

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Christ has Risen.

I am deeply humbled by your trust in me to be the parish Starosta. It is a responsibility that I take very seriously, and will do to the best of my abilities. May God guide me to do his work so that it is pleasing to him.

It has been just over two months now that I have assumed this position. So I would like to let you know the work that we have done so far.

1. I believe we are almost complete with all of the requirements for ground breaking on the new cemetery. I know you have been patiently waiting for years for this to come about. But with the dedicated efforts of the team in charge of this project, it will be open soon. Father Gregory will make the announcement when we have the final approval. Thank you to all of those that have given up their time and efforts to make this happen.

2. I as you know, Father Moses and his lovely family have joined us at St. Vladimir's. It is truly a blessing for us to have them now be a part of our parish family.

3. We had our spring cleaning day at St Vladimir's. The church and the grounds were cleaned as well as the flower gardens were raked and weeded. We removed well over a full truck load of debris. Thank you to all who participated.

4. We had a very successful Pascha. From the beautiful services, angelic choir and the delicious food that was made for all of us to break the fast together. It was great, and thank you to everyone for all of your work. For each and every one of you contributed, and I am grateful to have been able to celebrate with all of you.

5. A new alarm system has been installed at the church and video monitoring. This saves the church approximately \$1,200.00 dollars a year in operating expenses. Plus the old system didn't have video monitoring that we now have.

6. I am in negotiations with DTE Energy's gas division to switch over from propane that we now use, to natural gas. No more worries about running out of fuel, and lost revenue for no services due to loss of heat. This would save the church possibly \$2000.00 or more from our annual expenses in fuel cost alone. Not to mention the money that will be saved as we expand with the addition of class rooms, and a whole house generator for uninterrupted power.

7. The Parish Council, Father Gregory and myself are looking at other possibilities for cost savings. I would like to invite all of you to forward any ideas to any of us for consideration and feasibility in implementing those ideas.

With all that being said, I believe we have had a very productive two months, praise be to God. I can't promise that it will always be that way. But with your help and

support we can move forward in our plans and hopefully soon be in a position to start the new church.

May the Lord bless all of you and grant us peace.

With Love in Christ

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