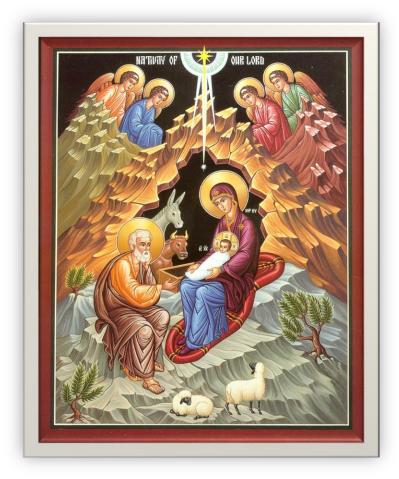
GOD'S PEACE CHRIST IS BORN ! INDEED HE IS BORN!



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МИР БОЖИЈИ – ХРИСТОС СЕ РОДИ

ВАИСТИНУ СЕ РОДИ!

May the Divine Light which shown brightly on the first Christmas Night

Shine in your heart during this Holy Season

And throughout the New Year of 2020

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Jan. 5 th Serbian Father's Day		Divine Liturgy	10:00 a.m.
Jan. 6 th Badnji Dan		Divine Liturgy	10:00 a.m.
	Cutting of The	Yule Log (Picnic Grounds)	4:00 p.m.
	Children's Program		4:30 p.m.
	Christmas Eve Vespers		10:00 p.m.
Jan. 7 th Bozic – Nativity of Christ		Divine Liturgy	10:00 a.m.
Jan. 8 th - 2nd Day of Christmas		Divine Liturgy	9:30 a.m.
Jan. 9 th - St. Stephen, Archdeacon Protomartyr		Divine Liturgy	9: 30 a.m.
Jan 12 th - Divine Liturgy, Sunday of the God-Bearing Fathers Divine Liturgy		Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
Jan. 14 th – The Circumcision of Our Lord, St. Basil,		Divine Liturgy	9: 30 a.m.
Jan. 18 th - Holy Cross Day - Blessing of Water		Divine Liturgy	9:00 a.m.
Jan. 19th- Epiphany - Blessing of Water		Divine Liturgy	10:00 a.m.
Jan. 20 th - St. John the Baptist		Divine Liturgy	10:00 a.m.
Jan. 26 th -St. Sava Program and Lunch		Divine Liturgy	10:00 a.m.
Jan. 27 th - St. Sava Day		Divine Liturgy	9:30 a.m.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas, and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year,

We greet you again with our traditional Serbian Christmas Greeting:

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PEACE OF GOD – CHRIST IS BORN ! INDEED HE IS BORN!



IRINEJ BY THE GRACE OF GOD BISHOP OF EASTERN AMERICA

GOD'S PEACE — CHRIST IS BORN!

Most beloved clergy and monastics, sons and daughters, faithful children of the Eastern American Diocese of our Most Holy Serbian Orthodox Church,

> Today the Virgin comes to the cave, to give unspoken birth to the Eternal Word: hear this and rejoice, O universe! With the angels and shepherds glorify Him, Who desires to reveal Himself as a little Child, the Eternal God! (Kontakion of the Nativity Forefeast)

Hear the glad tidings, indeed, O universe, and rejoice, most beloved faithful! Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, as this holy and wondrous night is the beginning of our salvation, for *Christ is born!* The Eternal Word of God takes flesh from the Most Holy Virgin and reveals Himself as a little Child! God before the ages has now entered into time and history in order to save suffering humanity. Rejoice and be glad: *"For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder, and His Name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace"* (Is. 9:6). Rejoice, for God is born in the flesh! Be glad, for this little Child is our Savior!

With His Birth, eternity enters into time, and time is elevated into eternity. Everything in creation has changed and nothing and no one can ever remain the same: "For the Son of God became man so that we might become god," according to St. Athanasius the Great. "What Child is this?" beg the words of an old English Christmas carol, echoing the cry of the great prophet Isaiah. Answering in refrain, we sing with all our heart: "This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and Angels sing, haste, haste, to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary" (William Chatterton Dix, 1865). "Just as the Lord, putting on the body, became a man, so also we men are both deified through His flesh, and henceforth inherit everlasting life," observed St. Athanasius the Great.

Celebrating today the Birth of the Divine Infant, we enter into the essence of the Feast of the Incarnation of Christ. He Who is the Creator of the ages is now born in a cave in Bethlehem and the very church in which we worship has become precisely that transfigured cave. The Child who lay in a manger, in a small wooden feeding trough, invites us to Bethlehem, that is to say, the *House of Bread*, and gives us Himself as *our daily Bread*. Therefore, as those who once walked in the way of His footsteps, we also fervently pray: *"Lord, give us this bread always"*. Christ will answer us through the ages, as He had said to them: *"I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst*" (Jn. 6:34-35).

We may ask, why then do we still hunger before the Bread of Life and thirst in the presence of the Word of God? Have we not truly come before Him at His manger? Do we not believe in Him and in His words? If we have, my beloved, do we not hear Him inviting us at every Liturgy, without exception, saying: *"Take, eat, this is My Body, which is broken for you for the remission of sins".* Christ the new-born King summons us to partake of Him, so that He, the uncontainable God, may enter into us and in so doing, desiring to make of us the new Bethlehem – the new *House of Bread!* Have we not been called forth with His words: *"Drink of this, all of you; for this is My Blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins".* In so doing, He desires that we become one with Him, as He becomes one with us: today, forever and unto eternity?

As such, most beloved, did not our Lord also tell us this: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself" (Lk. 10:27). As we are summoned to be communicants in the mystery of the Incarnation of the Divine Child, so also we are summoned to be one with each other in the community of love. Can we claim to love God and yet, despise our neighbor? Our old Serbian Christian tradition teaches us, that before we can exclaim, *Christ is Born*, we must first state, *God's Peace!* For truly, the Peace of God cannot be had without peace among ourselves, as proclaimed to the shepherds by the angels who heralded the Christ Child's birth: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men" (Lk. 2:14).

In light of the same, our much beloved Serbian Patriarch Pavle of thrice blessed memory, often reiterated how: "A certain man said: when you were born, everyone rejoiced, yet you cried. Make every effort to live your life such that when your end comes, you may rejoice and everyone will cry. To cry, for such a man is departing..." In this Silent Night, let us hush the whisper of our words and astutely listen to the angels triumphantly singing to the Divine Infant. Tonight, let us find a place in our hearts for the New-born Christ! Let us ourselves become the cave where He, Who was born in a cave in Bethlehem, will be able enter and abide, so that on the night of His Birth we all may exclaim: "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Gal. 2:20).

With paternal love, we invoke upon all of you, Our dear and beloved spiritual children, the mercy, grace and blessing of this Holy Night of Christ's Birth, joyfully exclaiming from all Our heart:

GOD'S PEACE – CHRIST IS BORN! INDEED, HE IS BORN!

Given in New York, at Christmas in the year 2019.

Your humble intercessor before the crib of *a little Child, the Eternal God*,

+IRINEJ

BISHOP OF EASTERN AMERICA THE SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

FROM FATHER'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

The year of the Lord 2019 was truly an eventful year for our parish. As we come to the end of the year, I'd like to take the opportunity to reflect on some of the many great things that happened over the last twelve months.

The month of January was busy as usual. The first Sunday liturgy in 2019 was on Badnji Dan – which was also the day the newly elected Executive Board members took the oath and assumed office.

Our traditional Christmas Eve procession with the Badnjak is the great opening of the season of the Nativity of our Lord. We usually have a large crowd, but because Badnji Dan fell on a Sunday we had more people than we usually do when it falls during the week. Over 180 people were in church for the Vigil service that night. On Christmas Day -- a Monday -- we had 160 people in church, of why many came forward and received Holy Communion. On the second and third days of Christmas, Fr Rodney and I took Holy Communion to our shut-in elderly and nursing home residents.

January is filled with feast days -- Saint Stephen, Saint Basil (New Year), the Feast of the Cross, Theophany, Saint John, Saint Sava – which, together with regular Sunday services, give us the opportunity to start the year properly, by spending more time in church than we usually do the rest of the year.

On January 20th, a parastos was held for our former pastor, Proto Srboljub Bulic, offered by the family.

After Epiphany, the home blessing season started. I blessed almost 200 households in 2019, but I know more are out there. Our parish records show only the physical addresses of our members, but many of the phone numbers are missing. If you have not been contacted by me or the church office in the past three years to schedule a home blessing, chances are that we do not have your phone number on file. If you would like to have your home blessed, please give us a call and provide your contact information.

At the end of January, Saint Sava – the founding father of our church and the patron saint of all Serbian children –was celebrated. This year the honored kumovi were our 2019 graduates - Mark Knapp, Richard Mamula, and Eli Kosanovich. A luncheon and program were prepared and enjoyed by many. At this time, I again appeal to parents, grandparents, and kumovi to encourage the youth of their families to participate in the Sant Sava program as well as other activities in the parish. We all know how important this is and how much it contributes to a healthy formation of every Christian. Thank God, a growing number of young children are attending church regularly and participating in our education programs. Please join us!

