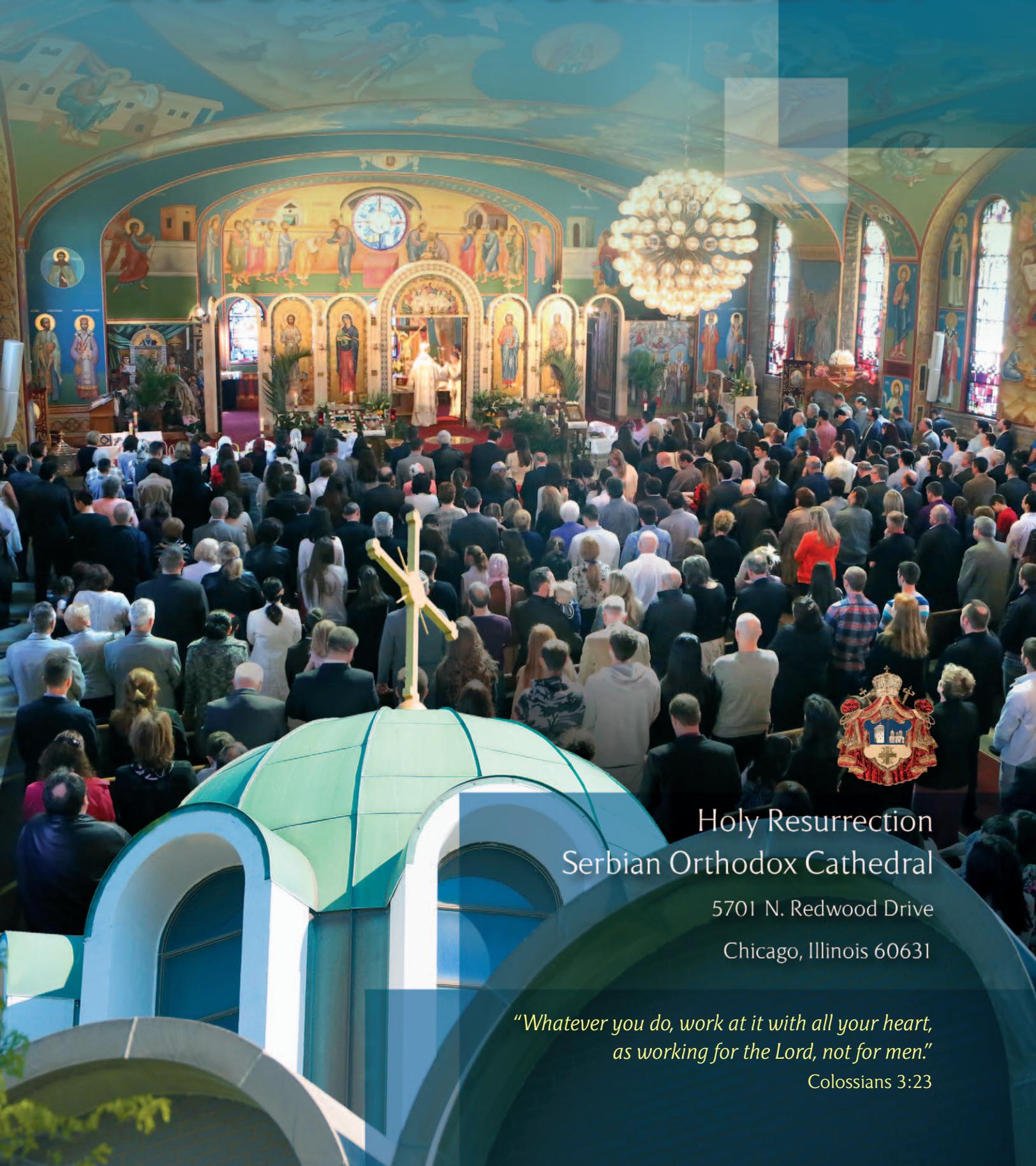


ENDOWING YOUR LEGACY



Holy Resurrection
Serbian Orthodox Cathedral

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*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart,
as working for the Lord, not for men."*

Colossians 3:23

*"For you know how generous our Lord Jesus Christ has been:
he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor,
so that through his poverty you might become rich."
(2 Corinthians 8:9)*

The tradition of giving, building and supporting has a long history in our Church, and the ethos of giving and supporting is deeply ingrained in our cultural fabric. Our Cathedral community has demonstrated over a century – long tradition of outstanding giving – both to the church and to those in need.

