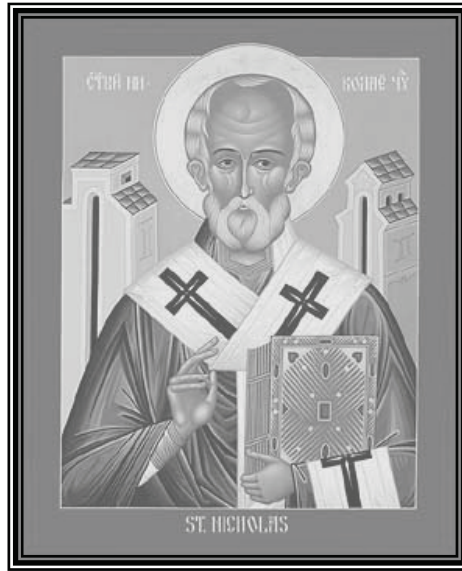


# Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2011 Issue



## Upcoming Events

August 15th - Monastery Bus Trip

September 7th - Nativity of the Theotokos Vespertal Liturgy  
with potluck (6:30 pm)

September 13th - Exaltation of the Holy Cross Vespertal Liturgy  
with Lenten potluck (6:30 pm)

Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 - KATHISMA: Psalms and Prayers  
(7:30 PM)

## Regular Weekly Schedule:

Memorials	By Appointment
Moleben (Prayer Service)	Thursdays @ 11:00 a.m.
Vespers	Saturdays @ 5:30 p.m.
Confession	Saturdays following Vespers
Divine Liturgy	Sundays @ 10:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour following Divine Liturgy	
<b>(September - May)</b>	
Orthodox Education Adults	Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Children	after Liturgy

## **Father Andrew's Message**

### **Worship, Giving, and Testing the Lord**

From the earliest days of Christianity, financial giving has been understood as a key factor in the worship of God. We worship God with our voices, with our bodies, with our talents... and (yes) with our bank accounts.

How are monetary offerings an act of worship? Worship is serving God, giving Him glory and carrying out His holy will. Liturgy is obviously worship. However, all acts of God's people, when they are done to the glory of God and in fulfillment of His will, are also worship-ful acts. So.... everything that we do as a parish community, insofar as it gives God glory and does His will, is worship.

A reality of the world that we live in is that, in doing the Lord's work, a parish incurs expenses. Covering these expenses is one of the things that we do in order to effectively fulfill God's will in the world. The extent to which we do or do not support our church financially has a direct impact on how our we are able to fulfill the work that God has given us. Looking at it from that perspective, we can see how important our giving is.

I should also say briefly that there are two kinds of giving in the life of the faithful. We have giving for specific purposes that are more one-time occurrences, like making a donation for a renovation project or funding a Sunday School initiative. These are usually formally referred to as "offerings."

Then, there is also the regular giving that a Christian makes, typically either weekly or monthly, to cover the on-going operating expense of the parish. This giving is what is referred to as "tithes" -- more on this word right away. It is this regular giving that I would like to take some time to look at a bit closer.

There are two basic biblical principles that should direct how we make our regular monetary offerings to the Church. The first, better known, of the two is "Percentage Giving." One's monthly offering should be equivalent to a certain percent of their household's monthly income. One benefit to percentage giving is that the actual amount floats with what the family makes. If the household's income goes down at some point, the contribution will also be proportionately lower (and would also go up proportionately with an increase in income).

The biblical directive is an offering of 10 percent, a "tithe." For those who do not think that tithing is Orthodox it might be of benefit to note that

St. Vladimir the Great, who baptized Rus' into Orthodox Christianity, built a church in Kiev called the "Church of the Tithe." That was all the way back in the tenth century. Tithing has been part of our Faith for a long time.

The figure of ten percent, however, is understood as a guideline. (In fact, St. John Chrysostom once said that if Israel, God's People in the Old Covenant, could give ten percent, then His People of the New Covenant, the Church, should be ready to give more!) To start out, though, it might be better to go at two or three percent, and slowly work up to ten percent -- this is especially true, for example, for young families or people on a fixed income.