February started off with a now-annual Valentine's Day luncheon hosted by the Mother's Club. It was well attended and well received by our community. Thank you Mother's Club – please keep up the good work!

On February 17th we had the one-year parastos for our beloved Proto Stevan. A meal offered by Protinica Ana and the members of the Cupola Committee was served in his memory to raise funds for the chapel cupola project.

On February 22-23, the annual Diocesan Assembly was held at St. Nicholas Church in Monroeville. A full report on that assembly is available on the diocesan website (www.easterndiocese.org).

Just a few days later, the Western American Diocese of the Serbian Orthodox Church hosted the annual session of Sts. Sebastian and Mardarije Institute. The clergy and faithful of the Serbian Orthodox Church in the U.S. gathered at the St. Steven Cathedral in Alhambra, CA from Feb. 26-28. The featured speaker for this year's seminar was His Grace, Bishop IGNATIJE of Branicevo, Serbia, who spoke on "Church, Man, and the World Today." This institute serves as a continuing education seminar for clergy and lay people alike.

The second "Night of Networking" was held on Saturday, March 9th. This initiative was intended to strengthen bonds among younger parishioners and to invite them to participate more actively in the life of the parish. One of the purposes of this meeting was to identify individuals with certain skills and talents that can be used for the benefit of the parish and to promote interest in the mission of the Church. As a direct result of this night, a "Donation Drive" for FOCUS was organized and executed by the participants of the event during Great Lent. The parish's newly formed Communication Committee is comprised entirely from the individuals who offered their skills and were identified at these events.

Great Lent started on March 11th, and we set ourselves into a Lenten mode.

The First Sunday of Lent is known as the Sunday of Orthodoxy, on which we prayerfully remember the fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, who put an end to the Iconoclastic Controversy. To mark the triumph of the Holy Icons we – perhaps for the first time in the history of our parish – made a procession with icons around the church and altogether recited the Synodicon of Orthodoxy! That evening, I represented our parish at the Pittsburgh-area Pan-Orthodox Sunday of Orthodoxy vespers at St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church in Monroeville.

Our parish hosted the local Deanery vespers service on Sunday, March 24th, and it was well attended. Fr Rade Merick was the guest speaker, and his topic was "Putting On Christ."

Pre-Sanctified Liturgies were served on Wednesdays through Great Lent. These liturgies are served at 6:00 PM, and they are becoming more popular among the faithful. The setting and nature of the service itself draws people to the ascetic effort we are called to during the Lenten period. On Saturdays through the Great Lent, vesper services were held, followed by a Bible Study class.

On April 12, during the fifth week of Lent, our parish hosted an Akathist to the Most Holy Mother of God as has been customary in the past.

On April 20th, Lazarus Saturday and Vrbica services were held with traditional procession around church. In coordination with the parish's Fellowship and Ministry Group, and as a part of their Vrbitsa activities, our Sunday School children prepared gift bags for the homebound and nursing home residents.

The highlight of the year is always the feast of Resurrection of our Lord – Pascha! In the days leading up to this Feast of Feasts, we enter into the special cycle of Holy Week services. These most sacred and beautiful services are best experienced when the faithful immerse themselves in the Lenten discipline of prayer and fasting. The services in our parish intensified through Great and Holy Thursday, Great and Holy Friday, Great and Holy Saturday, and especially Resurrection Matins service with the procession at midnight on Pascha. The culmination of this cycle is the Divine Liturgy on the Resurrection of our Lord! Over 200 people were in church on Pascha, and nearly 100 came forward for Holy Communion.

On Bright Monday, liturgy was served at the cemetery chapel. In a way, it is the chapel's slava, since that temple is dedicated to the feast of Lord's Resurrection. After the Liturgy we visited the graves of the family members of those in attendance, sang the troparion of the Resurrection, and left an egg at each grave as a symbol of the Resurrection. Following the

service, people in nursing homes and long-term care facilities were offered Holy Communion. Also those who are home bound and requested the same, were visited. On Bright Tuesday, all Serbian Orthodox clergy of the Pittsburgh deanery served together at the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Pittsburgh.

May dawned, as always, with the Feast of St. George on Monday, May 6th. Divine Liturgy was served and 9 families brought kolaches to church to be blessed. The following Sunday, a Mother's Day Brunch was held, sponsored by the Ralich/ Megaludis family in memory of Irene Ralich.

The parish's annual spring food festival was held on May 18-19. Many of our members work very hard for days (if not weeks!) ahead of time to prepare for this event. The Fellowship and Ministry Group distributed food from the festival to the elderly, and all recipients warmly welcomed the delicious gifts.

June arrived, and though summer was coming, parish life did not slow down. On Saturday, June 15th, a Memorial Service (Zadusnice) was held at the chapel. Around 20 families attended and graves of their loved ones were blessed. The following day, we celebrated the Feast of Pentecost with the traditional kneeling prayers and greenery in the church, after which I represented our parish at the church slava of Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Cathedral in Pittsburgh.

Our 42nd St Elijah Church Day Camp was held on June 18-20. The theme was "Jesus is the light of the world." Our kids enjoyed all of the lectures and activities so much that they challenged us to have three weeks of camp next year! Thanks to Georgette Osman and her crew, Jessica Suder and Milana Milosh, everything was well organized – from food, games, arts and crafts to field trips and other activities. A huge "thank you" goes especially to Georgette for her many years of dedicated leadership for our camp!

The next event in the life of the parish was a Fellowship Picnic that was held on Sunday, June 23rd. It was organized and executed by Marija Yaramus and her fellow members of the Fellowship and Ministry Group. God blessed us with perfect weather and wonderful fellowship. The picnic was very was well attended and enjoyed by many faithful members and guests.

From July 13-16th, the fullness of the Serbian Orthodox Church in the United States gathered in Chicago/Libertyville and New Gracanica for the church-laity assembly – "SABOR." Nick Kosanovich, Jr., the Church Board President, Luka Kosanovich, the youth representative, and I had the pleasure of representing our parish. The Sabor was also the occasion for the celebration of the 800th Anniversary of the Autocephaly of the Serbian Orthodox Church on the level of the Serbian Orthodox Church in the United States.

The first part of the Sabor was festive, with services and a cultural program, while the second part focused on administrative matters. The world-renowned theologian Bishop Kallistos Ware was the guest speaker, and we all enjoyed his charismatic lectures. Besides three bishops of the Serbian Orthodox dioceses in the United States, bishops and clergy from other jurisdictions were in attendance. Over 200 priests and delegates took part in the four-day Sabor along with many youth representatives and guests.

During the last week of July, I served at the St. Sava Camp at Shadeland. Attendance at this year's camp session was the highest it has been for many years; in fact, some of the "rustic" de-commissioned barracks had to be used to accommodate all the campers. Seven kids from our parish attended the camp. On the last day of camp, our youth presented a wonderful folklore program for everyone in attendance. It was refreshing to see almost one hundred Serbian children in one place singing, dancing, and giving thanks to God!

A highlight of 2019 was the celebration of our parish patron saint, the Holy Prophet Elijah. Divine Liturgy was celebrated on his actual feast day (August 2), but the parish Slava celebration was held on Sunday, August 4th. This year's honored kumovi were Bob and Diane Baron. After the Slavski Kolach was blessed, Milan and Eileen Mrkal came forward to accept the honor of being kumovi in 2020. 184 people attended Divine Liturgy that day, and 160 stayed for the banquet. During the banquet, film scenes from the history of our parish were presented, and were received very warmly. We are looking forward to having more of these movie nights in the near future...

The following Tuesday, August 6th, our Parish joined our neighbors at the House of Prayer Lutheran Church on Irwin Street to feed the needy of our community. The House of Prayer congregation serves a meal for the underprivileged every Tuesday year-round and accepts help from other organizations in staging these meals. Our parish served one meal in 2019, and we've signed up for two dates in 2020. The project is called "MANNA." Watch for more information about this project as the dates for our meals approach.

On August 15th, I was invited by Fr Yanni Verginis, the new parish priest of Kimisis Tou Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church of Aliquippa, to participate in the parish's 100th anniversary celebration. Representing our parish, I served the Divine Liturgy at our neighboring church with the clergy brotherhood from the Greek Archdiocese.

August 28 is the Feast of the Dormition of the Holy Mother of God. On that date, the Eastern American Diocese Federation of KSS celebrated their Slava at St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church in Johnstown, PA. Our parish was represented by Julie Taylor, Joann Ludovico, Lynn Popovich, Paulette Arbutina and yours truly.

Fall officially arrived in September (though with hot temperatures!), and parish life continued at a fast pace. The month started with the Men's Club picnic on September 8th, which was well attended and enjoyed by all. Then, on September 14, our parish hosted its inaugural "Purse Bash" fundraising event. The event was organized by Samantha (Milosh) Baldwin and her team. The event was a huge success, raising significant monies for the support of our parish. Thanks to Samantha and her team!

