

# ST. LUKE NEWSLETTER

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## Help your Serbian Church

Pomozite svoju srpsku crkvu

Self-addressed envelope attached Због реконструкције Wayside школе литургије ће се привремено држати у Beverly Farms школи од 18. јуна до средине јула. Упутства за вожњу и мапа на страни 3.

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Due to Wayside school renovation, we will be having liturgies at Beverly Farms school (from June 18—mid July). Address, directions and map on page 3.

## IZVEŠTAJ PRETSEDNIKA

## Sada je vreme

Kao što smo Vas obavestili uoči Uskrsa, planovi za proširenje donjeg sprata naše crkvene zgrade i za potrebnu spoljnu izgradnju (parking, ulazni pristup, drenaža i slično) su zavrešeni i podnešeni Montgomery County i State of Maryland. Planovi se ispituju i mi smo u toku pregovora sa nadležnim ustanovama. Izvesne dozvole smo vec dobili (kao na primer dozvolu za priključenje kanalizaciji) a i neki preliminarni radovi su već izvršeni (ispitivanje terena za drenažu kišne vode). Sada su u toku pregovori oko dužine proširenja River Road-a za pristup našem imanju, oko broja hitnih izlaznih vrata (Emergency Exits) i slično. Mi očekujemo de će proces raznih odobrenja biti završen krajem leta a uporedo sa tim treba (1) da procenimo totalne troškove izgradnje, (2) na osnovu tih procena da pregovramo sa bankom za neophodni zajam, (3) da zaključimo ugovore za pojedine procese konstrukcije i (4) da dobijemo od naših parohijana obaveze za fizičku i tehničku pomoć u izgradnji – što

bi nam znatno smanjilo troškove.

Sada je došlo vreme da se pokažemo da li smo sposobni, kao zajednica, i kao članovi nase Crkve da ostvarimo ono sto smo zamislili. Trebalo nam je dosta vremena da se složimo i prihvatimo koncepciju ovog plana. Sada je vreme da tu koncepciju ostvarimo. Jedan od najvažnijih elemenata je nasa finansijska baza i spremnost naših parohijana da finansijski podrže izgradnju, uključujući i otplatu duga. Na osnovu dosadasnjih rezultata, ovogodišnji prihodi Crkve su u porastu i mi se nadamo da možemo imati solidnu bazu da počnemo pregovore da nam se zajam koji imamo sa bankom poveća i pokrije troškove izgradnje. Ali sve zavisi od svih nas. Zato molimo sve naše parohijane da nas podrže u ovom naporu svojom članarinom, nedeljnim prilozima i prilozima za "Building and Mortgage Fund". Moramo da učinmo sve što možemo da olakšamo pregovore sa bankom kao i

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#### **Dear Brothers and Sisters:**

Having recently celebrated the Resurrection of Christ, and therefore the victory of life over death, the eternal promise made by God to His people, we continue to loudly and joyfully proclaim that CHRIST IS RISEN! We do so until the fortieth day after His glorious resurrection from the dead, when He ascended into Heaven, to take His rightful place in the heavenly realm, surrounded by angels and archangels gloriously offering praise to Him. Here on earth, we try to do so as well, offering to the best of our ability in thanksgiving for the keeping of His promise to offer eternal life to those that seek it. By destroying death upon His resurrection, Jesus Christ gave us a chance to be witnesses to this great phenomenon, even in this present day. On June 1st, according to this year's calendar, we are called to celebrate His ascension into heaven, which effectively entrusted us with the care of our souls. Ten days after, we celebrate Pentecost, or the fiftieth day after the Resurrection, when the Holy Spirit was sent down upon the Apostles, who were then sent out into the world to establish communities of faith, such as our own, with the aid and blessing of the Holy Spirit.

