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Trusteeship Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2019

The meeting began with a prayer at 7:10 pm. The motion to accept/approve the minutes from our July 2019 trusteeship meeting was passed unanimously.

### Major Discussion Items

Summer Picnic. Father Vasilije began by thanking Mark Rasevic, Nena Djokic, and all others who worked so hard to organize and manage our summer picnic on Sunday July 21st. It was another successful event that helped to bring the parish together.

Travel. Father informed us that he will be travelling to Oxford University to present a paper at the International Conference on Patristic Studies. The trusteeship congratulated Father on this accomplishment. Father Miroslav will fill in on Sunday August 25th.

Triennial Church Assembly (Sabor) Follow-Up. Father discussed the purpose and content of the document he wrote ("*A Reflection on the Arrondissement of the Constitution of the Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America*"), posted to various church web sites, which explains and defends the decision of the Holy Assembly to carry out a legal arrondissement, i.e., to officially limit the geographical scope of the existing Constitution governing the Serbian Orthodox Church on the American continent. Father encouraged everyone, if they have not already done so, to read and consider the document.

Upcoming Events on the Parish Calendar. Father reminded us that on Sunday September 1st, we will be joined by Professor Milos Kovic, Professor Milo Lompar, and Branimir Nesic who will present a lecture (in Serbian) on The Role of the Serbian Orthodox Church in Today's Society. That day, books by these authors will also be available for purchase. Father also informed us that on Sunday September 15th, he will serve a solemn memorial service for all the victims of Jasenovac, the largest Ustaša WWII death camp. Our talented parishioner Nikola Lojanica is creating a special commemorative ribbon for the occasion, and that our parish children will help prepare commemorative pins. Preparations for our Fall *SerbFest DC* event in early October are proceeding well. Bozo Bole Matovic of Harrisburg, PA is booked for that Saturday, and the committee is working to line up entertainment for Sunday. Also, we are in discussions with representatives of the Serb National Federation about holding a "Serbian Movie Festival" event at our church in the latter half of October. Finally, our Diocese of Eastern America



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plans to hold a celebration in honor of the 800th anniversary of the autocephaly of the Serbian Orthodox Church. The celebration will be held in New York and is tentatively planned to be held in conjunction with Saint Sava Cathedral's annual fundraising gala in November. More details to follow on all of these events as they become available.

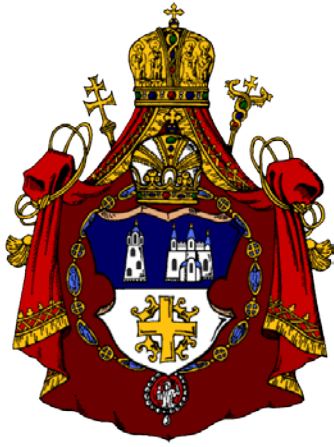
Financial Report. John Buffalini presented the Treasurer's Report. As we typically experience in the summer months, both church attendance and donations slow. However, because of the number of parishioners who now make their donations online, the impacts are less than in previous years. All mortgage payments through August have been made to John Marshall Bank on-time or early. John reported that our net income for our summer picnic was \$2,955.57 (gross income was \$4,800.00 and expenses were \$1,844.43).

Parishioner Loans. The first installment of semi-annual interest payment checks to those parishioners voluntarily participating in the loan re-financing initiative were sent out last week. We thank everyone for their commitment to, and generous support of, our parish.

Parish Census. Plans are being developed for conducting a parish-wide census to update information on the number and geographic locations of our parishioners. More information will be provided soon.

Bookstore. The Tamburitza Association of America's Fall 2019 Extravaganza (<http://www.ganzadc19.com/>) will be held September 19-22 at the Hyatt Regency Dulles Hotel in Herndon, VA. Our parish bookstore will be participating as a vendor at the event, and we will need volunteers from our parish to help staff our booth. Please support the parish by volunteering to help at this event by contacting Father Vasilije or John Buffalini.

Sunday Coffee Hours/Lunches. Parishioners may still volunteer to host a coffee hour after Divine Liturgy by using the easy on-line signup sheet at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4fafa72ca75-coffee>.



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### Reminders

Easy Way to Financially Help Our Church. From now on, as you shop online at *Amazon.com* and make your purchases throughout the year, the Amazon Smile Foundation will automatically donate 0.5% of all your eligible purchases to our church. Please update your bookmarks to use the following *Amazon* link:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/82-3650722>

Then just sign in as usual, submit your orders as usual, receive your deliveries as usual, and our church's account will automatically be updated. No other special effort needed!

Social Media. Our parish has a growing presence on social media. You can follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Flickr, and other outlets by clicking on the appropriate links under the "Follow Us" banner at the bottom of our parish home page at:

<https://serbianchurch.org/>

We closed the meeting with a prayer at 9:17 pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday September 9, 2019.