Our second Fellowship Picnic of the year followed on September 15, which marked the kick-off of our Sunday School season. What a beautiful day that was! The Fellowship and Ministry Group joined with the Mothers' Club and Sunday School to organize the event. (If only we lived in a warmer climate, we could hold one of these events every week!) The picnic was enjoyed and attended by many parishioners and guests. Our special guests at the picnic were young Elias Kazas and his family. Elias is fighting an aggressive form of cancer, and our parish conducted a fundraiser called "Elijah for Elias" to help the family with medical and other costs. Through the parish's generosity, we raised over \$5500 for this wonderful young Orthodox man. Thank you!

Later in the day on September 15, by the generosity of our own Steve Maslek, our Sunday School children had the opportunity to enjoy the afternoon together at Kennywood. All the children who attended had a great time! Thank you Steve!

Our St. Elijah Choir held its annual concert on September 22. The Dr. Laza Kostich Choir of Midland and the Petar Krstic Choir of Steubenville joined our singers for the program and celebration. All singers and guests enjoyed the evening of music, fellowship, and hospitality.

At the end of September, I was very pleased to serve the wedding of our Melissa Ridjaneck to Nicholas Smith. As part of this, we had the great pleasure of welcoming the couple's pastor in Georgia, Fr. Barnabas Powell, who is a prominent speaker whose presentations have helped many individuals from different backgrounds find the Orthodox faith. Fr. Barnabas stayed with us to celebrate the Divine Liturgy the day after the wedding, and graciously offered a stirring homily that captivated all of us who were present.

October soon arrived... and when we say October, we start thinking about the fall Food Festival. Yes, indeed: it is a day (or week, or month of preparation!) when we truly come together as a community, as family, and roll up our sleeves to successfully raised funds to support our parish. Yet if we think about the Food Festival **only** as a fundraiser, we may not be particularly ambitious or eager to make it happen. However, if we think of it as an act of stewardship – that is, an act of love for our neighbor – we can truly elevate it to the next level. We can raise funds **and** do good for those around us! As we open our doors, we open our hearts and souls and we welcome all people from all walks of life. If we greet them not only with our traditional cuisine, but with a true spirit of hospitality and love, our guests will feel it – and they will be excited to join us again to share in that feeling.

I believe we truly acted in this spirit with the fall Food Festival, and the results were evident. Attendance at the festival was high, and our sales were up! And more importantly, as in the spring, the Fellowship and Ministry Group distributed over 40 meals to our homebound and nursing home parishioners as well as to those who are in need. This is what gives the food fest a real meaning and gives us an opportunity to put our faith into practice. For all this, I would like to personally thank all individuals who in any way helped and contributed to this important event in the life of our parish.

On October 20th, the Mothers Club sponsored a trip to Pumpkinland at Janoski's Farm. Our Sunday School children and their parents enjoyed a beautiful fall day there with lots of activities and plenty of pumpkins and other fall treats.

October closed with the celebration of Sveta Petka, the patron saint of our Circle of Serbian Sisters. This year's kumas were Julie Taylor and Joann Ludovico. A large number of faithful were in church to join the liturgical celebration of the feast, and a banquet at the Serbian Club followed. God bless Julie and Joann for all their years of love and devotion to our parish, and God grant them many years!

November dawned with our Eastern American Diocese's celebration of the 800th Anniversary of the Autocephaly of the Serbian Orthodox Church, on November 1 and 2 at St. Sava Cathedral in Boston, MA. This important jubilee was celebrated in connection with the 130th anniversary of the birth of Saint Mardarije of Libertyville and all America. Our parish was represented by Larry and Milana Milosh and yours truly. An exceptional joy to this glorious event was added by the consecration of the newly made antimensia for our Diocese. They were made out of the finest, carefully chosen materials, which will ensure outstanding durability and lasting use.

November 17th was a significant day for our parish. His Grace, our Bishop IRINEJ paid a visit to our congregation to consecrate the chapel cupola, thereby completing a project that was first launched in 2012. The members of the Cupola Committee, led by Stephanie Kovacevic, are to be commended for successfully completing this project, which was made possible by the generous support from many of our parishioners. A banquet was prepared for this festive occasion in honor of His Grace and in memory of Proto Stevan, whose ultimate desire to complete the chapel was finally fulfilled.

November draws to a close in our country with Thanksgiving. Our parish observed this American feast in a number of ways. One was a delightful program by our Sunday School children, complete with a large flock of "turkeys" made up of our nursery students! Another was a food donation drive organized by the Fellowship and Ministry Group called "Harvest for the

Hungry," through which our parishioners donated three pallets of packaged food to the Faith Restoration food bank in Monaca. Finally, we celebrated the annual Thanksgiving Day service in church, with over 40 people attending.

Advent – the Christmas lent – began on November 28. This year, we started having vesper services on Saturdays not only during the Great Lent but also during Advent. As in the spring, Bible study is offered after vespers.

The Advent period coincides with the end of the semester at most colleges and universities. The Fellowship and Ministry Group once again stepped up to the plate and made a beautiful gift bags for our undergraduate students to help them during finals. A total of 18 packages were delivered to our students to show them support and to let them know that their parish family does not forget them.

Another great project that has been done every December for the past 11 years is run by Georgette Brnjilovich Osman. It's the Christmas Giving Tree, and it directly benefits the CYS orphanage of the Beaver County. This year, we joined to collect gifts for approximately 70 children who, without our help, might have no Christmas gifts at all. This project has been generously supported by our parishioners, and we thank each and every one who has contributed – but especially Georgette and her team for making sure that this happens every year and that those children are not forgotten.

On December 14th, our Sunday School children gathered for the annual St. Nicholas party, which included planting psenica kits and various activities including music, arts and crafts, and play time. The Feast of St. Nicholas followed on December 19, with a well-attended Divine Liturgy and ten Kolaches blessed for family Slava celebrations.

This summarizes just a portion of life in our parish in 2019. By all accounts, there was a lot going on – thank God! And before we continue on into the year of our Lord 2020, I would like to use this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to all who in any way support our community and work for the benefit of this parish and church in general.

I would thank first of all, the parish executive board for their dedication and numerous hours spent together in making sure all of the above-mentioned projects happen – all while, at the same time, making sure that the regular day-to-day needs of parish life are taken care of.

I would especially like to thank the St Elijah Choir for their faithful attendance and great effort invested in beautifying our worship. May you continue to multiply your God given talents, and may God bless you for your dedication!

I would like to thank the KSS sisters, and the members of Mothers' Club and Men's Club for their time spent here working in all capacities. Celebrations, dinners, lunches, brunches, food festivals, making noodles, baking nut rolls and tortas, the Baba's Pantry project... you name it, they are there, putting in countless hours of work. Indeed, if we had a way to track how many hours these people volunteer every year, we would be shocked! Just a simple THANK YOU is not enough – so may God repay you abundantly for everything you do!

A number of committees and groups were established in the last year to focus on various parts of parish life and outreach, with more to come. At this time, though, I want to specially recognize the members of the Fellowship and Ministry Group, as well as the Endowment Committee. These two groups are exceptionally important for the future of our parish. I think it is fair to say that if this parish does not support those groups in 2020 and beyond, perhaps no one will be there to support this parish years from now.

The Communication Committee also deserves praise for their work in working on ways to better "spread the word" about our parish and its life. If you haven't already done so, please visit

our newly published website (www.stelijahaliquippa.com) and sign up for our newsletter and online member directory!

Altar boys and tutors – thank you! Thank you for coming to church before anyone else, even often before me! Thank you for making sure that we have everything set and ready, not only for Sunday services but also for pomens, funerals, weddings, baptisms, slavas, and all other occasions.

I would also like to thank our youth and all those who are involved with Sunday School activities – which is the future of our church.

A special thank you goes to our dear Father Rodney, for his continuous support and selfless offering to help in all circumstances. Father, we are all blessed to have you in our midst!

Last, but certainly not the least, a deep and heartfelt thanks goes to my wife and family for their support and understanding.

With these remarks I would like to close my reflection on the previous year of the Lord 2019. I certainly look forward to serving you better in the year of the Lord 2020.

Your intercessor before the cradle of the Newborn Child God,

Fr Branislav Golic

Мир Божији – Христос се роди! Ваистину се роди!





SAINT ELIJAH SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Church School Congregation Executive Board

Dear St. Elijah Brothers and Sisters,

This time of year always brings a good feeling, a sense of appreciation and joy for our families. It is a time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and what this holiday actually stands for. It is not the lights, the presents and the parties, but more so of what we hold dear in our hearts as Orthodox Christians. During this advent season, I am sure we all try to live better Christian lives as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. The birth of Jesus Christ gave the Christian world hope and continues to do so today.

As we celebrate the nativity of Jesus Christ and our beginning as Orthodox Christians, His birth and life reminds us of the path He has provided for us to follow and emulate. He taught us by example to lead a life of humility, respect, sincerity and honesty; a life where one thinks and does for others and is not consumed by one's self. It is not always easy. In fact, in this complicated world, it can become difficult and confusing. This is the reason our Lord also has provided a path of prayer, fasting and confession which helps us through our struggles and for that we should feel grateful. All of this we received on the night of His birth so long ago without knowing that we even needed it.

