

## St. Luke Serbian Orthodox Church

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Dear Fellow Parishioners:

Let us look back on the life of our church community this past year. Many more of our parishioners have returned to regular church attendance. While the Covid pandemic has had a definite negative effect on all church activities, we anticipate and pray for a continued vibrant and enthusiastic community in the coming year.

The Church Beautification Project continued to grow in 2022. In May, Father Vasilije led a group of our parishioners (8 pilgrims) to Mt. Athos, Greece to receive and escort the exact copy of the celebrated icon of the Mother of God of the Three Hands (Trojerucice) to our church. It is now in our church in a temporary frame, waiting for its specially carved throne. We are also waiting delivery of the new iconostasis, icons, bishop's throne, and altar table anticipated to arrive in early 2023. We thank everyone who contributed to the Church Beautification Project.

We are again in the season of Advent, preparing for the Birth of God's Son. A time when we typically give and receive gifts and I ask that you please place our church on your giving list. Your past generosity and dedication have paved the way for our parish to progress and grow with much love, respect, and enthusiasm. In 2023, we anticipate the return of SerbFest and other fundraising events. May you continue to celebrate the joy of Christmas – the Birth of Christ with your family and loved ones.

Mir Božiji! Hristos se Rodi!

Yours in Christ,

## Mílan Vísníck

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