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WHAT BRINGS HAPPINESS

Read Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

After studying the effect of the post-World War II economic boom in Japan, Richard Easterlin concluded that monetary growth does not always bring more satisfaction. More recently, economists Betsey Stevenson and Justin Wolfers conducted surveys in more than 100 nations and concluded that life satisfaction is highest in the richest countries.

So who’s right? Let’s check with the writer of Ecclesiastes. He should know! He was a truly rich man (2:8). He had the means to try everything in this world—and he did! He gave himself to pleasure (vv.1-3), grand projects (vv.4-8), entertainment (v.8), and hard work ((vv. 10-11). But he concluded that it was all “vanity and grasping for the wind. There was no profit under the sun” (v.11).

Lasting satisfaction doesn’t come from possessing tangible things like savings accounts and material goods. Recent events have shown that these things can suddenly lose value. To find true happiness, we have to find it in *Someone* who is not from “under the sun”. And that is our Savior, **Jesus Christ!**

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THE LITURGIES OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS will be served on Friday, March 12, 2010. The Service of Hours will begin at 9:00 a.m. Holy Confession will be heard at 9:30 a.m. and the Presanctified Liturgy will follow at 10:00 a.m.
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VISITS

- March 1st Health South, Sewickley: Serge Reback
Vincentian House and Rehab: Josephine Vidovich
- March 2nd West Hills Home and Rehab, Moon Twp: Radmila Mrkal
Medical Center: Diane Caler, Stevan Djerich, Mary Maravich
- March 5th At Home: Kathryn (Tootsie) Everly (Conf. & Comm.)

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FUNERAL: Give rest O Lord, to thy departed servant **MICHAEL GODICH** who has fallen asleep and make his memory to be eternal. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family, kumovi, and friends. **VJECNAJA PAMJAT!**
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AN APPEAL

The entire world has seen the devastation in Haiti. We are asking our members to aide our brethren with monetary donations. Send you checks to the Diocese and make them payable to: the **Serbian Orthodox Diocese** with a **notation – Haiti Relief**. The monies will be forwarded to the IOCC and they in turn will direct this relief effort.

+ Bishop Mitrophan

A second collection plate will be for the Haiti victims. Please contribute. Thank you!

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HOME BLESSING ANNOUNCEMENT- Father Stevan has been blessing homes since the day of the Holy Cross, January 18th. He has been calling all scheduled homes on his list and left messages on your answering machines. If you were not able to be home during the time he was scheduled to be in your neighborhood, **you should call Father Stevan**. He will arrange a special time with you if you would like to have your home blessed. If he missed you home in the past because he doesn’t have your current phone number or address in his file, please call him, and he will be glad to come and bless your home.
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VESPER SERVICES WILL BE HELD TODAY

AT ST. GEORGE SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, MIDLAND AT 5:30 PM

HOMILY WILL BE GIVEN BY: Fr. Dr. Rodney Torbic

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FROM THE CHURCH EXECUTIVE BOARD: On Thursday, February 25th the Church Executive Board met with *Center Task Force* Chairman Nick Kosanovich Jr, Nick submitted to the board the final report for our review from the Center Task Force Committee. The Executive Board thanks them for all their dedication to complete this final report; it is a job very well done!

It was recommended that this report be sent to each of our members and parishioners for your review. Please look for this in your mail. We are informing you today that there will be three important meetings that we are requesting everyone to attend. They are scheduled immediately following Divine Liturgy in the center. The dates are as follows: Sunday, March 14th (Open forum and discussion), Sunday, April 18th (open forum and discussion) and Sunday May 16th, 2010 (voting meeting). We cannot overemphasize the importance of these meetings and the decisions that will be rendered for the future of our parish. Please attend.
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EASTER FLOWERS-will adorn the church during the Easter Holiday. If you would like to donate a flower in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special, please see Mickey Belas following Divine Liturgy.