We are all so fortunate to have each other as a church family to come together to celebrate our Lord's birth. It is a true blessing! Our St. Elijah parish has been blessed forever with great people and it continues to this day. We all are eternally grateful for what our pioneers have built for us and we all know that it is up to us to continue our rich Serbian Orthodox Christian faith and traditions. During this time as we celebrate the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, I ask all of us to reflect and to think about one another. Remember fondly those who came before us and appreciate the ones who are still with us. We should also have faith that those who come after us will continue to not only celebrate this joyous season but will keep His light burning as well as the light and life of our parish. Our future is as bright and promising as His was on the night of His birth.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for your steadfast dedication to our beloved St. Elijah and wish you a wonderful and joyous holiday season! *Mir Boiji Hristos - Se Rodi!* God's Peace - Christ is Born!

Faithfully Yours,

Nick Kosanovich, Jr. President, St Elijah Church Executive Board

FOUNDATIONS OF ORTHODOX FAITH

Orthodox Christians accept the Bible as the Word of God and the ground of their faith and practice. The Bible took shape within Holy Tradition: the oral and written "memory" of Israel and the early Church. To Jesus and the apostles, Holy Scripture consisted of what we call the Old Testament: the Law, the Prophets and the Wisdom writings of the ancient Jewish people. The New Testament writings came to be recognized as "canonical" (authoritative and normative) over several centuries. They, like the Old Testament books, were composed on the basis of Tradition.

Orthodox faith is expressed most succinctly by the Nicene Creed, composed by theologians who met at the first two (of seven) great Ecumenical Councils held in 325 and 381. Slightly different from the later Apostle's Creed, the Nicene confession is essentially "trinitarian." It declares God to be the Father and Creator of all things. It stresses the true "incarnation" of the eternal Son of God, Who was "incarnate of the Holy Spirit AND the Virgin Mary, and became man; Who died and rose from the dead, ascended to heaven, and will come again to judge both the living and the dead". It confesses the Holy Spirit to be equal in nature and honor with the Father and the Son, to "proceed" eternally from the Father, and to be the inspirational power behind God's self-revelation. The Creed concludes with affirmations of faith in the One, Holy, Catholic (universal), and Apostolic Church, in a single baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and in the resurrection of believers to eternal life.

The major focus of Orthodox worship is adoration of God and communion with Him. The Church's faith is expressed in its liturgical prayer. Individual services derive from ancient Jewish services, taken over by early Christians and reshaped in the light of Christ and His resurrection. The "liturgical day" begins in the evening (see Genesis 1, "an evening and a morning, the first day"!) with celebration of Vespers. This is followed by Compline and the midnight office of Nocturn. Around daybreak, Matins is served, and this is followed by the First, Third, Sixth and Ninth Hours. On feast days, monastic communities, cathedrals and most parish churches celebrate the Divine Liturgy or eucharist service, as all Orthodox communities do on Sunday mornings.

The Divine Liturgy may be considered to be the very heart of Orthodox life and faith. It unites us with other Orthodox believers throughout the world in a common celebration of the gift of Life offered to us by Christ's death and resurrection, by which the powers of sin and death are overcome. The Liturgy also unites us with the whole of the "communion of saints" -- the departed martyrs, holy fathers and mothers of past ages -- who join with us and the heavenly host in glorifying God and receiving from Him the Bread of Life.

Orthodox Christians are often asked if they observe the "seven sacraments" (eucharist, baptism, chrismation, confession, marriage, ordination, unction). While these are all sacraments in Orthodoxy, it is important to remember that all of life is given to us in order that it might become "sacramental." Through prayer, participation in the liturgical

services, ascetic struggle against our passions or sinful inclinations, and by gestures of loving self-sacrifice, we enter ever more deeply into communion with the God of love.

The beauty and richness of Orthodox liturgical services serve to draw the faithful into a living experience of the triune God, to unite them in faith and love with one another and with the saints of all ages, and to bless their lives with a profound sense of God's merciful, compassionate presence in their midst. Although Holy Communion can only be offered to Orthodox Christians who are prepared to receive it, we invite you most cordially to join with us in our services of worship, to celebrate and glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

What is Orthodox Christianity? In Jesus' own words, we invite you to "Come and see!"

Fr John Breck https://www.antiochian.org/



Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness

"Thy departure from this earthly life is a cause of grief and sorrow for your parents and all who love you, O little child; but in truth you have been saved by the Lord from sufferings and snares of many kinds. O Savior and Master of our life: comfort the faithful parents of this departed child with the knowledge that to innocent children, who have done no deeds worthy of tears, are granted the righteousness, peace and joy of Thy kingdom" [Canon Ode 9, The Service of Burial of an Infant].



Each year, approximately one million pregnancies in the United States end in miscarriage, stillbirth or the death of a newborn child. But this is not just a statistic. This is a life and a death issue.

It is my belief that both the Gospel and the Orthodox Church hold that life begins at conception — that is, the fertilization of the ovum by the sperm. God knows the name and age of each person from his or her mother's womb, as we pray during the Liturgy of Saint Basil. We must therefore recognize that pregnancy loss — miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy or stillbirth — all result in the death of a human being, a baby, a "Child of God." Parents who were anticipating life are now confronted with death. These deaths result in millions of parents and families grieving.

Grieving Alone

Archpriest John Breck, writing about the mother who has miscarried, states that "her pain needs to be acknowledged, accepted, and palliated through words and gestures of understanding, sympathy and love, offered by her family and the parish community." In reality, most parents who experience the loss of a child during pregnancy, suffer alone. This is especially true in the instance of early pregnancy loss (i.e. miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies) where there is no "body" to be seen and often the mother shows no outward signs of pregnancy. Many people are unaware of the grief that pregnancy loss causes. Sometimes the grieving parents, themselves, reinforce the idea that they are not grieving, by pretending they do not experience hurt, as they try to "get on with their lives" and to "try again."

It is important to note that not only is a parent's grief over a pregnancy loss real and normal, it is also Christian. Too many times it is assumed that grief is not Christian—that the bereaved should accept the reality of the loss as being "God's Will." However, we know that when Jesus learned of the death of his friend Lazarus, "Jesus wept" [John 11:35]. Especially in early losses (most miscarriages occur before the twelfth week of pregnancy) people often use the clichés, "It's God's will," "God wanted the baby in heaven for Himself," "God knows best; the baby would have probably been deformed." The only thing these sayings do is indicate to the parents that they should not mourn, that if they "are Christian" they will accept God's Will and not "complain."

Guidelines for Helping a Friend or Family Member to Grieve

Not everyone grieves in the same way. It is important to create a loving and understanding atmosphere to help those affected. Always work in cooperation with your pastor. In 2002, I wrote an article for our Diocesan Journal, *Jacob's Well*, titled *"Comforting Those Who Have Lost a Baby During Pregnancy or Shortly Thereafter."* I am including the guidelines from that article for people who may not know what to say or how to help a friend or family member who is grieving.

- The first—and likely the most important—thing you can do is realize that a baby has died and this death is just as "real" as the death of an older child. The parents' grief and healing process will be painful and take time—lots of time. They may not be recovered or done "thinking about their baby" after a month or even a year. Realize that the parents are sad because they miss their baby, and that he or she can never be replaced by anyone else, including future children or children they may already have.
- Let the parents know that they, their family and the baby are in your prayers. Call or send a sympathy card. You don't have to write a lot inside; a simple "You and your baby are in my thoughts and prayers" is enough.
- What the parents need most now is a good listener and a shoulder, not a lecture or advice. Listen when they talk about the death of their baby. Don't be afraid, and try not to be uncomfortable when talking about the loss. Talk about the baby by name, if they have named the child. Ask what the baby looked like, if the parents saw the baby. Most parents need and want to talk about their baby, their hopes and dreams for their lost child.
- It is okay to admit that you don't know how they feel. A good thing to say is, "I can't imagine how you feel. I just wanted you to know that I am here for you and that I am very sorry."
- Give a hug. This is a sign of love and concern. Even if this is all you do, it's a nonverbal way of saying "I'm sorry" or that "I'm praying for you."
- Offer to baby-sit their other children. Often there are follow-up doctor's visits and the parents need a chance to be together as a couple as well.
- Offer to bring meals; often mothers have no energy to do even basic things.
- Offer to go food shopping, help clean the house, do laundry—anything that lightens the burden of daily chores that need to be done. This is especially helpful if the mother is still waiting to miscarry the baby. That process may take days and is physically and emotionally draining.
- Be careful not to forget the father of the baby. Men's feelings are very often overlooked because they seem to cope more easily. The truth is that they are quite often just as devastated as their partner.
- Try to remember the anniversary of the death and due date with a card, call, or visit. Anniversaries can trigger grief reactions as strong as when the loss first happened. Months down the road a simple "How have you been doing since you lost your baby?" can give much comfort.
- Give special attention to the baby's brothers and sisters. They too are hurt and confused and in need of attention which their parents may not be able to give at this time.
- If the children want to talk about the death, don't be afraid to engage them in conversation. Children have a natural relationship to death and they are open and direct with adults with whom they feel comfortable. When children are allowed to share their dreams and thoughts openly, they are not usually impacted by death in a negative way.
- If you are pregnant, it may be hard for the bereaved parents (especially the mother) to see or even talk to you. You will need to be very understanding and extra patient with them. They still love you and are happy for you, but it is just such a huge reminder of what they have lost. Your bereaved friends may even feel a little jealous of you (especially after your baby comes), and then get angry with themselves for feeling that way.

