



Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos Missionary Parish, Orange  
County, California

# CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## Victory Over Death: An Account

By Fr. Alexander Men

...The annals of history contain much what is incomprehensible, but one can safely say, that the least probable historical event is the life of Jesus of Nazareth and the mystery which crowned His life. It is correct to say that this mystery goes beyond the bounds of what is accessible to human reason. Even so there are observable facts, found in the field of vision of a historian. At the same time as the Church which had barely been born seemed to have perished forever, when the project put forth by Jesus lay in ruins and His disciples had lost all faith --- everything suddenly changes radically. Exultant joy replaced disappointment and despair; those who had only recently abandoned the Teacher and denied Him, boldly proclaim the victory of the Son of God. Something happened, without which there would be no Christianity.

That “something” was the revelation of the Son of God in glory, which Jesus Himself had foretold to Caiphas at His trial. The high priest perceived blasphemy in His words, and the tragic end of the Nazarene was to confirm the opinion of the Sanhedrin. To the Apostles the paschal appearances showed the truthfulness of prophecy. Jesus revealed Himself now not only as the Christ and the Teacher, but as the Lord, the Lord who is the incarnate Living God.

Neither Pilate not the members of the tribunal saw the Risen One. If it had been the irrefutable and obvious nature of a miracle which would have forced them to confess Him, that would have been an injustice to the spirit which is free to oppose God. Only those who loved Christ, who were chosen by Him for service, could “see His Glory, the Glory that is His as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth”.

For the apostles the Resurrection was not only the joy of again finding the Teacher; it meant victory over the powers of darkness, it became the guarantee of the final triumph of God’s Truth, sign of the invincibility of the Good personified in Jesus of Nazareth. “If Christ is not risen”, says the Apostle Paul, “vain is our preaching and vain is our faith.”

This is the thought by which Christianity will live, for on the day of Pascha the Church does not merely confess faith in the immortality of the soul, but the overcoming of death, darkness and disintegration.

“Christ is Risen, and Hades is overthrown! Christ is Risen and the demons have fallen! Christ is Risen and the Angels rejoice! Christ is Risen and Life reigns!”

*Fr. Alexander Men, a well-known priest in Russia, was murdered in September, 1990 on the way to his Church.*



Ускрс 2011.

“А ако Христос није устао, онда је празна проповијед наша, па празна и вјера наша.” (1. Кор. 15:14)

## ХРИСТОС ВАСКРСЕ, ДРАГА БРАЌО И СЕСТРЕ,

Живимо у времену и свету ослабљене вере. Свету који тражи доказе да би поверовао доживео и разумео стварност. Стално слушамо људе који кажу да не могу да поверују јер нису видели. И пошто нису видели, њихова вера постаје цинична. Онда траже све више и више доказа док њихова вера потпуно не исчезне и изумре.

Да ли заиста морамо да тражимо доказе? Да ли заиста свако наше питање мора да има одговор? Да ли морамо да тражимо толико пуно доказа, да се бомбардујемо са толико пуно детаља да би све постало још мутније? Данас имаммо толико пуно научника, историчара, интелектуалаца који траже чињенице које ќе да потврде истинитост Васкрсења. Истовремено исти ти људи имају толико пуно чињеница и детаља које не виде испред себе. Све је анализирано, проверено и искритиковано, и они још увек нису близу истине.

Да би свхатили истину и разумели реалност Христовог Васкрсења морамо да оперишемо са вером, али не са слепом и празном вером, већ вером која жели да схвати и прихвати истину. Ономе који верује нису потребни отисци прстију, довољно је да виде истину испред себе. Вера не негира чињенице већ гледа истину која је пред нама. Вера не уништава, већ износи чињенице пред нас, како би Истина била видљива.

Као хришћани вером живимо, вером се молимо и вером се снажимо. Христос је ово видео слабост наше вере у примеру Апостола Томе који није поверовао док није ставио руку своју у ребра Христова. После ове чињенице Христос је рекао: “Благо онима који не видеше а повероваше.” (Јован 20:29)

Нека Господ подари да имамо јаку веру, веру која види истину и да имамо храбрости да сведочимо истину невернима у свету.