Dear brothers and sisters, the church has existed almost two thousand years in places all over the world, and in all of those places, the presence of God has been undoubtedly felt on an every day basis. Our church is no different. This is why we have to maintain an interest, and to be active in our churches, allowing the Holy Spirit to bestow its blessings upon us. The church is a haven for the afflicted, not just those who are poor or sick, but also for those that enjoy the riches the ma-

terial riches that the world offers. Everybody among us looks to God for guidance and strength in our everyday lives, to deal with the pressures that the world has an abundance of. The church, therefore, bestowed with the grace of the Holy Spirit is the keeper of that guidance and of those blessings that we seek. We have managed over the past few years, as a church community, a community of faith, to maintain the outpouring of God's love and blessings, even without a physical church building. However, God has blessed us with wisdom and intellect, to provide this church building for ourselves, so that we may continue to offer praise and our prayers to Him, while the Holy Spirit works within us as a church community.

We have finished all planning and sent the appropriate paperwork to the county for approval. We now wait a few months, God willing, for a positive answer. In the meantime, we will renegotiate our mortgage with the bank, to allow us the financial capability to undertake this great and God-pleasing work. The church cannot do anything without the support of her faithful, and therefore, we once again implore you to act and be generous in your support. So far, we have received from you only a small number of completed pledge forms. The bank requires this from us so that we may show them that we are capable of repaying them. Please take a minute, complete this form and send it back to the church as soon as possible. Together we can build our church. May the Risen Lord send His blessings upon you all.

**Father Aleksa** 

#### **MARRIAGES**

CHRISTIAN PETERSON & NATALIE MARIE PLAJER, Arlington, VA

Witnesses: Michael Plajer & Matthew Kooyer

# FROM THE PARISH RECORD

January 1 – May 15, 2006

#### **BURIALS**

RADOVAN AKSENTIJEVICH of Rockville, MD, March 11, 2006, Parklawn Cemetery, Rockville, MD

MELVA SLASKI of Manassas, VA, April 19, 2006, Greenlawn Memorial Gardens, Williamsport, MD

#### **BAPTISMS**

- ELIZABETH MARIE REBICH, daughter of David and Ruth Ann Rebich, Ashburn, VA
   KUM: STEPHEN WINOWICH, Pittsburgh, PA
- TEODORA MIRIC, daughter of Boris and Anamarija Miric, Washington DC KUM: SASA STAMENKOVICH, Washington, DC
- EVAN PARKER GRIFFIN, son of Gary and Alexandra Griffin, Alexandria, VA
   KUM: OBRAD KESIC, Sterling, VA
- ANA JANKOVICH, daughter of Marko and Jelena Jankovich, Rockville, MD
   KUM: MILUTIN DJURICKOVIC, Jefferson, MD
- ANGELINA GULAN, daughter of Nikola and Marlene Gulan, New Market, MD
   KUM: YANAKIS LEFTEROV, New Market, MD



On may 14th, Radmila and Zoran Božić got healthy boy Lazar 3.5 kg and 52 cm. Delivery was easy and everybody is doing great. Congratulations! Page 3 ST. LUKE NEWSLETTER

## BEVERLY FARMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

8501 POSTOAK RD.

POTOMAC, MD

(Due to Wayside school reconstruction, liturgies will be held at Beverly school from June 18th - mid July)



## **DIRECTIONS FROM I-270**

Get off at Montrose Road -West,
Turn left (south) into Seven Locks Rd,
Turn right into Postoak Rd. to the School

## **DIRECTIONS FROM 495**

Take Exit 39 to River Road, Direction Potomac,
Turn right onto Seven Locks Rd.(3.1 miles),
Turn left on Postoak Road,
Arrive at Beverly Farms Elementar School (on the right)

## OBLACI TUGE

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finansiranje radova.

Mi smo jedna od redjih srpskih crkveno-školskih opština koja još nema svoju Crkvu. Ovaj napor što ga činimo je da najzad dođemo u svoju kuću sa dostojnim prostorijama za Službu Božiju i za naše crkvene i kulturne aktivnosti. To je prvi korak ka zidanju Hrama Srpske Pravoslavne Crkve dostojne prestonici ove zemlje.