The second principle in our regular giving to the Church is called "First Portion Giving." This means giving from substance rather than surplus. In other words, rather than waiting until the end of the month to see how much money we have left over to give to the Church, we make our offering up front; it has to be an integral part of our monthly budget. This follows the biblical idea of giving our "first fruits" to the Lord.

There are various ways to arrange "First Portion Giving" and this will depend on the family and its income situation. One approach is to determine how much a family will give, and then provide the parish with twelve post-dated checks for this amount. This allows the parish to know from month to month how much income they have from offerings, and it makes it easier for the family to track.

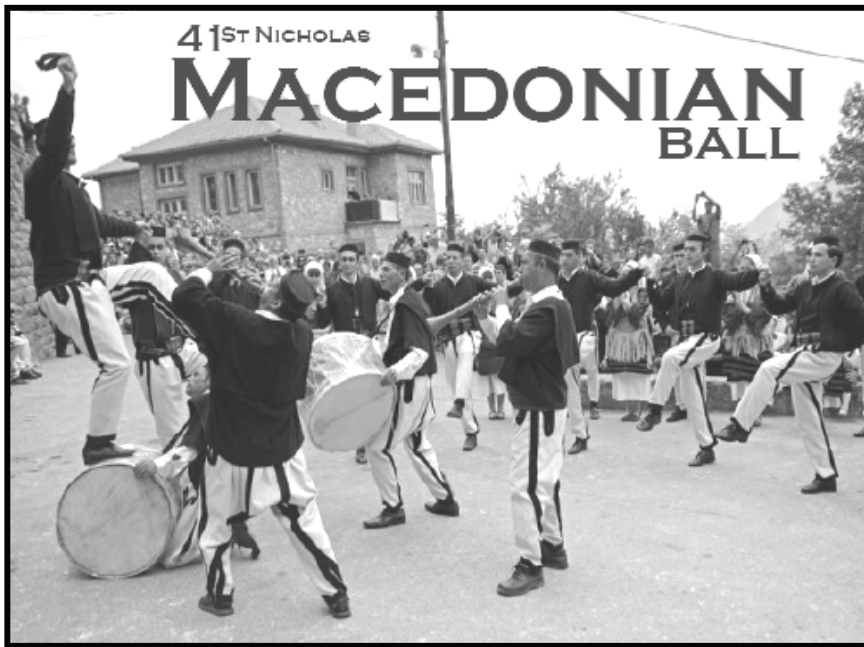
The Bible tells us that we should never, ever put God to the test. Never, ever... except in one situation. Tithing is the one area where God Himself, in the Bible, says that we should test Him. Through the Prophet Malachi, the Lord says: "'Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,' says the Lord Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.' (Malachi 3:10)"

"Test Me on this," God tells us. "Make your tithes and watch me bless you more than you can imagine." This should not surprise us. Centuries of Christians have learned that what we receive from the act of giving is always greater than what we have given in the first place. This holds true for bread and wine, for oil, water, wheat, and for every aspect of our lives. And it most certainly holds true for intentional, proportionate monetary giving.

Go ahead. Try Him.

God bless,

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41ST MACEDONIAN BALL	
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2011	
EARLY BIRD RESERVATIONS	
<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Phone No.: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Seat w/: _____</p> <p>No. of Seats: _____      No. of Table(s): _____  <small>(10 seats p/Table)</small>                      <small>(10 seats p/Table)</small></p>	<p><b>Dinner, Dancing &amp; Entertainment</b>            Bill Skimos Band            Mali Makedonci Dancers            Silent Auction            Pita, Hors d'ourves &amp; Libations</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Location</b>            Ceruti's Summit Ballroom            6601 Innovation Blvd, Ft. Wayne, IN 46818</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tickets</b>            \$55 per guest</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Information</b>            Facebook - Macedonian Ball  <a href="http://SaintNicksChurch.com/MacedonianBall">SaintNicksChurch.com/MacedonianBall</a>  <a href="mailto:Office@SaintNicksChurch.com">Office@SaintNicksChurch.com</a>            (260) 484-2277</p>
EVERYONE WELCOME	

# ***Annual Picnic***

Please join us on Sunday, September 11th  
for the Annual St. Nicholas Picnic.

Watch the website for the exact time.