Нека наш сваки Ускрс буде величанствен и испуњен вером и радошћу. Нека Господ наш Исус Христос кроз своје свето Васкрсење испуни све наше наде и сва наша очекивања.

Ваш у Васкрсом Господу,

О. Блашко Параклис

ХРИСТОС ВОСКРСЕ !

*“If Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith also is empty.” 1 Cor 15:14*

# Christ is Risen!

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We live in a disbelieving world. A world that demands proof in order to trust and experience in order to understand. How often do we hear from someone that they cannot believe because they have not seen? And because they have not seen, their Faith becomes more cynical. And they then demand more proof until their Faith simply withers and dies.

Must we demand proof? Must we have every question answered? Must we search for so much evidence that we are bombarded with details so that everything becomes murkier? Today we have scientists and historians and scholars all looking for evidence that will prove the truth of the Resurrection. Yes these very same people have so many facts and details before them that they cannot see what is right before them. Everything is dissected, examined and criticized. And yet, they are no closer to the Truth.

That is simply because to know the Truth and to understand the reality of Christ’s Resurrection, one must operate on Faith. Not a blind, empty faith, but one that seeks and desires to understand the Truth. One does not need to search for the “fingerprint” of God but rather simply see the Truth that is before us. Faith does not destroy the evidence but rather simply see the Truth that is before us. Faith does not destroy the evidence but rather pulls it together so that the Truth can be really seen.

As Christians, we live in Faith, we pray in Faith, and we are strengthened by Faith. Christ Himself foresaw this with the Apostle Thomas who could not believe until he places his finger in the Savior’s side. And with that simple act, Christ stated, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” (John 20:29)

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, May we have the Faith to see the Truth and the courage to show it to an unbelieving and cynical world.

Yours in the Risen Christ,

Fr. Blasko

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**THANK YOU**

# Schedule of Services

The Divine Liturgy is served regularly at 10:00 am every Sunday and on major Feast days at our Parish Center at Irvine Corporate Park, 2148 Michelson Drive, Irvine.

**10:00am:** *Divine Liturgy*  
**11:30am:** *Sunday School*  
**12:00pm:** *Lunch & Adult Bible Study*

Vespers service followed by the Sacrament of Holy Confession will be served every Saturday at 5:00pm and on the eve of major Feast days at 7:00 PM.

**Akathist Service to the Mother of God is served on Fridays at 7:00 PM**

## **LITURGIJA PRE\EOSVEJENIH DAROVA PRESANCTIFIED DIVINE LITURGY**

During Great Lent, Presanctified Divine Liturgy is served each Wednesday at 5:00am, and each Friday at 10:00am.

**April 7<sup>th</sup> BLAGOVESTI-THE ANNUNCIATION:** Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 10:00am.

**April 16<sup>th</sup> - LAZARUS SATURDAY:** Divine Liturgy at 9:30am: The gospel clearly relates how six days before Christ's own death, He raised his friend Lazarus from the dead (John 11:42). We see the humanity and divinity of Christ combined as well as the foreshadowing of his own death.

**April 16<sup>th</sup> - LAZARUS SATURDAY VESPERS -  
VRBICA at 5:00pm:** I ask all of the parents to bring children. PLEASE ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 4:45pm to receive vrbica/palms and zvonice on this great Feast of Christ's entry into the city of Jerusalem.

## **THE SERVICES OF HOLY WEEK**

Since the early days of the Church, there has been a cycle of services celebrated during Holy Week and Pascha.

Evidence of this goes all the way back to Egeria, a female from the West who experienced Orthodox Holy Week and Pascha in 383 AD in Jerusalem. She stated that the tradition was already long established.

These exact same services are still conducted today by the Orthodox Church. Here is a brief outline of the services of Holy Week. Many of the services are anticipated or served the day before.

**April 17<sup>th</sup> - CVETI ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM:** Divine Liturgy at 10:00am: This liturgy heralds the end of the Great Fast and the beginning of Holy Week as Christ triumphantly enters into Jerusalem. The tradition, as the tropar states and

the icon shows, is for a procession of palms led by the children. So begins our journey into Holy Week. During Holy Week, we fast from meat, poultry, dairy products, eggs, fish, wine and oil.