During the Great Depression, the Chicago Tribune reported that only two buildings were being built in the city of Chicago: a Post Office built by the Federal Government, and the Serbian Orthodox Church on Schiller Street built by the people of our community.

As historical circumstances presented various challenges, our community responded with generosity and decisiveness. Whether by sending soldiers from our community back to fight in WWI – with the help of Circle of Serbian Sisters; receiving displaced persons after WWII; or helping during the wars of the 1990s – our people always found it in their hearts to give.

During the fifteen years of my service at our Cathedral, I witnessed many outstanding acts of kindness, giving and donating, and inspiring acts of love.

A few years ago, a parishioner of mine walked into my office and asked to forward some funds through the church to Serbia in order to help a family of two, a father and daughter. They were Serbs from Kosovo. The mother had died of illness while the other child (a girl) was killed during the Kosovo conflict. The daughter was helping our parishioner on his property to pick plums and in one of their conversations told him that she really liked computers. He decided that he would buy her a computer, and that same afternoon took her to a computer store and presented her. To his surprise, she started pushing back and declining the gift. He insisted and bought the computer. They drove back to her residence but once they arrived he realized that she and her father lived in the hay loft and had no electricity. Hence she could not really use the computer, but was too ashamed to tell him the whole story. Eventually, our parishioner decided to buy and gift them a property, a house and some land, in central Serbia. A remarkable example!

Endowment funds would serve to institutionalize and memorialize similar acts of selfless love and kindness. They provide a very meaningful way to honor the memory of a loved one by establishing a fund in his or her name, and teaches other by such examples on how to give. Furthermore, they enable the giver(s) to support and improve programs or ministries of their choice and conviction.

Additionally, the funds serve as an incentive to donors from any geographic location to contribute in honor of a person in whose name the fund is established. These funds give a certain financial stability and provide a meaningful financial reserve, since the principal amount remains untouched forever. They enable church leadership to do meaningful budgeting and financial planning.

For all these reasons, and many more, on behalf of our clergy and community, I invite you to support and participate in our endowment program.

In Christ,
V. Rev. Darko Spasojević, PhD
Cathedral Dean





Dear Current and Future Legacy Builders of Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral,

Work has been completed in preparing the foundation for organized endowment funds for Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral. We began to consider the idea based on the examples of other church, school and health organizations throughout the world. The Serbian tradition of endowments (zadužbinarstvo, which is literally the leaving of one's legacy) has come back to life in Serbian communities and has become most evident in church congregations.

The purpose of the Endowment Program of Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral is to facilitate the specific desire of donors and their gifts to last for an endless amount of time through the mechanism of endowment.

The gifted Memorial and Endowment funds are guaranteed to perpetually fund around 5% of their worth per year for the dedicated ministry chosen by the donor.

The most well-known Serbian legacy builders are members of the Nemanjić Dynasty, who left after themselves the legacy of monasteries, starting with Hilandar Monastery (endowed by Stevan Nemanja in 1198 AD) and many more. That worthy tradition lasted through the 15th century but was suppressed during the long period of Ottoman occupation. After the emancipation from the first occupiers, well-respected and wealthy Serbs have built buildings for their remembrance and the income generating facilities for the support of desired educational, cultural and health activities. Here we find well-known benefactors of Belgrade University (Kapetan Miša), Concert Hall (Kolarac), as well as many other buildings in Belgrade and other Serbian cities.

This well-established culture of Serbian endowments was abruptly interrupted during the half century rule of the other usurpers of Serbian Lands; however, not long ago, the process of returning those stolen endowments to their original purpose has commenced.

In recent times, new legacy founders have shown up, addressing what they think are the current social priorities.

On the next pages, you will be able to acquaint yourselves with the formation of perpetual funds for the help of your most favored activities in our community. I hope that you will join our members who have already realized the value and success of endowment funds. Their short stories are shown for you to more easily understand the formation of this program.

*Thank you for your interest,
Gradimir Vučković, MD
HRSOC Executive Board President*

WHAT IS AN ENDOWMENT OR LEGACY FUND?

An endowment or legacy fund at Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral (HRSOC) is a gift that is not spent but invested in a diversified investment portfolio. Annual distributions from the endowments and legacy funds are used to provide a source of ongoing financial support for HRSOC and its ministries.