Za koji dan dolazi najveći nacionalni praznik u istoriji srpskog naroda posle srednjeg veka – Vidovdan. Ove godine razvijaju se sudbonosni događaji koji mogu da dovedu u pitanje opstanak srpskog naroda i svetih srpskih spomenika na Kosovu i u Metohiji. Svi mi moramo da učinimo sve što mozemo da se naš sprski živalj i neocenjive istoriske svetinje sačuvaju na toj teri-

toriji. U nedelju 25 juna, odmah posle Službe Božije u Beverly Farms Elementary School, 8501 Postoak Rd., Potomac, MD (vidi gornju mapu i direkcije) nasa Crkva će proslaviti Vidovdan sa prigodnim ručkom na našem imanju. Posle ručka biće održano predavanje o situaciji na Kosovu a zatim predlažem da svi potpišemo peticiju upućenu američkoj administraciji i Kongresu. Rešenie statusa Kosova mora da bude takvo da zaštiti srpski narod i njegove svetinje na toj istorijski srpskoj teritoriji. Zato vas molimo da svi dodjemo, pokažemo svoju solidarnost i potpišemo peticiju.

Sa molitvom za dobrobit srpskog naroda pozdravlja vas

Zoran Hođera

Crni oblaci bez kise Nad Kosovm stase I zatajise Samo nagovestaj Od sebe daju Da ce Albanci Srbe Sa Kosova da proteraju

Nemo stoje i gledaju Kakve muke Albanici Srbima spremaju

Tog sedamnaestog marta
O Boze dragi
Uzasa i straha,
Ocaja i palca
Kada srpska nejac
Poce od Arnauta nevino
da strada
Bese tuge, bese straha
Velikog ocaja, velikog placa

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#### REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

## Now is the time

As we have informed you in our Easter Newsletter, plans for the extension of the lower floor of our Church Building and for the necessary outside work (parking, the deceleration lane, draining, etc.) are completed and submitted to Montgomery County and the State of Maryland. The plans are being examined and we are in the process of negotiation with the relevant authorities. Some permits we already have (such as the permit for the attachment to the sewer system) and some preliminary work has been completed (such as drilling for utility lines along the projected drainage canal). Currently we are negotiating about the length of the deceleration lane for access to our property along River Road, about the number of emergency exits from the projected hall and chapel, etc. We expect that all the permits will be completed by the end of summer. Concurrently with this we have to: (1) Estimate the total cost of construction; (2) On the basis of these estimates, negotiate the necessary loan from the bank; (3) Get contracts for various construction tasks; and (4) Get from our parishioners commitments for help in various physical and technical construction activities - which could considerably reduce our costs.

Now is the time to show that we are able, as a community and as members of our Church, to realize what we have planned! It took us some time to get together and adopt the conception of this plan. Now is the time that this conception be realized. One of the most important elements is our financial base and readiness of our parishioners to support the construction, including the repayment of our debt. Based on the results up to now, this year's income of the Church is increasing and we hope to have a solid basis to start talks with the bank to renegotiate the current loan (which expires in July) and increase it, so that we can cover the construction costs. But it all depends on us! We are thus requesting from all our parishioners to support us in this effort with their dues, Sunday donations, and contributions to the Building and the Mortgage Funds. We have to do all we can to facilitate the negotiations with the bank and ease financing of the works.

We are one of the very few Serbian colonies which does not have its own Church. The effort that we are making now is to get into our own house with proper facilities for Holy Services and for other Church and cultural activities. This is the first step toward building a proper Serbian Church worthy of the capital of this country.

In few days we are facing the greatest national day in the history of the Serbian people - Vidovdan. This year, fateful events are unfolding which may bring into peril the existence of the Serbian people and holy Serbian monuments at Kosovo and Metohija. All of us must do all we can so that our Serbian population and priceless Serbian holy and cultural cites be protected On Sunday, June 25, immediately after Holy Liturgy at the Beverly Farms Elementary School. 8501 Postoak Rd., Potomac, MD. (see map and directions on page 3) our Church will celebrate Vidovdan with a luncheon on our property. After lunch there will be a lecture on the situation in Kosovo, and after the lecture I propose that all of us sign a petition to the American administration and the Congress and request the protection of the Serbian people and its holy cites on this historically Serbian Territory. For these reasons we appeal to all of you to come and show our solidarity with Serbs in Kosovo by signing the petition.

