emergency, they raised \$300 for the Church.

We wish to thank them for their initiative and hope that it will be followed by others.



Vrbice 2009

## SKOLA SRPSKOG JEZIKA

Po inicijativi Gospodje Melanije Radnovic anketa je uspesno završena. Dobili smo odgovor od 18 porodica. 16 porodica su zainteresovane da upisu 22 studenta. Prema uzrastu bi smo formirali tri grupe : 3-5 godina (6 dece); 6-14 godina (11 dece); 15-60+ godina (5). Dve gospodje su se ponudile za pomoc oko nastave, sto cini grupu od tri nastavnika. Nivo znanja srpskog jezika je od "0" do "skoro tecno". Vecina porodica je zainteresovana za po jedan cas, dva puta mesecno. Vecina porodica se slozila sa cenom od 20 dolara po casu. Gospodja Prodanic i druge ucitelji ce skolu voditi na volonterskoj bazi, a prikupljena sredstva bi se koristila za nabavku materijala i za podršku nase crkve.

Mislamo da je ovo ohrabrujuca vest i da je vrlo ostvarljiva. Casovi bi se odrzavali po vec ustanovljenom i uspesnom nastavnom programu koje se koristi za ljude iz dijaspora. Skola bi pocela sa radom u Septembru, paralelno (ne u isto vreme) sa odravanjem crkvene škole. Javicemo vas se sa dodatnim konkretnim informacijama krajem Avgusta.

## SKOLA SAHA

Skola saha je bilo jedno malo razocaranje. Iako je postojalo veliko interesovanje, skola je bila vrlo malo posećena. Dr. Zoran Djuric i njegov sin su kupili table sa figurama za 10 stolova i bili su na nasem crkvenom imanju svake subote od 10 sati do podne. Voleli bi smo da nastavimo sa ovim projektom u Septembru, ali za uspeh škole saha potrebno je naravno i vase angazovanje. Obavesticemo vas o rasporedu škole saha pocetkom Septembra.

## FOLKLOR

U Septembru cemo poceti sa folklorom. Skolu ce voditi Dr. Danica Marinac-Dabic a u odboru za folklor ce biti i Gdja. Drina Rajic i Otac Aleksa. Nastava ce se odrzavati regularno, lokacija jos nije odredjena. U principu, posto zelimo kvalitetan folklor, voleli bismo da deca koja ze da ucestvuju na priredbama regularno poadjaju probe. Jos se nismo dogovorili o nacinu pokrivanja troskova škole. Dr. Danica Dabic ce skolu voditi na volonterskoj bazi. Prikupljena sredstava bi se koristila za nabavku i odrzavanje narodnih nosnji.

## SERBIAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL

Following Ms. Melanija Radnovic's initiative, our survey was successfully completed. We received answers from 18 families. 16 families were willing to sign up 22 students. Based on ages we would form three groups: 3-5 years-old (6 children); 6-14 years-old (11 children); 15-60+ years-old (5). Two ladies offered their help with the teaching, which gives a group of three teachers. The level of knowledge for the Serbian language ranges from "0" to "almost fluent". The majority of these families are interested in one hour sessions, twice per month. The majority of these families seem to agree on a fee of 20 dollars for each one hour session. Ms. Prodanic and the other teachers would work on a voluntary basis, and all collected moneys would be used for the purchase of school materials and support of our church.

We believe that this is all very encouraging and doable. The curriculum would be based on an already established and successful school program used for people in the diaspora. The school would start in September, when church school starts (not at the same time). We will provide you with concrete information at the end of August.

## CHESS CLUB

Chess club was a little disappointment. Although there was an interest, the attendance to the classes was extremely low. Dr. Zoran Duric and his son purchased boards and figures, for 10 tables and they were present at our church property every Saturday from 10 till noon. We would like to pursue this initiative in September, however, for a successful school of chess we need your commitment. We will inform you of the new chess club schedule in early September. We want to thank Dr. Duric and his son, as well as the two children who came to the class for their effort.

## FOLKLORE

In September we will start with folklore. The school will be lead by Dr. Danica Marinac-Dabic and in the board will also be present Ms. Drina rajic and father Aleksa. The classes will be held on a regular basis, at a location that has to be determined. In general terms, since we wish to have folklore of high quality, we would like to have the children who are interested in appearing at our dance presentation to attend practice on a regular basis. We have not yet agreed on how to cover the cost of this activity. Dr. Danica Dabic will lead the school on a voluntary basis. Collected moneys will be used for the purchase and repair of costumes.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

- With your support, our Sunday School was able to collect funds for our Monastery in Ohio. This was accomplished simply by placing a change collection jar in the church. All that loose change added up to \$246. We also successfully contributed to the Capital Food Bank of Washington DC many pounds of non-perishable food, baby and hygienic items and \$30, so generously provided by our parishioners. We plan to continue throughout the year, to help our monastic communities to live in prayerful existence and our neighbors in our local community to live with dignity.



- The end of the Sunday School year was celebrated by a luncheon offered by our students to the parishioners. Thank you to all the benefactors of the work of the school, and for that day, especially those that donated time, effort, food, and drinks. Also, many thanks to Darko and Marijana, owners of Smiley Jump who provided moon-bounces on two occasions this spring for our kids. If anybody is in need of their services for various entertainment needs, feel free to call Fr. Aleksa for their contact information. See photo to the left..

Our Sunday School participation continues to grow! This year, we were happy to see 30 students attend Sunday School. These children – AND their parents – should be commended for their dedication to the Sunday School program.

