

St. Luke Serbian Orthodox Church

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Fellow Parishioners:

This year, our church has had many accomplishments. In particular, the Church Beautification Project, which began in 2022, has seen tremendous progress; installation of the throne for the copy of the celebrated icon of the Mother of God of the Three Hands (Trojeručice), a new bishop's throne and iconostasis, all of which are exquisitely hand carved. Additionally, a new altar table was delivered and now used for services. All of these elevate not only the aesthetic of our church but the spiritual experience as well. If you haven't attended church since everything was installed, I encourage you to do so.

Worshiping together, seeing our children participate, not to mention the baby boom we are experiencing, has gladdened our hearts. Our parish life is vibrant and a positive spirit of community continues growing.

During Advent as we prepare for the Birth of our Savior, I ask that you please remember our church with a Christmas donation. The generosity and dedication of our parishioners are crucial to keep our doors open, worship together as a community, and partake in many sacraments and enriching activities. **If you haven't set up recurring online donations** <u>via</u> <u>our website</u>, please do so. This ensures that our church receives consistent funding throughout the year.

Wishing you a joyful Christmas with your family and loved ones.

Mir Božiji! Hristos se Rodi!

Yours in Christ,

Mílan Vísníck President, Trusteeship St. Luke Serbian Orthodox Church