With prayers for the Serbian people

Yours, Zoran Hodjera

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Nad Kosovom tuga Vlada Srbin bezi, Srbin strada Strah i trepet svuda Vlada Srbinu posustaje snaga

Oblaci tuge jada i placa Kada ce srpka nejac da ojaca Da nikada vise Na pravdi Boga Ne strada

Od srpske krvi Reka se stvori Sto ih poubijase Arnautski zlotvori

Reka krvi polagano Tece Niko u pomoc Ne htede Srbima Da pritece

Oblaci tuge i srtaha Svedoci stalnog Arnautskog Terora i krvavih kama Zasto mlada srpska srca slama Ta dusmanska zlokobna kama

Crni plast sad Nad Kosovom se vije Ponekad samo suzu Za nestalim Srbima Prolije

# **Milisa** Washington

May 2004

Pesma posvecena martovskim nemirima koje su albanske teroristicke grupe izvrsile protiv srpskog stanovnista na Kosovu.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RECENT GRADUATES

**NEDA CVIJETIC:** Neda finished a five-year program at the University of Virginia in electrical engineering, where she received a combined bachelor's and masters degree. Upon completion she received the very competitive National Science Foundation Fellowship, and spent one semester studying at Princeton University. She is now back at the University of Virginia, beginning work on her PhD.

**MARIJA CVIJETIC:** Like her older sister, Marija is in the electrical engineering program at the University of Virginia, where she just completed the bachelors portion of her work, and is also working to complete her masters next spring. We look forward to writing about the new electrical engineering master again next May. The sisters are the daughters of Dr. Milorad and Rada Cvijetic or Herndon, VA.

# Novi diplomirani inzinjer

Marija Zivkovic, B.S. cerka Ambasadora i g-dje Ivana Zivkovica, diplomirala je Hemijsko Inzinjerstvo na A. James Clark School of Egineering pri University of Maryland, College Park. Za vreme studija dobila je dve pohvalne stipendije od skole inzinjerstva za Ambassadordki rad, i "Outstanding Leadership Awward" od odseka za Hemijsko Inzinjerstvo. Par puta je bila na dekanovom spisku najuspesnijih studenata kao i pretsednica svoje studentske organizacije, American Institute of Chemical Engineers. Rodjena je u Beogradu, gde je ucila u Petoj Baogradskoj gimnaziji, a zavrsila je srednje skolovanje u

Bethesdi 2002 godine u Walter Johnson High School.Inace, Marijin otac, Abasador Ivan Zivkovic bio je Charge d'Affairs u



Washingtonu 90tih godina, a potom 2003 g. zamenik Anbasadora, opet u Vasingtonu, da bi 2005 godine bio postavljen za Ambasadora za Istocnu Afriku. Cestitamo Mariji i njenim roditeljima njeno uspesno skolovanje i Zelimo im sve najbolje.

# **Youth Group**

If you are between the ages of 13-18, we would love to include you in some upcoming activities. How about an afternoon rafting down a river? Or working your way through a corn maze in the fall? Or how about participating in some fund-raising events to help your church? If you would like to join a group of other teens from your parish, please contact Becky Kesic so we can add your contact information to our list.

You may e-mail <u>Kesic.becky@verizon.net</u> with your contact information

We also have an AIM address: "StLukesTeens". Check it out and provide us with your AIM name so we can keep you posted about events.

## **Next events:**

Meet other teens from around the country during the Serb Unity Congress Vidovdan Days. June 26-28. We're looking for some "Goodwill Ambassadors" who would like to spend some time with other teens of Serbian heritage.

Rafting trip – is anyone interested in spending an afternoon rafting down a river in mid or late August? If we get enough interest, we'll coordinate a trip. Please contact Becky Kesic for details. We may try to coordinate this event with the teens from the Steelton, PA church.