Julia Aksentijevic	Tijana Djokic	Teodora Hryshchyshyn	Anastasia Micich	Sofia Spasojevic
Nina Aksentijevic	Nikola Djokic	Dimitrije Hryshchyshyn	Konstatin Micich	Milica Stanisic
Ana Bibic	Kata Elwell	Ana Isailovic	Sophia Novacic	Dora Stojanovic
Nikola Bibic	Soka Elwell	Marian Isailovic	Stefan Novacic	Caitlin Stokrp
Mia Bujak	Nikola Elwell	Luka Kosanovic	Joseph Romanic	Dmitri Verich
Saša Bujak	Ana Kujundzic	Aleksandar Micich	Ana Romanic	Anastasia Verich

We should all extend a BIG THANK YOU to our teachers who are devoted to educating their students about our Orthodox faith. The Teachers for this past year were:

Desa Elwell      Victor Isailovic      Savka Micich      Natalie Visnic

We hope that you'll join us this coming September when Sunday School starts again. Have a great summer.

## ATTENTION ST. LUKE TEENS

The 4th Annual Serbian Orthodox Youth Conference will be held in Canton, OH on August 6 – 10. For additional information and registration forms, please check out the website: <http://www.serborth.org/newest.html>.

For a review of last year's conference, check out page 1, 8 & 9 of the September Path of Orthodoxy: <http://www.serborth.org/files/path/September08Path.pdf>. And page 6 & 7 of the October Path of Orthodoxy: <http://www.serborth.org/files/path/October08Path.pdf>

You can also check out the "Our View" section in other editions of the Path of Orthodoxy to see quotes from teens who attended the conference.



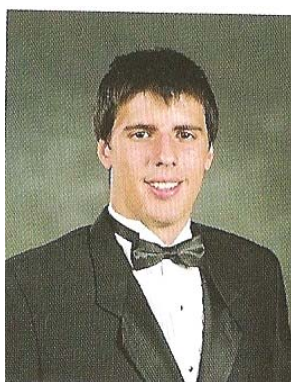
## OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES! CONGRATULATIONS!

**Dejana Mladenovic** graduated on June 3rd with honors from Stone Ridge School in Bethesda, Maryland. She was the Blue team Athletic Association Representative and a member of the JV Tennis Team. She volunteered as a teachers aide at Forest Knolls Elementary School for three years. She will be joining the class of 2013 at New York University with the intent of pursuing a Biology major and French minor.



**Nikola Sirovica** graduated this year from BCC High School located in Bethesda, MD. At school he was a full IB Diploma student and a member of the National Honor Society. He also ran Cross Country and played Basketball. He will be attending McGill University in Canada in the fall and plans on majoring in either Political Science or Economics. He is the son of Sinisa and Franciska Sirovica.

**Andrej Petronijevic** graduated from Dominion High School in Sterling, VA. He played on the basketball and tennis teams, and was a member of DECA (marketing club). He plans to attend Radford University in the fall. He is the son of Father Milisa and Vera Petronijevic



**Mina Vucic** graduated from Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda, MD, where she was active in the Spanish club and National Honors Society. She participated on the varsity swim team and also swam for the Rockville Montgomery Swim Club. Mina plans to attend University of Richmond where she will study pre-law. Her parents are Miran and Snezana Vucic



**Elena Stojic** graduated from Walt Whitman High School in Bethesda, MD. Elena will attend the University of Michigan in the fall. She is the daughter of Steve and Mary Stojic.

**Alexandra Pavicevic** graduated from Richard Montgomery High School in Rockville, MD. She plans on attending Montgomery College where she will study Psychology. Her parents are Miladin and Valerie Pavicevic.

**Rachel Powell** is a graduate of Boonsboo High School in Boonsboro, MD. She plans to attend Duquesne University and has been accepted into the Duquesne Tamburitzans performance group. Her parents are Dennis and Marlene Powell.



## COFFEE HOUR

We have had so many people preparing coffee hour recently, and all of our parishioners are very appreciative of the opportunity to visit with each other and have a delicious snack after Liturgy on Sundays. Thank you to all those who have helped to make our coffee hours such a pleasure. If anyone would like to volunteer for coffee hour, please call Sigi Beck Hodjera at 301-412-0330 to arrange a convenient Sunday.

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## ST. LUKE SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### ST PETER AND ST PAUL PICNIC

July 19<sup>th</sup> starting from 13:00 until....

Our traditional yearly picnic in honor of St Peter and St Paul day will take place on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009. After the Holy Liturgy, we will all get together at our property on River Road. There we will enjoy Serbian grilled specialties and other Serbian dishes and sweets, as well as fellowship of our parishioners and other friends of our church. There will be games for children.

For those people who cannot attend the picnic we would be grateful for a donation. Thank you in advance! All proceed from the picnic will go to support our Church in its building effort.

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### SV PETAR I SV PAVLE PIKNIK

Juli 19<sup>ti</sup> od 13:00 pa na dalje....

Nas tradicionalni godisnji piknik u cast Svetog Petra i Svetok Pavla ce se odrzati 19<sup>tog</sup> Jula, 2009. Posle Svete liturgije, svi cemo se naci na nasem imanju u River Road-u. Tamo cemo moci da se druzimo i uzivamo u odlicnom rostilju i drugim jelima. Bice takodje igranje za decu.

Za one koji nece biti u mogucnosti da prisustvuju pikniku, molimo da nas pomognu. Unapred hvala! Sav prihod sa piknika icense za nasu Crkvu i nase napore da pocnemo sa zgradnjom.

**Contributions for lunch \$25; students below 21, \$15; children below 10 free.**

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