Fun and fellowship will be enjoyed by all!

We'll have great food,  
fun games for children of all ages,  
music, and dancing!



## **Monthly Luncheon Get Together**

St. Nicholas is now hosting a monthly Get Together on the first Thursday of the month. Parishioners and friends are invited to bring a dish to share for a luncheon potluck and fellowship with different activities.

The potluck begins @11:30 am.

All are welcome to come @  
11:00 am for the Moleben

Service. The next potluck will be  
on Thursday August 4th. Please  
call Dorothy Lazoff @ 625-4509  
or Rosie Lebamoff @ 485-2696 if  
you have any questions.



**Fellowship**

# PAPER GATOR



The PaperGator® is a unique fundraiser where our church is paid to collect paper products and place them in a bin for recycling.

**Collect** – Bring in recyclable paper anytime from your homes or any other available sources and place it in the PaperGator® bin. Each location will be set on a regular pick up schedule, we look to fill each bin at minimum every other week.

The paper will be picked up and taken to BPV Environmental in Byron Center, Michigan or Quincy Recycling in New Haven, Indiana to be processed.

## What will the paper become?

The paper will be shredded and processed into hydro seeding mulch, lawn establishment products, lawn repair products, [Fresh News® Cat Litter](#), dog litter, [Fresh News® Small Animal Bedding](#), [Fresh News® Small Animal Litter](#) or recycled at paper mills, cellulose insulation manufacturers or other recycling facilities.

Anyone is welcome to use our bin please tell your neighbors and help us recycle. Call the church if you have questions.



## What can go in the bins?

- Newsprint
- Catalogs/Magazines
- Junk Mail
- Phone Books
- Office/School paper

### Hard and soft cover books

## What can't go in the bins?

- Plastic
- Metal
- Trash
- Glass
- Cardboard
  - Paperboard (Grocery Item boxes)





## Sunday School Registration September 4th and 11th

Anyone who did not sign up during the  
early bird registration this is your time to  
sign up!

### "KATHISMA: Psalms and Prayers"

Join us on Wednesday evenings outside  
of our Lenten seasons\* for  
"KATHISMA: Psalms and Prayers."

This mid-week prayer service will  
focus on a reflection on readings from  
the Book of Psalms, the first prayer  
book of God's People.

In the Orthodox tradition, the Book of  
Psalms is divided into twenty sections  
called "Kathismas." Each Wednesday  
evening we will read a different  
Kathisma.

"KATHISMA: Psalms and Prayers"  
will start Wednesday, September 21, at  
7:30 p.m.

\*During Advent, we will continue to  
serve Vespers on Wednesdays, and  
during Great Lent we will serve  
Presanctified Divine Liturgies.

### SHOPPING TRIP TO CHICAGO! NOVEMBER 30, 2011



DO YOU LIKE SHOPPING N  
CHICAGO? JOIN US FOR A  
BUS TRIP ON NOVEMBER  
30TH FOR A DAY LONG TRIP  
FOR ONLY \$30.00. SAVE  
THE COST OF GAS AND  
PARKING AND THE HASSLE  
OF DRIVING AND JOIN US FOR  
A FUN FILLED DAY! ALL ARE  
WELCOME TO SIGN UP.

PLEASE CALL  
RUTH TRAYCOFF @485-955  
OR  
MILLIE PHILLIPS @485-6057  
FOR DETAILS AND TO  
SIGN UP.

## ***Parishioner News***

*Saint Nicholas mourns the loss of one of our members. Radoslav Jovevski fell asleep in the Lord on May 28th. Memory Eternal!*

*Congratulations to Emily Underwood and Cole Strader on the baptism of their son, Gilbert. Gilbert was baptized on June 5th. Many Years!*

*Congratulations to Steve and Tanya Pickett on the baptism of their son, Jackson. Jackson was baptized on June 19th. Many Years!*

*Congratulations to Jerry and Michelle Love on the baptism of their daughter, Olivia. Olivia was baptized on May 8th. Many Years!*

## ***Prosphora***

*The bread for Holy Oblation will be prepared by:*

*August 7 - Roza Minga for family health*

*August 14 - Open*

*August 21 - Judy Choker in memory of Ed Choker, one year*

*August 28 - Open*

*September 4 - Roza Minga for family health*

*September 11 - Connie Burnett for Jason and Connie's  
7th anniversary and for Jason's birthday*