**April 17<sup>th</sup> - Bridegroom Matins at 1:00 pm:** Known in the Church as The End, the imagery here is about the Last Judgment. It relates the deep anguish of Christ as He prepares for His Passion. The services tell us to be ever vigilant for we do not know when God will come. These services are a triumph of the eschatological (last days) imagery in the Church.

**April 18<sup>th</sup> - Veliki Ponedeqak Great and Holy Monday Presanctified Liturgy at 5:00am:**

The readings from Exodus during these services tell of the Passover which precedes the Passover (Pascha) of Christ.

**April 18<sup>th</sup> - Bridegroom Matins at 7:00 pm.**

**April 19<sup>th</sup> - Veliki Utorak Great and Holy Tuesday Presanctified Liturgy at 5:00 am**

**April 19<sup>th</sup> - Bridegroom Matins at 7:00 pm**

**April 20<sup>th</sup> - Velika Sreda Great and Holy Wednesday Presanctified Liturgy at 10:00 am**

**April 20<sup>th</sup> - Velika Sreda Great and Holy Wednesday Holy Unction at 7pm, at St. Steven Serbian Orthodox Cathedral at 1621 West Garvey Ave., in Alhambra.** For Holy Unction there should be more priests serving, therefore, all of us Serbian priests gather together at the Cathedral to perform this Holy Sacrament for all the Faithful. This service relates to the event when the harlot anoints Christ and is forgiven. On this day we customarily anoint the people with Holy Oil as a sign of healing and remission of sins.

**April 21<sup>st</sup> - Veliki ^etvrtak Great and Holy Thursday:** Holy Vespers Liturgy of Holy Thursday at 9:30am: This solemn Liturgy commemorates the First Eucharist also known as Red Thursday. The darkness of the week is broken slightly because of the importance of the Eucharistic event. Traditionally the priest prepares the reserve sacrament of the year. The passion of Christ is now close.

**April 21<sup>st</sup> - Veliki ^etvrtak - Great and Holy Thursday** Matins of Holy Friday Thursday evening at 7:00pm. The service, commonly known as "The Twelve Gospels" as the Church, remembers the betrayal and crucifixion of Christ by reading the twelve Gospel accounts. A climatic point of Holy Week emphasizing the reality of actions.

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Veliki Petak - Great and Holy Friday** Royal Hours at 10:00am: Known as Royal because there is a Gospel reading and the Emperor would attend this service. It recounts the entire Gospel and Passion of Jesus Christ.

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Veliki Petak - Great and Holy Friday**  
Vespers at 4:00pm: Remembering the crucifixion and death of Christ. There is a solemn procession as the burial shroud (plashtanica) is brought out to the people. Christ is laid in the tomb and our vigil of the Resurrection begins.

### **SCHEDULES OF EVENTS (continued)**

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Veliki Petak - Great and Holy Friday**  
Matins of Holy Saturday on Friday evening at 7:00pm: Known as the Praises of the Lamentations, the service begins the Sabbath as Christ lays in rest in the tomb. Often seen as a funeral service for Christ, in fact it is a commemoration of the law and love of God towards His people.

**April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Velika Subota - Great and Holy Saturday**  
Vespers Liturgy of Holy Saturday at 10:00am: The death of Christ is linked with the creative acts of God. It is here that Christ descends into Hell and breaks the doors. The service inaugurates the paschal celebration as the service is bright and uplifting. The tomb is revealed as a place of life.

**April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Velika Subota Vaskrsno jutrewe - Great and Holy Saturday:** The Services of the Great and Holy Pascha Saturday evening starting at 11:45pm:  
The Joy of Joys, Holiday of Holidays, celebrating Christ's Resurrection. The service begins with nocturn anticipating the Resurrection. The procession follows at midnight announcing the Resurrection to the world. We then celebrate the Paschal matins. **Baskets will be blessed after Resurrectional Matins on Pascha night and again following Divine Liturgy on Sunday.**

**April 24<sup>th</sup> - "VASKRSEWE HRISTOVO" - PASCHA CELEBRATION, Divine Liturgy at 10:00am at Parish Center, 2148 Michelson Dr., Irvine.** This is the Great and Joyous Liturgy celebrating the Pascha of our Lord. The Parish celebrates the Resurrection with a feast and events for the children and adults. Banquet will be held after the Divine Liturgy. See the detailed information later in this Newsletter. Musical entertainment will be provided by A SERBIAN ORCHESTRA.