- Remember that any subsequent pregnancies can be a roller-coaster ride of joy, fear and bittersweet memories.
- Remember also that mourning puts a tremendous strain on relationships between family and friends.

Your help, comfort, and sensitive support can be very influential in how the parents cope with the death of their baby and how they recover. You are important; they need you now more than ever.

After giving birth to two beautiful children, my husband and I experienced the deaths of two babies during pregnancy. Our second baby died while we were attending Saint Vladimir's Seminary. The prayers and support that we received from the community aided in our healing. The Molieben that my husband serves on October 15 holds special meaning for us. We hope that such prayers will help others to heal as well.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, Who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God" [2 Corinthians 1:3-4].

Definitions

Grief—The thought and feeling experienced within oneself upon the death of someone loved. It is the internal meaning given to the experience of bereavement.

Mourning—The taking of the internal experience of grief and expressing it outside oneself. *Miscarriage*—Death of an infant during the first 20 weeks of gestation. Usually a miscarriage occurs in the first 12 weeks. In most states the hospital is responsible for the remains of the baby. However, some states are introducing legislation that would allow parents to request the body for burial.

Ectopic Pregnancy—When the baby (fertilized egg) implants itself outside of the uterus. Medication or surgery is necessary to remove the conceptus (baby), prevent rupture of the fallopian tube, and to safeguard the mother's life. A ruptured ectopic pregnancy is a potentially life-threatening event for the mother.

Stillbirth—The death of an infant in the last 20 weeks of gestation, but prior to birth. In most states it is the responsibility of the parents to bury the baby.

Neonatal Death—The death of an infant during the first 28 days after birth.

Perinatal Loss—The death of an infant during pregnancy, childbirth, or during the first 28 days after birth.

By Matushka Dennise Kraus

Source: www.oca.org

SAINT ELIJAH SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



The Cupola Building Committee

СРПСКА ПРАВОСЛАВНА ЦРКВА СВЕТОГ ИЛИЈЕ

Одбор за изградњу куполе

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

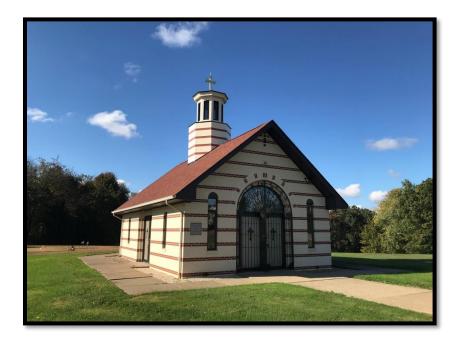
The Cupola Committee would like to thank those of you who generously donated to the project and for attending the dedication on Sunday November 17, 2019. We surpassed our financial goal and could not have done this without you! We should all be grateful to God for what he has bestowed upon us!

Below are selected pictures from the final construction, the cupola dedication and blessing of Prota Stevan's memorial gravestone.

The Committee wishes all of you a blessed and joyous Christmas!

Christ is Born! Indeed he is Born!

Members of the St. Elijah Cupola Building Committee Stephanie Kovacevic, Committee Chair Dan Baron Rich Chesla Kathy Loverich Seya Mabee Georgette Osman Lynn Popovich Al Radulovich Protinica Ana Stepanov Julie Taylor





24kt Gold Leaf guilded cross – Donated by Al and Carol Radulovich given in memory of the:

Radulovich , Manojlovich and Salaja Families







Cupola Interior and track lighting – Donated by Protinica Ana Stepano



I.-r. Albert Radulovich, Stephanie Kovacevic-Cupola Chairperson, Kathy Loverich, Lynn Popovich, Protinica Ana Stepanov,

His Grace the Right Reverend Irinej (Dobrijevic)

Seya Mabee, Juliann Taylor, Georgette Osman, Dan Baron and Rich Chesla

Mother's Club

would like to wish our St Elijah Family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New 2020 Year! Thank you for your continued support of our children's crograms, fund raising projects and the annual Summer

> Tea and Treasure Baskets event. <u>Please join us in 2020 for these Special Events</u> January 6th Christmas Eve Program January 26th St Sava Program and Dinner February 9th Valentine Celebration Dinner March 1st Cheesefare Sunday ~ Palacinkes March 22nd Lenten Luncheon ~ Soup and Pogaca Apríl 11th Vrbica Apríl 19th Easter Egg Hunt

May 17th Last Day of Sunday School Picnic July 12th Tea and Treasure Baskets Event <u>Blessings to All</u>!

St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church Fellowship and Ministry Group

"Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40



The Fellowship and Ministry Committee of St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church was formed earlier this year with the mission to serve the underserved, and to extend benevolent care and Orthodox Christian love to our neighbors, both within our church community and local community.

Our mission is to extend Christian love and service to our neighbors, both within and outside of the St. Elijah Church community. Within St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church, we aim to grow and enrich our church family by creating fellowship opportunities for all, from our very young families to our golden generation, including those parishioners who are not physically with us every Sunday. We also aim to reach our neighbors outside of our church community, especially those who are less fortunate or in need of help that we can give

Steering Committee

Marija Yaramus, Nena Jovonovich, Diane Volitich Knapp, Dawn Kosanovich & Yvonne Megaludis

With the guidance of Father Branislav, the generous help of many fellow St. Elijah parishioners, and by the grace of God, we were able to complete the following projects this year:

Food Festival Fellowship ~ in-reach

Parishioners volunteered their time to deliver meals and fellowship to St. Elijah parishioners who are either homebound or living in area facilities. Deliveries were made during both the Spring and Fall Food Festivals to over 40 parishioners. Both committee members and meal recipients enjoyed the conversation and visit during these deliveries.

FOCUS Donation Drive ~ outreach

Working with FOCUS Beaver County, parishioners donated food for Beaver County residents who are in

need.





Fellowship Cookouts ~ in-reach

Two potluck cookouts were held this year, one on June 23rd and one on September 15, to kick off the new Sunday School year. Parishioners brought side dishes and desserts and enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship on the church grounds.















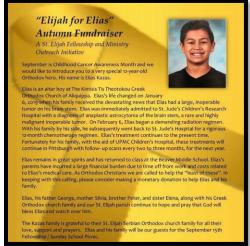




Elijah for Elias ~ outreach

Our St. Elijah community reached out to the Kazas family of Kimisis Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church of Aliquippa to help their son Elias, who had been admitted to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital with a diagnosis of anaplastic astrocytoma of the brain stem, a rare and highly malignant inoperable tumor. St. Elijah parishioners donated over \$5,500 to help the family defray the extensive cost of treatment for Elias.





Manna Soup Kitchen ~ outreach

On August 6th St. Elijah provided the meal at Manna Soup Kitchen at House of Prayer Lutheran Church that feeds the hungry of our Aliquippa Community. Volunteers served Burek, Srpska salata, green beans, pogacha, and dessert. Fellow parishioners generously donated baked goods and drinks.





College Care Packages ~ in-reach

A total of 18 care packages were prepared and sent to our parish college students to show our love and support in advance of their final exam periods. The packages included an icon with a prayer for studies, a prayer book for their daily needs, a gift card to a popular restaurant and lots of fortifying snacks.



Harvest for the Hungry ~ outreach

Our committee organized a food drive to contribute to the Faith Restoration Food Bank in Monaca. Parishioners donated non-perishable items in the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving. Three flats of packaged food were donated.











Holiday Fellowship ~ in-reach

Gift bags for Pascha and Thanksgiving were distributed to over 40 parishioners who are homebound or living in facilities. The bags contained candy, small icons, delicious nut rolls, and greeting cards designed and signed by our precious little ones. Committee members enjoyed reuniting and chatting with gift bag recipients, and everyone seemed to enjoy the visits.









In addition to repeating and building upon our efforts from 2019, 2020 plans for the Fellowship and Ministry group include:

Hristos se Rodi - Od Srca

A "Secret Santa" opportunity to provide Christmas gifts to our homebound and facility-dwelling parishioners. Please watch your bulletin and listen to announcements after Divine Liturgy for how you can help. <u>Monastery visit</u>

Our group is planning a monastery visit during Great Lent.

The Fellowship and Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone who helped to make our 2019 initiatives successful. We would also like to thank Father Branislav for his discernment, support and guidance. With this support, with God's blessing, and with the help of you, our St. Elijah brothers and sisters in Christ, we hope to continue these projects in 2020 and add even more to demonstrate love for our neighbor, both inside and outside of our St Elijah Orthodox Church community.

