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### Upcoming events:

June 8th  
June 16th

2nd Serbian Food Fest  
Annual Assembly

### F. Zlatibor's note

Dear brothers and sisters, children and youth,

Christ is Risen!

The Great Lent is behind us, we welcomed the Holy Pascha with happiness and joy, we have put aside all our cares and obligations to rejoice and ponder about our resurrection. And we will do so year after year, generation after generation, other Feasts of the Holy Resurrection will come and pass, and we will be filled with joy anew and celebrate, but also grow old and when the time comes we will repose and we will rest awaiting with hope.

And that moment will come when time will stop, the trumpet will sound and we will all be resurrected, and the Lord God will appear in His Glory and will Judge us.

The Lord dressed in the Emperors Vestments, the Lord seated on the Throne of Light, the Lord with the Apostles and the Saints, the Lord in the Glory that was before the world was created, the Lord Whom history will not know or recognize, the Lord Whom we will know and recognize by His Glory as made known from icons, visions and providence.

The Lord will make a small but great sign:

We will recognize this sign and we will immediately understand who will go to the right and who will go to the left side. He will tell us: I was hungry – you fed me. I was thirsty – and you gave me drink. And I was sick and in prison, and you came to me. I was in need, and you gave me what I needed. Not only to me, but whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren, the needy – you did it for me.

And those who were condemned, or already knew that they belong to the left side: they will be told, you did no good to anyone. Depart from me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry, and you left me hungry, and I was thirsty and was left thirsty, I was a stranger and you did not take me in, and you know already **the rest. The Judgement cannot be anything else but per each one's measure, so by justice** who has done good deserves a reward, and who has not done good deserves punishment.



Yet brothers and sisters, before the Lord God is our intercessor the Most Holy Mother of God, the Holy Theotokos who will continue to pray to God for all of us.

Dear brothers and sisters, why did I write this for you on this Paschal day of Christ our Savior and our Resurrected God – precisely because by our faith, through our deeds, through our lives, gathered in our parish, we tirelessly continue with all that life signifies. We believe and we await the resurrection. Everything unfolded the way as we know until the day of Ascension when Christ returned to the Father from where he came to us.

But He did not ascend before He gathered all the disciples on a hill and blessed them, and gave them the last commands, and said to them, "lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." **And note, He did not say, "I will be with you until the end of the world."** He is our Lord, yesterday, today and until the ages of the ages. Amen.

### **Presidents Note**

Dear Parishioners, Christ is Risen!

The Parish Board has organized several events and actions in the past few months.

The bright feast of the Holy Resurrection of Christ was greeted in a refreshed sanctuary by the goodness of our Zoran **Stojanović** and **Srdjo Stojić** who repainted all the walls and ceiling, while our hardworking parishioners were there to clean all of the icons and other surfaces in the chapel.

**Thanks to the goodness of author Gordana Petković-Laković, and Biljana Gašović, a "literary evening" was organized that was very well attended.**

**Our hunters, Luka Vukoje and Ljubiša Marković have honored us with a lovely hunter's dinner for Shrovetide.**

During the Great Lent, as usual, we organized the Great Lenten Vespers service on the Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross in our Parish. We thank all the parishioners from fraternal parishes who came to visit us, as well as the sisters who prepared a wonderful dinner so that occasion, so we invigorated both the spirit and the body. Also, on the feast of the Annunciation, we organized a presentation "Images from a journey through the Holy Land" where we commented on and presented photos from a devotional trip to Israel.

As every Sunday, following the Holy Liturgy we gather in our parish hall for the Agape meal. Each Sunday another family prepares the meal for everyone present. Come to socialize, and if you are able to sign-up for preparing a meal for one of the upcoming Sundays.



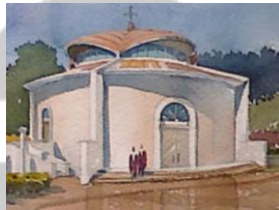
Gala Dinner will be held on May 11<sup>th</sup> in our parish hall. All seats have been booked already, and we thank everyone who responded to our invitation.

We also have the Serbian Food Festival ahead of us, that will take place on June 1<sup>st</sup>, and you will be informed in time about all other events that we plan for after that.

Thank you all for the sacrifice and the love you show to your and our Parish.

Sasa Cvijetinovic

### Site Plan Update



## Report for the Archangel Gabriel Parish Newsletter May 2019

Work on preparation of detailed drawings and other documents, in regards to the treatment and drainage of storm water for the new church (and its parking lot) is in process. As explained in the last report conceptual approach to this solution was approved by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and City planners. Work on adjustments of the Landscape, Exterior Illumination and the Architectural Plans, with a new stormwater management has also already commenced.

Members of the Project team are putting an effort to have all the necessary material for Site Plan Approval ready during the month of May 2019.



## Serbian School and Religious Education

### Easter Celebration in Our Church



#### Sunday after Divine Liturgy:

- 12:30-13:45 Religious education for children in Chapel
- 12:30-13:15 Religious education for adults around fireplace
- 12:30-13:15 Religious education for young adults near podium

Topics for religious discussion during Sunday's talks for young and adults are welcome and can be sent to [office@arhangelgavrilotoronto.com](mailto:office@arhangelgavrilotoronto.com)

**The Parish Governing Board** would like to thank all supporters of St. Archangel Gabriel Serbian Orthodox Parish!

Your donation, monetary or in time volunteered, unselfish efforts and work with organizing events, is what helps us reach the next step in getting the building permit, maintaining the existing building and grounds and with God's help building of our church.

We need your ideas for events, discussions, fundraising and others.

You are very welcome to send it to [office@arhangelgavrilotoronto.com](mailto:office@arhangelgavrilotoronto.com)

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