# **Sunday School**

We are winding down another enjoyable year of Sunday School, and at the same time we're also looking forward to the next school year, which will start on September 10 (save the date).

We are asking all parents of children ages 3 - 18 to complete the Sunday School form which is located directly below. We will use the contact information to keep you posted on Sunday School dates, workshops, folklore events and other opportunities for our children. The form is also available on our website <a href="https://www.syluka.org">www.syluka.org</a>.

Look under the "Forms" link. You may either e-mail the completed form to Becky Kesic at Kesic.becky@verizon.net or return the form to:

St. Luke Serbian Orthodox Church

Attn: Sunday School

10660 River Road

Potomac, MD 20854

We look forward to the opportunity to teach your children about the Orthodox faith and the Serbian religious heritage.

# St. Luke Serbian Orthodox Church Potomac, MD

We are collecting a complete list of the children (ages 3 - 18) in our parish. Please complete the information requested below so that we may inform you of upcoming events, especially for the children.

Zelimo da popunimo popis dece u nasoj parohiji. Molimo vas da ispunite ovaj formular ovaj popis otvara priliku da vas informisemo o svim activnostima za nasu decu.

| Prezime:              |                | Telefonski Broj: |                  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Last Name:            |                | Phone:           |                  |  |  |  |  |
| Imena Roditelja:      |                | E-mail Adresa:   |                  |  |  |  |  |
| Parent's First Names: |                | E-mail Address:  | E-mail Address:  |  |  |  |  |
| Adresa:               |                | Porodicna Slava: | Porodicna Slava: |  |  |  |  |
| Address:              |                | Family Slava:    | Family Slava:    |  |  |  |  |
| Ime Deteta            | Datum Rodjenja | Razred           | Ime Skole        |  |  |  |  |
| Child's First Name    | Birthdate      | Current Grade    | Name of School   |  |  |  |  |
|                       |                |                  |                  |  |  |  |  |
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# The Holy Assembly of Bishops Elected our Father Irinej

## Bishop of Australia and New Zealand

The Serbian Orthodox Church's Holy Assembly of Bishops held its regular meeting from May 15 to May 27, 2006. All diocesan hierarchs participated in the work of the Assembly. Among many decisions the Assembly dedicated its primary concern to the holy unity of the Church and the preservation of the sacred canonical order, both within our own Church as well as throughout the ecumene. One major issue was the difficulty of relationship with the hierarchy in Macedonia, still in schism, as well as with the government of that country which is exposing His Beatitude Metropolitan Jovan to politically motivated criminal proceedings.

The major concern of the Assembly was addressed to the difficult situation in Kosovo and Metohija. With the goal of effectively contributing to the freedom, rights and property of the Serbian Orthodox Church in that southern Serbian province, the Assembly sent a three-member delegation to participate, within the Serbian negotiating team, in the current phase of negotiation on the future of Kososvo. As well, the members of the Assembly, headed by His Holiness Patriarch Pavle, served Holy Liturgy at Pec Patriarchate on the feast of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, and of St. Nikodim, Archbishop of Pec, to again demonstrate the concern of the Church for its fateful and its shrines in Kosovo and Metohija.

Finally the Assembly divided the Diocese of Valjevo and Sabac in two and elected former Bishop Milutin of Australia and New Zealand the first Bishop of Valjevo. Hieromonk Irinej (Dobrijevic) has been elected Bishop of the vacated Diocese of Australia and New Zealand. Also, Bishop Maksim of Hum has been elected Bishop of Diocese of Western America.

We congratulate His Grace Bishop Irinej for his well deserved elevation. He spent several greatly successful years in Washington as Director of the Office of Serbian Orthodox Church in America and Canada, was beloved by our parishioners and the whole Serbian colony in Washington, and is already very much missed.

We wish him "Na mnogaja ljeta"!

## SECOND ANNUAL SERBIAN DAY IN CONGRESS VIDOVDAN 2006, JUNE 26 - 27

Organized by the Serbian Unity Congress

#### TENTATIVE AGENDA

Monday, June 26
10:30 am – Serbian Americans gather in U.S. Congress

Meet your Congressional Representative

Come raise the Serbian Voice in Washington to express our aspirations and share your culture and history. Visit your representative's office and request his support for our issues.