**April 25<sup>TH</sup> - Vaskrsni ponedeljak i utorak - Bright Week** (on Monday-no Liturgy here - there will be Liturgy @ the Monastery in Escondido) and Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, the Divine Liturgy will be held at 10:00 am.

**May 6<sup>th</sup> - \urlevdan - St. George the Victorious Great Martyr - Divine Liturgy at 10:00am.**

**May 12<sup>th</sup> - Sv. Vasilije Ostro{ki - St. Basil of Ostrog Wonderworker Divine Liturgy at 5:00am.**

**May 22<sup>nd</sup> - Transfer of the Relics of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker Divine Liturgy at 10:00am**

**May 24<sup>th</sup> - Sv. Kirilo i Metodije - Sts. Cyril and Methodius: Divine Liturgy at 10:00am.**

**June 2<sup>th</sup> - Vaznesewe Gospodwe - SPASOVDAN ASCENSION of our Lord Jesus Christ**  
Divine Liturgy at 10:00am.

**June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Holy Constantine and Helen - Divine Liturgy at 5:00am.**

**June 11<sup>th</sup> - Zadu{nice - Memorial Divine Liturgy at 10:00am:** Please bring the names of your deceased members of the Family.

**June 12<sup>th</sup> - Silazak Sv. Duha na Apostole - SVETA TROJICA - DUHOVI - Pentecost Sunday HOLY TRINITY DAY- PENTECOST**  
Divine Liturgy at 10:00am.

**June 13<sup>th</sup> - Duhovski ponedeljak - Pentecost Monday**  
Divine Liturgy at 10:00am.

**June 14<sup>th</sup> - Duhovski utorak - Pentecost Tuesday**  
Divine Liturgy at 10:00am.

**THE APOSTLES FAST** Just a reminder that the fast leading up to the Feast of Apostles Peter and Paul begins June 20<sup>th</sup>. It, of course, ends on the Feast Day of Sts. Peter and Paul, July 12<sup>th</sup>

**June 28<sup>th</sup> - Sv. Velikom~enik Lazar i sv. Mu~enici srpski-Vidovdan - St. Lazarus**  
The Divine Liturgy will begin at 10:00am.



## ON GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY

Something strange is happening - there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the king is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and He has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began. God has died in the flesh and hell trembles with fear. He has gone to search for our first parent, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve. The Lord approached them bearing the Cross, the weapon that had won Him the victory. At the sight of Him Adam, the first man he had created, struck his breast in terror and cried out to everyone: "My Lord be with you all." Christ answered him: "And with your spirit." He took him by the hand and raised him up, saying: "Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

I am your God, who for your sake have become your son. Out of love for You and for your descendents I now by my own authority command all who are held in bondage to come forth, all who are in darkness to be enlightened, all who are sleeping to arise. I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be held a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead. Rise up, work of My hands, you who were created in My image. Rise, let us leave this place, for you are in Me and I am in you; together We form only one person and we cannot be separated.

For your sake, I, your God, became your son; I, the Lord, took the form of a slave; I, whose home is above the heavens, descended to the earth and beneath the earth. For your sake, for the sake of man, I became a man without help, free among the dead. For the sake of you, who left a garden, I was betrayed to the Jews in a garden, and I was crucified in a garden.

See on my face the spittle I received in order to restore to you the life I once breathed into you. See there the marks of the blows I received in order to refashion your warped nature in my image. On my back see the marks of the scourging I endured to remove the burden of sin that weighs upon your back. See My hands, nailed firmly to a Tree. I slept on the Cross and a sword pierced my side for you who slept in paradise and brought forth Eve from your side. My side has healed the pain in yours. My sleep will rouse you from your sleep in hell. The sword that pierced Me has sheathed the sword that was turned against you.

