

October 12, 2023

We are excited to welcome and invite all of you to our 122nd St. Sava parish anniversary! It is *expanding* this year with very special celebration activities, including:

- **Saturday, November 4th**, Sarma Cook-Off (3:30 – 6:30PM), followed by a dance featuring the Orkestar Pobeda (7:00 – 11:00PM); and
- **Sunday, November 5th**, Proto Stevan Rocknage serving Divine Liturgy at 10:00AM, with our anniversary banquet at 12:30PM.

“Homecoming” is the major theme of this celebration. It was created to reach, reconnect and revitalize us through fellowship and sharing with you the many recent impressive initiatives expanding our St. Sava parish internally, as well as activating our evolving external community role and impact - all centered around the parish’s continuing historic annual anniversary.

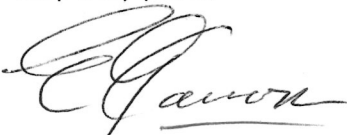
To reach these goals, former parishioners, along with former residents of the area, have been contacted via Facebook, email, texts, etc. and invited to become part of our celebration. Kumovi, former choir members and altar boys, Sunday School classmates, Shadeland campers and those who have not been in recent contact with the St. Sava Church community are requested to join our celebration to make it extra special.

In conjunction with the Parish Council, the church Health Ministries are sponsoring a *unique and fun* event - a Sarma Cook-Off, which is the *first-of-its-kind* in Pittsburgh’s tri-state area. Sarma – stuffed cabbage – has been and continues to be a staple of Serbian families’ diets. Several area sarma cooks will share their special recipes with sarma lovers, or *tasters*, who will decide the sarma recipe that’s most appealing to their tastebuds!

These events also provide an opportunity for us to enjoy special church memories and life lessons from parents, families and previous generations. Indeed, we consider this a responsibility to those who have gone before us. From them, we learned a commitment and dedication to our Orthodox faith, Serbian culture and support and sustainability of our parish.

Since the 1901 parish founding, we have endured and - with your involvement and rejuvenated purpose - will continue to do so while expanding our faith and ministries’ outreach. We look forward to seeing you and please feel to *spread the word!*

Very truly yours,



Ellis Cannon,

Chairman, Anniversary/Homecoming Committee