## Noon-3:00 PM - Congressional Lunch on Capitol Hill

The members of the Congressional Serbian Caucus will co-host a luncheon and program.

Keynote Speaker on Kosovo: (to be announced). - Robert Uth, Emmy award winning film producer and writer, will commemorate 150th Anniversary of Nikola Tesla and present his documentary on Tesla's scientific legacy. LOCATION: HOUSE CANNON OFFICE BUILDING.

6:30-8:30 pm — Reception and Nikola Tesla Art exhibit at the Embassy of Serbia and Montenegro Exhibit by renown sculptor Dejan Jovanovic — Art Contest: Nikola Tesla from Serbian Youth.

Because of problem of space, the reception is limited to registered participants.

Tuesday, June 27: (Visit to the White House/Congress); Serbian Teen Program

7:00 pm – Vidovdan Pan Orthodox Vespers and Requiem to Fallen Serbs
LOCATION: ST. SOPHIA GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL. Massachusetts Ave., D.C.

Registration for all events \$120. Please contact S.U.C. D.C office; phone: (202) 463-8643

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

## **JUNE 2006**

- Sun. 18 Divine Liturgy at **BEVERLY FARMS SCHOOL** at 10AM.
- Sun. 25 Divine Liturgy at **BEVERLY FARMS SCHOOL** at 10AM.
- Tue. 27 Vespers for Vidovdan at St. Sophia's Cathedral, Wash. DC at 7PM.
- Wed. 28 Vidovdan; St. Great Martyr Lazar; Div. Lit. in the chapel at 8AM.

## **JULY 2006**

- Sun. 1 Divine Liturgy at **BEVERLY FARMS SCHOOL** at 10AM.
- Fri. 7 Nativity of St. John the Baptist; Divine Lit. in chapel at 8AM.
- Sun. 9 Divine Liturgy at **BEVERLY FARMS SCHOOL** at 10AM.
- Wed. 12 ST. PETER AND PAUL; Divine Liturgy in the chapel at 8AM.
- Sun. 16 Divine Liturgy at BEVERLY FARMS SCHOOL at 10AM.
- Sun. 23 Divine Liturgy at **BEVERLY FARMS SCHOOL** at 10AM.
- Sun. 30 Divine Liturgy at Wayside School at 10AM.

## Proposed Schedule of Diocesan Days at Shadeland, PA

**Theme and Title:** Christening Cultures, Old and New. How did Orthodoxy shape Serbian Culture. How does Serbian Orthodoxy relate to American culture today.

**Keynote speaker:** V. Rev. Dr. Mateja Matejic: Orthodoxy and Serbian Culture

2<sup>nd</sup> adult speaker: Fr. Aleksa Micich: Living Our Serbian Orthodoxy in the American Context

**Kids:** V. Rev. Stevo Rocknage: Serbian Orthodox in America: What Gives?

Mim Bizic: For the Honorable Cross and Golden Freedom: Serbian Orthodoxy and the Kosovo Epic.

#### Saturday, August 5th

| TAT  | T 1      |
|------|----------|
| Noon | Luncheon |

| 1:30 | Address by Fr. Mateja (45 min presentation, plus 15 min discussion) Mim will present 1 <sup>st</sup> talk with our youth |
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| 2:30 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Adult presentation by Fr. Aleksa; 2 <sup>nd</sup> youth presentation by Fr. Rocknage                     |
| 3:45 | Panel discussion with all four participants (45 minutes to 1 hr)   |
| 4:30 | Clergy available for confessions   |

- 5:00 Great Vespers; responses by Serb Wings
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:00 Evening concert with performances by Serb Wings, play by kids, recitations and poems by kids

## Sunday, August 6th

| 10:00 | Hierarchical Divine Liturgy  |
|-------|--|
| 12:00 | Blessing new dormitory   |
| 12:30 | Luncheon for Hierarchs, Clergy and guests; Traditional picnic at pavillion with barbecued lamb and music |
| 2:00  | Program with Serb Wings and the Shadeland Tammies  |
| 4:00  | Serbian Music and Fellowship   |