*September 18 - Judy Choker for family health*

*September 25 - Milka Skembos in memory of sister, Ilanka and par-  
ents, Pereklis & Sultana Skembos*

*If you would like to prepare bread please  
contact Connie Burnett 489-1371. You may also schedule online at  
[www.saintnickschurch.com](http://www.saintnickschurch.com). Please give the bread to the Clergy  
before Vespers on Saturday evening. If baker is unable to attend  
Vespers it may be left in the mailbox prior to Vespers.*

## *Women's Guild News*

The Diocesan Conference was a great success with Archimandrite Alexander Golitzin elected as the Nominee for Bishop. Thank you to all who helped in so many ways to make this event so successful.

Our annual church picnic will be held September 11, 2011. Ladies, petas will be needed please contact Judy Knuth.

I will again be taking fillo orders after September 11 and they will be delivered in October.

Our next meetings will be August 7 and September 18 due to the convention on Labor Day weekend.

Our Guild is planning a bus trip to Chicago on November 30, 2011. Anyone interested please register at the church bulletin board or call Kim at the church

Shirley Panchev

### **Readers Saturday Vespers & Sunday Hours**

*The Epistle reader is in bold*

August 6&7- Carl Reuter and **Bruce Griffey**

August 13&14 - Bruce Griffey and **Steve Underwood**

August 20&21 - Steve Underwood and **Michael Baldea**

August 27&28 - Carl Reuter and **Bruce Griffey**

September 3&4 - Bruce Griffey and **Steve Underwood**

September 10&11 - Steve Underwood and **Michael Baldea**

September 17&18 - Michael Baldea and **Carl Reuter**

September 24&25- Carl Reuter and **Bruce Griffey**

### **Greeters**

**August** Chris & Elizabeth Stewart

**September** Gloria Shamanoff & Jessica Keathley

**October** Ron Weaver & George Gosheff

### *Prayer List*

*The following people are in need of our prayers this month:*

Archimandrite Alexander	Chris Stavreti
Father George Smith	Stephanie Papagiannis
Popadia Marilyn Nedelkoff	Tom Lebamoff
Luba Evans	Nina Kowton
Maria Bliznoff	George Ognenoff
Christine Demetre	Nick Bellio
Stephanka Gosheff	Victor Kowal
Ed Roth	Zoya Kowal
Andrea Skimos	Cliff Racz
Ewgenia Kowal	Mike Panchev
Susan Kiproff	Julie Mitrevski
Violet Christoff	Ron Weaver

Please contact the office if you have an illness or hospitalization and would like a visitation or to be placed on the Prayer List. The hospital and other sources are not consistent so please contact us directly.

### **Coffee Hour**

*The Coffee Hour Hosts scheduled at this time are:*

*August 7 - George Bellio and the Panchevs for family health*

*August 14 - The Gosheff Family in memory of Stephan Gosheff,  
six months*

*August 21 - The Chokers Family in memory of Ed Choker,  
one year*

*August 28 - Open*

*September 4 - Open*

*September 11 - Picnic*

*September 18 - Vangel & Lupka Baloski for their 40th wedding  
anniversary*

*September 25 - Open*

*Many thanks to those who host a coffee hour and the support given to Charity and Benevolence through the free will offerings collected. Your generosity is needed and appreciated.*

## DONATIONS RECEIVED IN JUNE/JULY

*We wish to thank our members and friends for their donations made to St. Nicholas during the past two months. We apologize for any errors/omissions. Please call the office for corrections.*

### **Holy Tetrapod Candles**

- *Maria Juillerat and the Shiriaev Family in honor of Olivia Love's baptism.*
- *Barda Nanchoff for July 31 for the Sv. Marena vo Tuminec Napomosh Deno na site da nie. Za mnogu Godini.*