We are here to serve because He commanded us to do so! Luke 10:37

CHURCH EVENT CALENDAR- Tentative



January 26th- St. Sava Program

February 9th -Valentine Celebration Dinner February 22nd -Choir Bowling Ball

March 1st-Cheesefare Sunday-Palachinke March 2nd - Great Lent Begins March 22nd Lenten Luncheon-Soup and Pogaca

NO EVENTS-LENT March 2nd--April 19th Other than Vesper Dinner March 15th Church Hall

> April 3rd- AKATIST April 11th- Vrbica April 12th- Palm Sunday April 19^{th –} Easter

May 2nd - Annual Golf Tournament May 16th and May 17th – Spring Food Festival

June 6th Ascension June 8th- June 11th CHURCH CAMP WEEK June 7th Pentecost

July 12th Ladies Tea

August 2nd- Church Slava

September 19th -20th Annual Choir Concert Weekend- Honored Guests St. George Lexena, Kansas

October 3rd & 4th- Food Festival

November 22nd – Thanksgiving Play

MEETING SCHEDULES

Church Executive Board Meetings- 2nd Tuesday of the month St. Elijah Cornerstone Men's Club- 1st Tuesday of the month St. Elijah Mother's Club - last Tuesday of each month (Sep-May) St. Elijah Church Choir- 1st Wednesday of the month KCC- 3rd Monday of each month



KCC NEWS

We wish to thank all of you who supported our projects BABA'S PANTRY / FAST WITH US and our BAKE SALE! Only with your help in supporting us can we in turn support our church!

We doubled our orders from last year to this year! If you would like to make a purchase, a two-week notice would be appreciated when placing your order.

Once again I would like to thank our Committees for all their time and talents **POGACA**- Paulette Arbutina/Patty Cekoric **NUT ROLLS** -Lynn Popovich/Julie Taylor/ Joanne Ludovico/Barb Buffalini **BABA'S PANTRY/BAKE SALE** Cheryl Lufkin/Carson Robbins/ Diane Baron and Launa Brinkman **NOODLES**- Carson Robbins/Cheryl Lufkin **FAST WITH US**-Cheryl Lufkin/Fr Branislav and yours truly!

Thank you also to the KCC Board for all of your assistance in 2019 Cheryl Lufkin/Carson Robbins/Diane Baron/Stephanie Kovacevic and Paulette Rajkovich -Arbutina. Another successful year!

Wishing all of you a wonderful Christmas celebration!

Kathy Loverich-President

BABA'S PANTRY

TORTES				
	YELLO TORTE	\$30 WHOLE	\$15 HALF	
	APRICOT TORTE	\$35 WHOLE	\$18 HALF	
	NUT TORTE	\$40 WHOLE	\$20 HALF	
	RUSSIAN TORTE	\$45 WHOLE	\$23 HALF	
COOKIES				
	KIFFLES/NUT HORNS		\$8/DOZEN	
	SONJA HENIES/THUMBPRINT		\$8/DOZEN	
	GRUBIJA/BUTTER COOK	IE	\$8/DOZEN	
NUT ROLLS				
	NUT ROLL		\$15	
	APRICOT-NUT ROLL		\$17	
	APRICOT ROLL		\$17	
	POPPYSEED ROLL		\$17	
PASTRIES				
*	**GIBANICA (SWEET OR SA	LTY \$30 WHOLE	\$15 HALF	
	PALACHINKA/CHEESE CR	RAPES	\$24/DOZEN	
SOUP				
	CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP		\$6 QUART	
	POSNO/VEGAN SOUP		\$6 QUART	
	GRA I KUPUS/SAUERKRA	AUT & BEANS	\$6 QUART	
<u>OTHER</u>				
	POGACA		\$5	
	SOUP& LINGUINI NOOD	LES	\$7	
	SARMA/STUFFED CABBA	AGE	\$25 DC	DZEN
*TORTES ARE MADE IN A JELLY ROLL PAN FOR 54 PIECES OR A COOKIE SHEET FOR 72 PIECES *** GIBANICA IS				
MADE IN AN 11 1/2 X 17 INCH PAN				

ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED THROUGH CHERYL LUFKIN @ 724-857-0951

ST. ELIJAH CHOIR

Our 89th Annual Concert was held September 21st with our guests of the Peter Krstich Choir of Steubenville and the Dr. Laza Kostich of Midland, PA. music was provided for the evening by DRUSTVO. A wonderful menu was prepared for all to enjoy and as always fun and fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended!

Once again we sold our Annual Anderson Christmas Candy , our Christmas Ornaments as well as our traditional Psenica kits. Thank you to everyone who made purchases.

On Saturday, December 21st we joined the Holy Trinity Choir for their 4th Annual Carol Sing. Participating choirs were our hosts, Tsar Lazar, as well as St. Sava McKeesport. What a great way to spend a relaxing entertaining evening socializing with these wonderful people from out area.

Keep this date open it is our **18th ANNUAL BOWLING 'BALL'**. We will host this on Saturday, February 22nd back at **SHEFFIELD LANES.** Since there are only (20) lanes please organize your teams as soon as possible and submit your forms to either Adam or Kathy Loverich the cochairs of the event or mail them to the church. *Entry fee is \$30 which includes bowling, dinner, and the dance. This is a 5-person per team (no exceptions). As you send in your teams this is the lane assignments so if you wish to bowl next to your friends please submit slips together! <u>Advanced</u> <u>registration and payment is a must since we have to prepay the lanes before the event</u>. Deadline for entries is Sunday, <u>February 16, 2020</u>.

From all of us to all of you: *Hristos se rodi- Vaistinu se rodi! - Christ is born – Indeed he is born!*

TEAM NAME: (BE CREATIVE)

CONTACT/PHONE

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FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS

ANNUAL DUES

Annual Dues are being collected. They are payable each Sunday following Divine Liturgy or you may mail your check, card and a stamped self - addressed envelope to: St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church 2200 Irwin Street Aliquippa, PA 15001 Attention: Financial Secretary

In order to be a member in good standing, your dues must be paid by June 1st.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF OUR CHURCH BUT SHOULD BE?

Why not obtain an application from the Financial Secretary and sign them up today! Requirements for membership are: Must be 18 years of age -Must be baptized Orthodox Must belong or originally belonged to our parish boundaries.

MEMBERSHIPS

Voting Members (male or female) ...\$150 Orthodox women all benefits "except voting/holding office" ...\$75 Students 18 and older and attending college...\$2 Military...\$2 ***Please note once you turn 18 you need to fill out an application to the church

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Opening and Closing Fee of graves \$1200

Non-Orthodox Surviving Spouse Assessment (Perpetual Care Fee) \$150 per year

Funeral Non-Member fee \$2000 if they are not members in good standing of our St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church

Weddings \$300 Baptisms are free

Parastos \$25

EMAIL ADDRESS: stelijah@comcast.net

WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE If you miss church the Sunday bulletin can be found here! www.stelijahaliquippa.com

PHONE NUMBERS

PARISH HOUSE/OFFICE 724-375-4074

CHURCH CENTER OFFICE: 724-375-9894





CEMETERY: 724-378-9921

The St. Elijah Church-Aliquippa, PA.

Dan Ralich Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser

SATURDAY, MAY 2nd * BLACKHAWK GOLF COURSE * SHOTGUN START*

REGISTRATION AT 7:00 AM - TEE OFF 8:00 AM (Scramble Format)

Entry Fee: \$100

Includes: 18 holes of Golf, Cart, and Snack at the turn PLUS your

Buffet Dinner IMMEDIATELY following your round of golf at the:

St. Elijah Center 2200 Main Street Aliquippa, Pa 15001

All inquiries please call: or 724-375-9894 Or email: stelijah@comcast.net

The field is limited to 144 golfers; Registration is on a first-come first served basis.

Please make checks payable to: St. Elijah Church

PARISHIONERS and guests may also join us for the Buffet Dinner on Saturday

Donation: \$15 for adults and \$5 for students Advance dinner reservations must be made

NAME AND ADDRESS	PHONE #	E-MAIL		
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Total number of guests and golfers joining us for dinner				

MAIN Contact NAME/ EMAIL_____

Golf Fees \$_____Dinner Donation \$_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$_____



"Tea and Treasure Baskets Event"

Sponsored by: St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Mother's Club **Sunday, July 12, 2020 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.** St Elijah Serbian Center

Please join us for a very special afternoon tea! High Tea with scones, clotted cream, finger sandwiches and delicious desserts! Prizes and beautiful Treasure Baskets to raffle! Every lady will receive a ticket for a chance to win a special Treasure Basket



Reservations, please contact Julie Taylor: 724-375-2784 or Lynn Popovich: 412-657-9813