Rise, let us leave this place. The enemy led you out of the earthly paradise. I will not restore you to that paradise, but I will enthrone you in heaven. I forbade you the tree that was only a symbol of life, but see, I who am Life itself am now one with you. I appointed cherubim to guard you as slaves are guarded, but now I make them worship you as God. The throne formed by cherubim awaits you, its bearers swift and eager. The bridal chamber is adorned, the banquet is ready, the eternal dwelling places are prepared, the treasure houses of all good things lie open. The Kingdom of Heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity. *-Anonymous Ancient Homily*

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## Summary of Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011

By Betty Kurkjian

Parish priest: Father Blasko Paraklis

Presiding officer: Robert Negron

The annual parish assembly was held on Sunday, February 13, 2011. After the opening prayer and selection of the presidium, outgoing president Zika Tatalovic gave his report. In addition to summarizing both the achievements and challenges of the parish, he mentioned that the main goal for 2011 is to purchase property where the parish can establish a permanent home.

The financial report, given by Peter Djokovich, revealed that the parish still needs more financial stewards. Both the lack of adequate stewards and low attendance at events contributed to losses in 2010. Extensive discussion followed that included both questions about expenditures and suggestions for improving the parish's finances.

Father Blasko gave the IOCC report and announced that Uros Seferovich will replace Betty Kurkjian as the parish representative on the Orange County IOCC committee.

During the Sunday School report, David Williams stressed the importance of bringing children to Liturgy weekly and said he intends to get the children involved in philanthropic work. Further, he will train a team to participate in the Orange County Bible Bowl.

Choir director, Gorjana Zekic, thanked the choir members for singing responses during Liturgy and gave a glowing report about the choir's outstanding performances in several locations ranging from the Russian Cathedral in San Francisco to St. Paul's Church in Irvine.

Next, Dusanka Radisavljevic summarized the status of the Vera Gajic estate. Although she, Father Blasko and volunteers spearheaded at least seven full days of sales preceded by hundreds of hours of sorting and pricing items, there is yet an abundance of furnishings left in the home. An art/antique dealer in San Juan Capistrano will take all of the major items on consignment as it is no longer viable for the parish to continue sales.

Father Blasko's report focused on the need for more consistent attendance at Liturgy and a greater commitment to stewardship. Given the potential income from the Vera Gajic estate, he intends to vigorously research possible sites where the parish can build a church and cultural center. Initially he intends to contact major land owners and developers.

Following Father's report, the 2011 parish board members were selected. They include: (insert list here).

Prior to the closing prayer, there was a general discussion about what best to do with the Vera Gajic home--whether to try to sell it as it stands even in its very rundown condition or whether to update and remodel it. Several options need to be researched before any decision can be made.

# STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I am pleased to share some very good news with you. I'm sure you will rejoice as well when I tell you that our parish will soon contact major property owners in Orange County to inquire about their willingness to assist us in selecting and acquiring land where we can establish our permanent church and cultural center.

More than ever, we need you to become involved and to participate in every aspect of parish life. Only in this way can we convince possible major donors and lay officers that we are willing and able to build and support a religious and cultural center. Even more importantly, only by making your commitment to Orthodoxy part of every aspect of your life can you reach the salvation for which we all strive.

Please join me and your fellow parishioners in a unified effort to realize our goals and establish our Faith permanently in Orange County. The unity we so direly need is expressed in many ways; regular church attendance, and consistent stewardship are among the most vital. After striving so tenaciously for so many years, surely we cannot allow this opportunity to escape us simply because of inadequate financial support.

I humbly urge you to become a steward and demonstrate your commitment by pledging the specific amount you are willing to donate on a regular basis. A stewardship form is attached to this letter. If you prefer, you can go to our website and complete the form online, [www.mostholytheotokos.com](http://www.mostholytheotokos.com) *It is imperative for the parish to have a fully defined, consistent income in order to complete the business transactions that will allow us to realize our goals.*

You are, of course, welcome to call me if you have any questions, [949 830-5480](tel:9498305480)

In Christ,

Father Blasko Paraklis

## 2011 Stewardship Pledge Form

This commitment I make to secure a Christ-centered life for myself and my family...to return to God the first fruits from the gifts **He** has bestowed upon me... to assist Lord in the mission of spreading **His Gospel**...

...to anchor my personal commitment in Christ, and to do my share in serving **His people**.

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I COMMIT MYSELF TO CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH THROUGH THIS PLEDGE.