### **In Loving Memory of:**

**Parents, George & Linka Tsiguloff** - George & Rosie Lebamoff

**Stephan Gosheff** - Tom & Erin Lazoff

**Father George Nedelkoff** - Popadia Marilyn Nedelkoff

*Dianne Hicks*

*Chris & Ruthie Traycoff*

*Becky Richards*

*Dorothy Lazoff*

*Marv & Sarah Stoner*

*Dr. Gloria Shamanoff*

*Mike & Shirley Panchev*

*Chris Freehill*

*George & Rosie Lebamoff*

*George & Donna Gosheff*

*Bill & Anthoula Skimos*

**Lazar Nanchoff, 23 years, husband, father & Dedo** - Mila, Dencho, Barda, Dennis,  
*David & Dean Nanchoff*

**Slavko Baloski** - Olga Baloski

**Popadia Ivanka Tanaskoski, 5 years since her death** - The Baloski Family

**Clarence Clemons, June 11, 2011** - Vicky VerPlanck

**Vasilka Nanchoff, wife, mother, strina, 40 days** - Mr. Blagoy Nanchoff

*Curtis & Linda Blake and family*

*Bob & Diana Harris & family*

*Mila, Dencho, Barda Nanchoff  
& family*

*Mike & Shirley Panchev*

*Hope Corson*

*Nick & Virginia Tsuleff*

*Marv & Sarah Stoner*

*George & Rosie Lebamoff*

**Vicki Underwood** - Chris & Dorothy Straveti

**Father & Dedo, Kico Keijtovski** - Vlade & Anica Jovevski and family

**Radoslav Jovevski, 40 days** - Donna Jovevski

*Mr. & Mrs. Metodija Jovevski*

*Mr. & Mrs. Vlade Jovevski and family*

*Mr. & Mrs. Andy Knuth and family*

*Mr. & Mrs. Jason Langston*

*Mr. & Mrs. Pete Jovevski and family*

*Mila, Dencho and Barda Nanchoff*

*Maria Bliznoff*

**Mother, Anastasia, 41 years** - Bill & Anthoula Skimos

**Danica Mitevski, Wife, mother, Baba, 9 months since her death** - Dusan Mitrevski

*The Mitrevski Family*

*Bill & Anthoula Skimos*

*Jim & Nina Skimos*

**Husband, Melvin Hays** - Eleanor Hays

**For The Good Health of:**

*Family - Bill & Anthoula Skimos*

*Family - The Minga Family*

*Mitchell & Natalie Christoff - Kent & Amy Litchin*

*Connie Burnett - Dorothy Stephanoff*

**For:**

*Congratulations on the engagement of our granddaughter, Jacklyn Giovis to Frank Wolfe of California - Mike & Connie Skimos*

*In honor of Bill & Anthoula Skimos' 48th anniversary - Mike & Shirley Panchev*

*The baptism of Gilbert Strader - Kent & Amy Litchin*

*Paul Underwood*

*In honor of Roza Minga's new alteration shop - Mike & Shirley Panchev*

*In honor of our 50th wedding anniversary - Chris & Dorothy Straveti*

*In honor of Olivia Love's baptism - Michelle & Jerry Love*

*For the birth of daughter to Jovan & Gigi Baloski - Dedo Vangel, Baba Lupka &*

*Teta Christina Baloski*

*Baba Olga & Chichi Lupcko*

*Baloski*

*Congratulations to Dennis Nanchoff on his graduation from North Side High School and success on engineering studies in college - Danke, Adelina, Alex & Angelina*