SPECIAL DONATIONS FROM JULY 1. 2019-NOVEMBER 30, 2019



PETE/PATRICIA PESUT 25 IMO AUNT SOPHIE P LOVERICH

ALAN KLAICH 20 IMO ANDREW 'BUTCH'MALOBABICH

MELISSA HENNESSY 25 IMO MY FATHER JOHN MUSOLIN

SAM BULAT 20 IMO TODOR BULAT PASSED AWAY 40 YEARS AGO

COURTNEY CASTO 50 IMO BELOVED GRANDPARENTS RODY & DOROTHY BRATICH

RODNA BRATICH 50 IMO MY BELOVED PARENTS RODY & DOROTHY BRATICH

SONYA SUDER 20 IMO ANDREW MALOBABICH

JOANN SEMOVOSKI 10 IMO ANDREW MALOBABICH

STELLA MRAOVICH 20 IMO ANDREW MALOBABICH

KUM FRED DOMLADOVAC & BATTAGLINI FAMILY 20 IMO ANDREW MALOBABICH

LARRY/MILANA MILOSH 50 IMO SAM MILANOVICH JR

PHYLLIS HECKMAN 20 IMO LIZ LUBICH MARK & MARIA KOSANOVICH 200 FOR THE HEALTH OF MARGARITA KOSANOVICH 94 YEARS OLD

DOROTHY BUCAN 20 IMO ANDREW MALOBABICH

DEBORAH CURRY 50 IMO PATTY SERGEANT

JOHN SERGEANT 50 IMO PATTY SERGEANT

BARBARA SPARCIE 100 IMO PATTY SERGEANT

RODNA BRATICH 50 IMO BELOVED GRANDPARENTS SIMO/LJUBA BELICH AND MARKO & MILA BRATICH

CORTNEY CASTO 50 IMO BELOVED GREAT GRANDPARENTS SIMO/LJUBA BELICH AND MARKO & MILA BRATICH

NELL KOZLINA 25 IMO BROTHER WASSO KOZLINA JR

BETTY MISTOVICH 25 IMO BROTHER WASSO KOZLINA JR

JIM/JOANNE RADITIC 25 IMO SISTER DOROTHY BARON

DEBBIE BOWEN 50 IMO DOROTHY BARON 1 YR

DAN BARON 50 IMO MOM DOROTHY BARON

SHYKA/MALLOY AND MARSHALL FAMILIES 25 IMO COUSIN MILO WUSLICH

BOB/DIANE BARON 50 IMO DOROTHY BARON EMILY LAMPICH 50 IMO MOM ON HER BIRTHDAY

MIM BIZIC 100 IN HONOR OF KUMOVI BOB/DIANE BARON AND ALL + RELATIVES WHO SUSTAINED THE CHURCH OVER THE YEARS

MARY ANN RUSSIAN 30 IMO DOROTHY BARON

DOLLY SKORICH 25 IMO ANDREW 'BUTCH' MALOBABICH

SYLVIA WEISENMILLER 20 IMO BERT & DAN BIRTHDAY'S

GEORGE TADICH 225 IMO WIFE SHIRLEY B TADICH

SLAVA DONATIONS IMO

MILO/VIOLET PRISUTA 100 IMO VERA & MILO B PRISUTA AND THE VOJNOVICH AND PRISUTA FAMILIES

DAN BARON 100 IMO DIANA/MOM AND DAD

MELANIE BARD 100 IMO DAN MENICH

BRIAN HAYDEN 100 IMO CHESTER/IRENE HAYDEN BARBARA SAHAR 100 IMO THE KARAFFA FAMILY

GEORGIANNA KROSS 100 IMO LOVING PARENTS GEORGE/FRANCES KOZLINA

AMERICAN SERBIAN CLUB 100 IN HONOR OF KUMOVI BOB/DIANE BARON FOR SLAVA

GEORGIANNA KATEKOVICH IMO HUSBAND STEPHEN MARK KATEKOVICH STEVE MASLEK 500 IN HONOR OF 1995 WEDDING STEVE/LEE ANN

BRIAN/LUANN VULA 30 IN HONOR OF LOVED ONES CEMETERY FUND

PAUL & DANIELLE MILANOVICH 50 IMO PARENTS JOE/NELL PUSKARICH

MICHELLE MACGREGOR 25 IMO FATHER MITCH MENCANIN ON HIS BIRTHDAY

LARRY/MILENA MILOSH 100 IMO VEDA MILANOVICH

NADINE MARAVICH 25 IN HONOR OF KUMOVI BOB/DIANE BARON

VIOLET SMOLANOVICH 25 IMO BROTHER NICK SMOLANOVICH

MITCH MENCANIN 50 IMO FATHER MITCHELL MENCANIN

DOROTHY BRDAR 100 IN HONOR OF KUMOVI BOB/DIANE BARON AND DJURI/MARLENE VOLITICH

EVANGELINE MONTAG 50 IMO FATHER MILO PRISUTA

STELLA MRAOVICH 20 IMO NICK MRAOVICH

STELLA MRAOVICH 30 IMO BROTHERS RUDY/SAM AND BOB POLOJAC

DAN BARON 50 IMO MOM ON HER BIRTHDAY

GEORGE TADICH 50 IMO MY MOTHER AND FATHER

EMILY LAMPICH 50 IMO MY DAD ED LAMPICH



KATHY FEENSTRA 50 AND MY MOM NELL LAMPICH ON HER BIRTHDAY

STACY VEKER 100 IMO MY GRANDFATHER JOSEPH MARSILIO

FAMILY & FRIENDS 145 IMO DOBRILA PAVLOVICH

CAROLE MARAVICH 50 IMO NICK AND ANN MARAVICH

DAWN TOMEI DANIELS 100 FOR THE HEALTH AND HAPPINESS OF MY FAMILY

RON/SHARON CHURCHIN 250 IMO NICK AND OLGA YORGIN

ROSE RESANOVICH 50 IMO BROTHERS NICK AND STEVE SKORICH

CAROLYN TUTHILL BOZZOTTO 50 IN CELEBRATION OF NICK AND MELLISSA RIDJANECK-SMITH WEDDING

DANICA STARYZAK 50 IMO FATHER AND MOTHER MIKE AND SALLY RADOVICH

MILO/VIOLET PRISUTA 100 IMO VERA PRISUTA

OCTOBER DONATIONS

JOANN NAIRN 30 IMO LOVED ONES

EVANGELINE MONTAG 50 IMO MOM VERA PRISUTA STELLA MRAOVICH 20 IMO HUSBAND NICK MRAOVICH

DIANE IANNINI 50 IMO MOM AND DAD ON THEIR ANNIVERSARY 10/10 IMO UNCLE PETE ON HIS BIRTHDAY 10/4

STELLA MRAOVICH 10 IMO BROTHER RODY POLOJAC

STELLA MRAOVICH 20 IMO MY HUSBAND NICK MRAOVICH

WILLIAM DAGEN 100 IMO REBICH FAMILY

JELENA HINIC 60 IMO GEORGE YOVETICH

DIANE MCCONAHEY 20 IMO ANN DULL

PETE/PATRICIA PESUT 25 IMO PETE PESUT

JOYCE BEKIC 50 IMO MILOS AND SLAVA BEKIC

JOYCE BEKIC 50 IMO AUNT LJUBICA OBRADOVICH

HELEN LINKOVICH 25 IMO FATHER STEVAN LINKOVICH

DIANA/ALBIN ABRAMOVICH JR 25 IMO HELEN PESUT

IN LOVING MEMORY OF HELEN PESUT

TOM CHERYL LEYDIG 20 KUMOVI RANDY/ANNA MARIE GLEASON 20 MELISSA HENNESY 20 YVONNE MUSOLIN 20 KUMA DOLLY MISTOVICH 50 DIANE IANNINI 50 RODNA BRATICH 100 IMO PRECIOUS PARENTS RODY/DOROTHY BRATICH

CORTNEY CASTO 100 IMO BELOVED GRANDPARENTS DOROTHY/RODY BRATICH

DOLLY SKORICH 25 IMO HELEN PESUT

PETE PESUT 300 IMO HELEN PESUT

MICHAEL/DEBORAH ZAKOVICH 100 IMO MOM JENNIE ZAKOVICH

MARK/MARTHA ZATEZALO 25 IMO JENNIE K ZAKOVICH

NOVEMBER DONATIONS

HELEN LINKOVICH 20 PERSONAL SLAVA IMO MOTHER MILANA LINKOVICH

ROSATI FAMILY 100 IMO JOE ROSATI ON HIS BIRTHDAY

MITCH MENCANIN 50 IMO UNCLE WILLIAM MENCANIN

EMILY LAMPICH 50 IMO MOM NELL LAMPICH WHO PASSED AWAY 15 YEARS AGO 11/29

NADIA PRISUTA-ENGEL 50 IMO VERA PRISUTA

GEORGIANNA KATEKOVICH 100 IMO HUSBAND STEPHEN KATEKOVICH

MICHELLE MACGREGOR 25 IMO FATHER MITCH MENCANIN 11/2 DAN RADAKOVICH 50 IMO MOTHER ANNA/FATHER NICK/BROTHER GEORGE AND WIFE DONNA

STELLA MRAOVICH 20 IMO GRANDSON ERIC SEMOVOSKI

MELVA CYANOVICH 15 IMO AMELIA STEPANOVICH/MILDRED CYANOVICH AND MARA GASPAROVIC

GEORGETTE DARR 50 IMO MILDRED RALICH

ANGELA CELLINI 50 IMO MILDRED RALICH

EVELYN/ROBERT SAVICH 200 IMO DAN/MILDRED RALICH

ALAN KLAICH 20 IMO MILOS KLAICH

ALAN KLAICH 50 IMO MILOS/IRENE/JOVO & MILICA KLAICH

BRIAN/LUANN VULA 15 IMO AUNT MILLIE YANUZZI ON HER BIRTHDAY

DALE VULA 20 IMO AUNT MILLIE YANUZZI ON HER BIRTHDAY

GEORGE/BEA VULA 20 IMO MILLIE YANUZZI ON HER BIRTHDAY

GEORGIANNA KATEKOVICH 100 IMO MOTHER HELEN KARAS SUDER

EVANGELINE MONTAG 50 IMO MOTHER VERA PRISUTA

RADMILA BEKIC 100 IMO MILOS/SLAVKA BEKIC AND LJUBICA SLIJPAEVAC DALE VULA 20 WISHING MY DAD GEORGE VULA, A HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY

BEA VULA 20 WISHING MY HUSBAND GEORGE, A HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY

MELISSA HENNESSY 25 IMO MY PARENTS ON THANKSGIVING

MILO/VIOLET PRISUTA 100 IMO VERA PRISUTA

MARIE KOSANOVICH 100 IMO MOM MARY ANN KOSANOVICH

CORRECTIONS FROM LAST BULLETIN JOYCE SCURSATONE \$1575 SYLVIA MICHIC 1835 BARBARA SAHAR 1360



CUPOLA DONATIONS FROM JULY 1ST TO NOVEMBER 30TH IN



IVANA TAYLOR 750 IN LOVING MEMORY OF FR. STEVAN

PROTINICA ANA STEPANOV 1350 IMO FR STEVAN

LISA MILLER 10 IMO ANNA MAE MEEHAN CUPOLA FUND

DIANE MILLER 10 IMO JOHN/ANGIE ZARNICH

TOM/CHERYL LEYDIG 100 IMO MEDICH/SALAYA/LEYDIG FAMILIES

DANIEL MAXIN 200 IMO MY MOTHER VASSILIKI KROTHIANAKIS MAXIN

BARB SAHAR 25 IMO THE KARAFFA FAMILY

RICH/KATHY CHESLA 100 IMO FATHER DAN MENICH

ROBERT/DONNA MILANOVICH 500 IMO PARENTS ROBERT/ANN MILANOVICH AND DUCHIN /LILLIAN REBICH

MILDRED SNYDER 15 IMO ANDREW MALOBABICH

DONNA AIELLO 40 IMO MY HUSBAND RICHIE M/M ELI KOSANOVICH 500 IMO LOVED ONES

MILEVA MERVIS 25 IMO HUSBAND BOB

HELEN LINKOVICH 50 IMO PARENTS STECAN/MILICA LINKOVICH

MILDRED SNYDER 15 IMO HUSBAND FRANK NADINE MARAVICH 25 IMO HUSBAND ELI MARAVICH ON HIS BIRTHDAY 7/26

GEORGIANNA KROSS 100 IMO MY PARENTS GEORGE/FRANCES KOZLINA

DANIELLE BARON 50 IMO DOROTHY BARON

DAN BARON 100 IMO MOM DOROTHY BARON

PAULETTE ARBUTINA 10 IMO DOROTHY BARON

ANN VIGNOVICH 40 IMO LOVED ONES

SEYA MABEE 50 IMO YVONNE RABBIT

AL/CAROL RADULOVICH 50 IMO KUMA DOROTHY BARON

MATT ARBUTINA 100 IMO SISTER DOROTHY BARON

JOANN NAIRN 30 IMO FR. STEVAN AND LOVED ONES

SEYA MABEE 100 IMO ZEC AND MABEE FAMILIES

SYLVIA MICHIC 25 IN LOVING MEMORY OF FAMILY MEMBERS

STEVE DUKOVICH 100 IMO MY PARENTS MELVA CYANOVICH 25 IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY FAMILY MEMBERS

MARTY RADULOVICH 25 IN MEMORY OF HUSBAND BRONKO

SYLVIA MICHIC 40 IMO FATHER JOHN TUDAY AND BROTHER-IN-LAW RICHARD SAHAR

BARB SAHAR 50 IMO RICHARD SAHAR AND JOHN TUDAY

SYLVIA MICHIC 30 IMO BROTHER-IN-LAW MILAS COOK

GORDON/MILEVA HECKNER 100 (HUSTON TX) IMO FR STEVAN

LILLIAN LAPCEVICH 50 IMO HUSBAND BRONKO

DANA RADULOVICH IORIO 25 IMO BELOVED GRANDMOTHER MILLIE MANOJLOVICH

PETE BELICH 25 IMO PARENTS PETE AND MARY BELICH

ANN VIGNOVICH 40 IMO LOVED ONES

WAYNE/VALERIE TATALOVICH 500 IMO MARY TATALOVICH HAYDEN

BARB SAHAR 25 IMO EUGENE MABEE

JOAN NAIRN 25 IMO LOVED ONES

SYLVIA MICHIC 40 IMO EUGENE MABEE CARRIE RADULOVICH MURPHY 50 IMO GRANDPARENTS STANLEY (BOOMIE) & MILLIE MANOJLOVICH/ ELI & ISABELLA RADULOVICH

CRAIG RADULOVICH 50 IMO GRANDPARENTS STANLEY (BOOMIE) & MILLIE MANOJLOVICH/ ELI & ISABELLA RADULOVICH

SYLVIA MICHIC 35 IMO LOVED ONES

BATO/LJUBI HAYDEN 25 IMO GEORGE/BARBARA HAYDEN

STEPHANIE KOVACEVIC 250 IMO BISA & DUJO KOVACEVIC

BARB SAHAR 25 IMO STEPFATHER SIMEON KOWALCHICK

PETE BELICH 25 IMO FATHER PETE BELICH

JOYCE SCURSATONE 50 IMO PARENTS NICK M. & ANN P MARAVICH

JOYCE SCURSATONE 100 IMO HUSBAND CLYDE

MELANIE BARD & ANN MENICH 200 IMO DAN MENICH

PHILIP LALAEFF 20 IMO DOROTHY & ALBERT RONYECZ

MERLE/DIANE HARMON 25 IMO ANN/NICK TORBIC

STEPHANIE VRANJES 20 IMO LOVED ONES

ST. ELIJAH MOTHER'S CLUB 1000

IMO OUR DEPARTED MOTHER'S OF THE MOTHER'S CLUB

SYLVIA MICHIC 25 IMO LOVED ONES

TOM/CHERYL LEYDIG 100 IMO LOVED ONES OF THE SALAYA, MEDICH/LEYDIG FAMILIES

RICH/KATHY CHESLA 200 IMO DAN MENICH

JAMES/LINDA MCGEEHAN 25 IMO ANNA/DANIEL KARAMARKOVICH

DONNA AUGUST 100 IMO DAN MENICH

MITCH MENCANIN JR 50 IMO FATHER MITCHELL MENCANIN SR

DOROTHY BRDAR 100 IMO ELI BRDAR



ST ELIJAH KCC 1000 IN LOVING MEMORY OF ALL OF OUR DEPARTED SISTERS

SYLVIA MICHIC 25 IN LOVING MEMORY OF ALL DECEASED LOVED ONES

BARB SAHAR 25 IMO CLYDE SCURSATONE

COURTNEY CASTO 100

IMO BELOVED GRANDPARENTS DOROTHY/RODY BRATICH

RODNA BRATICH 100 IMO PRECIOUS PARENTS RODY/DOROTHY BRATICH

ROBERT ZELJAK 35 IMO ZELJAK FAMILIES

SHARON SEMANKO 100 IMO HELEN BRDAR YAWOR

ANN FAGAN 200 IMO FR. STEVAN AND LOVED ONES

DAN RADAKOVICH 100 IMO FATHER NICK/MOTHER ANN/BROTHER GEORGE AND WIFE DONNA RADAKOVICH

STELLA MRAOVICH 20 IMO HUSBAND NICK

DAVE AND GINGER VUICH 20 IMO FR. STEVAN

MILDRED SNYDER 25 IMO LOVED ONES

GEORGE TADICH 50 IMO WIFE SHIRLEY B TADICH

AL/CAROL RADULOVICH 50 IMO PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS

BARB SAHAR 50 IMO KARAFFA FAMILY

MELISSA HENNESSY 100 IMO PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS/ KUMOVI AND UNCLE

ST ELIJAH CORNERSTONE MEN'S CLUB 500 IMO DECEASED MEN'S CLUB MEMBERS

MILKA MENCANIN 35 IMO LOVED ONES

ANN VIGNOVICH 20

IMO ROBERT VIGNOVICH

MARKO STEPANOV 240 IMO MY TATA

STELLA MRAOVICH 20 IMO HUSBAND NICK

ST ELIJAH KOLO CHOIR 10,231.50 IN LOVING MEMORY OF: FR STEVAN AND ALL OF OUR DECEASED KOLO CHOIR MEMBERS AND SISTERS OF OUR KOLO

ALBERT/CAROL RADULOVICH 5,201 IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE RADULOVICH, MANOJLOVICH AND SALAJA FAMILIES FOR THE GUILDED CROSS ON THE CUPOLA

PROTINICA ANA 1,800 IN LOVING MEMORY OF FR. STEVAN FOR THE LIGHTS IN THE CUPOLA

THE ESTATE OF THE LATE+ ZORA VUICH TO THE PERPETUAL CARE FUND AT THE CEMETERY 13,570.53



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