**TOTAL PLEDGE FOR 2011: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

To be paid: \_\_\_ weekly \_\_\_ monthly \_\_\_ quarterly \_\_\_ in full

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_



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## **CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP**

**July 17<sup>th</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup> 2011**

Summer camp is a unique opportunity for our children to learn about our Orthodox faith and culture as well as to meet other children from within our diocese. Every summer our Diocese organizes summer camp at St. Sava Camp in Jackson where many children from parishes within our diocese attend.

➔ **New this year, the individual registration form will be filled out exclusively online. You will still have to print and mail your Health, Insurance, Consent and Policy forms by mail. Also new this year, all forms are to be sent to Jackson at P. O. Box 965, Jackson, CA 95642. Go to [www.CampStSava.org](http://www.CampStSava.org) to begin the registration process.** Adult volunteers are needed to work in the kitchen, or as counselors, etc.

➔ **Also, this year approximately 25 full scholarships available** for new campers during weeks one and two. The scholarships are available to families that can not afford to send their child to camp, i.e., low income, single parent, unemployed. The Camp staff are relying on the clergy to recommend campers for these scholarships. **All recommendations must be made by June 15, 2011.** These scholarships will be made available on a first come, first served basis. If you plan to send your child or if you can volunteer, please contact Fr. Blasko as soon as possible.

## **FOOD COLLECTION PROJECT FOR HOMELESS AT OUR PARISH**

Our Parish has sponsored an independent homeless project every Sunday. We collect any food, fresh or canned, which we ask you place on the table located next to the playroom. We gather all your donations along with the left-overs from our parish meals and the change from the collection box on the same table, and donate it all to the Salvation Army Shelter located in our neighborhood. We urge you to leave food each week on that table. If you would like to help deliver it to the shelter, please tell Fr. Blasko, or Sanja Rakonjac. It is such a great help. Big thank-you's to volunteers for delivering our donations. Check your fridge and cupboards before coming to Church on Sundays and bring whatever you can donate.

## **HELP YOUR PARISH THROUGH CAR DONATION**

You can now help the parish by making a tax-exempt donation of a car, truck, RV, or boat. All DMV details will be handled for you, and your vehicle will be towed for free. The church will receive funds equaling the full value of the vehicle. Please call with any questions. Also, if you have any ideas or suggestions for fundraising activities to benefit our parish, please pass them along to Zika Tatalovich or Fr. Blasko.

## **ENDOWMENT FUND**

Another way to help our parish is to establish an endowment fund in memory of deceased members of your family. While the principal will always stay in tact, the income from the fund is used for various church needs and programs, as the donor may designate. The main thing is that the parish will pray regularly for the donor and his/her family members.

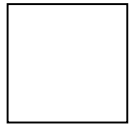
## **THE BONE MARROW DONOR REGISTRY DRIVE FOR JELENA STOJAKOVIC**

The bone marrow donor registry drive for Jelena Stojakovic, a leukemia patient in need for a bone marrow transplant donor, was organized at our church on April 17, 2011 by a National Bone Marrow Registry Foundation. We are blessed that total of 17 potential donors registered at the drive in addition to several people that have registered at other donor drive locations, or that have registered directly with the Be the Match organization on-line. We would like to thank all participants and are praying that one of us will be a match who will save Jelena's life.

If you were not able to attend today's donor drive and wish to register you can still do so directly on line at: [http://www.marow.org/JOIN/Join\\_Now/join\\_now.html](http://www.marow.org/JOIN/Join_Now/join_now.html) or, you can find a next drive near your home and register in person. To find the next drive please visit: [http://www.marow.org/JOIN/Join\\_in\\_Person/index.html](http://www.marow.org/JOIN/Join_in_Person/index.html)



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 2148 Michelson Dr., Irvine  
*Between MacArthur & Von Karman*

**Directions:** From North take San Diego Fwy 405 South. Exit at MacArthur Blvd., south toward airport. Turn left onto MacArthur. Turn left onto Michelson Dr. Pass Dupont. Parish Center on right side of street.

From South take San Diego Fwy 405 North. Exit at Jamboree Rd. Left onto Jamboree Rd. Over the freeway bridge to turn right onto Michelson Dr. Pass Von Karman. Parish Center on left side of street.