*Baba Mila, Tat, Mom,*

*David & Dean Nanchoff*

*Tina Litchin's 80th birthday - Millie Danianov*

*Safe return of Popadia Kristi & Aiden from Europe - Millie Damianov*

*50th wedding anniversary of Chris & Dorothy Stavreti - David & Millie Phillips*

*Emily's birthday - Baba Ratka, Dragan, Jodi, Josh and Olivia Jovevski*

*Dave & Millie Phillips' 50th wedding anniversary - George & Rosie Lebamoff*

***Vasilka Nanchoff Memorials***

Nina Bondarenko

Vlade & Anica Jovevski

Maria N. Bliznoff

Rade & Donna Jovevski

Mila, Dencho, Barda Nanchoff & family

Stephanie Papagiannis

Ben & Rosy Ridenour

Herb & Nancy Hildebrand

Christine Demetre

Mike & Vicki (Azar) Frank

Dr. Gloria Shamanoff

Florence Spahiev

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Stavreti

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Traycoff

Zivka & Jim Arman

Mr. & Mrs. George Mangos

Mr. Blagoy Nanchoff

Mr. & Mrs. Curt Blake and family

Mike & Connie Skimos

Boris & Vesna Gosheff

Mrs. Luben Lazoff

George & Rosie Lebamoff

Tom & Luba Lebamoff

Vangel & Lupka Baloski

Bill & Anthoula Skimos

Thomas & Dorothy Stephanoff

Nick & Virginia Tsuleff

Mrs. Hope Corson

Lube & Lenka Cvetkoski

Ratka Jovevski

Mike & Shirley Panchev

John & Fran Pasalich

Nick & Donna Tigulis

Vasilka Lovely

Steve Lovely

Dusan Mitrevski

Nick & Tina Litchin

Ivanka & Petar Najdeski

Tom & Maria Bliznoff and family

Tom Tsiguloff

Jim & Nina Skimos

Dragan Jovevski

Danko & Adelina Kitani

Anita Choka

### *Vasilka Nanchoff Memorials*

Olga Baloski	Andy & Julie Knuth
George & Donna Gosheff	Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harris
Jim & Marika Sarakinis	Carl & Frieda Lazoff
Erin & Tom Lazoff	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Stavretis
George Bellio	Mr. & Mrs. George Rongos
Jean Popoff	Scott & Nina Baker
Suzanne Dunn	Nico & Abby Tigulis
Chris Freehill	Norman & Jan Cohen
Jeanette Thompson	Jason, Sasha & Jackson Tigulis
Mr. & Mrs. Eftim Gosheff and family	Mr. & Mrs. Kosmas Skembos
Carl & Jaci Reuter	Eleanor Hays
Lonnie & Roza Minga	Mr. & Mrs. Mike Swinford

### *Radoslav Jovevski Memorials*

Nina Bondarenko	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Bliznoff
Mr. & Mrs. Zijad Cacan	Jim & Nina Skimos
Vlade & Anica Jovevski and family	Dragan Jovevski
Mr. & Mrs. Zlatko Markovski & Isabella	George & Donna Gosheff
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Swinford and family	Jim & Marika Sarakinis
Mila, Dencho & Barda Nanchoff	Dan & Julie Replogle
Stephanie Papagiannis	John Skimos
Nick Bellio Family	Mr. & Mrs. Chris Pentsos
Christine Demetre	Jeanette Thompson
Mike Frank Family	Eddie & Stephanie York
Gloria Shamanoff	Kostas Rongos
Kosmas & Milka Skembos	Jason & Nikoline Langston
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Traycoff	Lani & Roza Minga
George Arman	Danko & Adelina Kitani
Zivka & Jim Arman	Andy, Julie, Kayla, Lydia & Elijah Knuth
George & Marianthi Mangos	Rousha Markovski & Marika Anijova
Blagoy Nanchoff	Pete, Nga & Ethan Jovevski
Curtis & Linda Blake and family	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Stavretis
Mike & Connie Skimos	Mr. & Mrs. George Rongos
Snezana Gilev	Mr. & Mrs. George Gogos
Boris & Vesna Gosheff	Pete Krleski
Mrs. Luben Lazoff	Mita & Milena Ivanovic
George & Rosie Lebamoff	Dayton & Marcella Hensel
Vangel, Lupka & Christina Baloski	Violet & Joe Turturice
Paunko Krleski	Krstin Trajkovski
Mr. & Mrs. William Skimos	Nick & Joan Spiroff
Cvetkoski Family	Anastasia Katis
Eleanor Hays	Kim & Sandra Cress
Ratka Jovevski	Kevin Warren & Trish
Mike & Shirley Panchev	Quy & Cam Nguyen
Jason, Sasha & Jackson Tigulis	Karen Smarsh
Nick & Donna Tigulis	Nina, Dimitar & Goce Donovski
Dusan Mitrevski & family	Vanco Jovanovski
Nicholas & Tina Litchin	Gary & Bonnie Davis
Metodija & Cheryl Jovevski	Jonce & Persa Pasarikovski

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