## St. Luke Serbian Orthodox Church

## Financial Report Jan 1 - May 14, 2006

|                            | Income          | <u>Expenses</u> | <u>Net</u>      |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Operating Fund             | \$<br>75,712.00 | \$<br>45,381.00 | \$<br>30,331.00 |
| Donations to Building Fund | \$<br>11,225.00 |                 |                 |
| Donations to Mortgage Fund | \$<br>4,976.00  |                 |                 |
| Mortgage Interest          |                 | \$<br>14,607.00 |                 |
| Renovation Expenses        |                 | \$<br>20,464.00 |                 |
|                            |                 |                 |                 |
| TOTAL                      | \$<br>91,913.00 | \$<br>80,452.00 | \$<br>11,461.00 |

You have all responded very well so far this year and we have had Christmas, Easter and Djurdjevdan to help. We must go to the Bank to refinance our loan in the next few weeks and we need the best possible financial picture we can present. Secondly, we are entering the summer period when many of you are away and donations tend to decrease – please mail your checks to the Church during this time or give on the web site using your credit card to keep our donations up. Lastly, the renovation plans have been sent to the County and we would hope to start construction late this summer. We will need all the help we can get at this time. Please start now with your generous contributions.

Don Fish

## **SERBIAN YELLOW PAGES**

Church Board has decided to open a new section on our web site (www.svluka.org) - Serbian yellow pages. We'll publish contact info and links of our parishioners' businesses.

This time we invite all of our parishioners that have business to contact Dejan at <u>yellowpages@svluka.org</u> (or 301.675.1682) so we can list your business on our web site.

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Управни одбор је долучио да отвори нову секцију на нашем weб сајту гдје ће наши парохијани који имају своје фирме моћи да се рекламирају. Ту ћемо имати контакт информације и линкове.

Овим путем позивамо све наше парохијане који имају своје фирме да се јаве Дејану на <u>vellowpages@svluka.org</u> (или 301.675.1682) да би могли да ставимо њихову фирму и чиме се бави на нашу интернет страницу.

# **Copper Or Gold?**

The story is told that one day a beggar by the roadside asked for alms from Alexander the Great as he passed by. The man was poor and wretched and had no claim upon the ruler, no right even to lift a solicitous hand. Yet the Emperor threw him several gold coins. A courtier was astonished at his generosity and commented. "Sir, copper coins would adequately meet a beggar's need. Why give him gold?" Alexander responded in royal fashion, "Copper coins would suit the beggar's need, but gold coins suit Alexander's giving." This is an example of how God gives to us. "He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, will He not also give us all things with Him?" (Rom. 8:32). Such a God deserves not my "coppers" but my gold!

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# PROSLAVA VIDOVDANA CELEBRATION OF VIDOVDAN NEDELJA/SUNDAY, JUNE 25 At our Church Property

Posle Svele Liturgije (koja se odrrzava u junu i julu u Beverly Farms Elementary School, 8501 Oakpost Rd) bice proslavljen Vidovdan ruckom na nasem crkvenom. imanju...Posle rucka bice odrzano predavanje o sadasnnjoj situacioji na Kosovu i Metohiji i potpisana peticija nase Parohije Americkoj administraciji i Kongresu, zahtevajuci zastitu sroskog stanovnistva i njegovih svetinja na toj tradicionalno srpskoj teritoriji. Mole se svi parohijani da dodju i podrze ovaj napor.

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After Holy liturgy (which is taking place in June and July at Beverly Farms Elementary School), there will be a celebration of Vidovdan with a luncheon at our Church property on River Road. Following the lunch, a commemorative lecture will be held regarding the current situation in Kosovo and Metohija, which would include a petition to the American administration and the Congress requesting protection of Serbian people and its sacred monument in this traditionally Serbian Province. We invite all our parishioners to attend and support this effort.

Contributions for lunch: Adults \$15, Students \$10 and Children bellow 12 free