The endowment can be established with current gifts or testamentary gifts (i.e. wills, trusts, beneficiary designations on retirement accounts, insurance proceeds).

WHY ESTABLISH AN ENDOWMENT OR LEGACY FUND – THE MISSION?

Endowments (*zadužbinarstvo*) have a long tradition in the history of our people and tradition. Endowment funds are a standard way for churches and not-for-profit institutions to raise funds and secure financial stability. They preserve what has been inherited from previous generations, as well as build and improve for the future.

Endowment funds will be established to secure the future of the parish as well as assisting in its current endeavors. They are, in essence, building our future on the foundation of our past.

By establishing the endowments program, HRSOC has created a fund dedicated to specific and limited uses, and to receive offerings to be used consistent with the charitable, educational and missionary purposes of the church.

The Mission of the endowment funds is to enhance the work of our Cathedral by supporting existing ministries and establishing new ministries in the church, with emphasis on:

- Christian Education
- Life enrichment for all ages
- Mission and outreach
- Enhancement of the Cathedral's facilities and programs

WHAT TYPES OF ENDOWMENTS OR LEGACY FUNDS ARE POSSIBLE?

Stewardship Endowments: Offer regular support to the existing Cathedral ministries and programs of the parish.

Education Endowments: Support of religious and cultural educational programs.



Memorial Endowments: Honors a loved one who is deceased and may be created at any time.

Emergency Need Program: A humanitarian program designed to assist those in need.

Other Restricted: For the direct benefit of HRSOC, or for a worthy project of your choice. Think of what is dear to you to support. Share your ideas with our Clergy and our Board.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE OFFERINGS ENTRUSTED TO THE ENDOWMENT FUNDS?

When an endowment is established, either while the donor is living or through a will or living trust, one can be assured that the principal amount of the gift will never be invaded. Only the income from the investment of the gift can be used. The gift becomes a permanent legacy to the many programs and ministries of Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral. Your generosity will serve to enrich generations to come.

WHO MANAGES THE FUNDS?

Management of the endowment funds is provided by well-established and reputable professional financial management firms. The funds will be handled and distributed in compliance with the donor's wishes. Reports of the financial activities of the endowments will be reviewed by the Cathedral Executive Board on a monthly basis and made available to the congregation on an annual basis.

WHAT ARE THE STEPS TO GETTING STARTED?

Think about the ministries and work of the Church. Are there programs and services, such as Orthodox witness, Christian education, youth, music and outreach, that you want to see prosper into the future? Do you want to make sure funds are in place for the continued care and expansion of our Cathedral site? Would you like to establish a fund for youth, education, or programs for the needy?

If you need more information as you make your decision, contact our Cathedral Dean, any member of the Clergy or a member of the Executive Board. They will help you understand how your gift can accomplish your wishes and intent.

If necessary, contact your financial, tax or legal advisor for advice. Your advisor can make sure you are getting the maximum tax and legal advantages allowed for your gift.



WHAT ARE THE WAYS AND MEANS TO ESTABLISH A LEGACY?

- ♦ **Outright Gifts:** Transfers of cash, securities, or other property.
- ♦ **Gifts of Real Estate:** Can receive the same tax treatment as gifts of appreciated securities.
- ♦ **Bequest by Will or Living Trust:** The most common forms of deferred charitable giving.
- ♦ **Gifts of Life Insurance:** Designate Cathedral as a beneficiary.
- ♦ **Retirement Plan Gifts:** Designating HRSOC as the primary, partial or contingent beneficiary of a private pension fund (e.g. IRA, SEP, 401 (k), 403(b), profit sharing plan). Designate HRSOC as a beneficiary on the "Beneficiary Designation" form.
- ♦ **Gifts with Retention of a Life Estate:** Enables one to bequeath their home to the Cathedral while retaining the right to occupy, rent, or otherwise use the property during their lifetime.

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Endowed gifts are an enduring way to demonstrate your enthusiasm for and commitment to Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral while helping the Cathedral achieve its vision for the future.

You are invited to join these committed efforts to ensure that our church continues to provide a house of worship, education in the Orthodox Christian faith, outreach, and Christian fellowship and support to those in need, while at the same time honoring or memorializing a loved one.

If you wish to receive details about endowments, please call our Dean at the Cathedral Office (773) 693-3367.

Thank you for your consideration of this important and meaningful program of support.



ESTABLISHMENT OF INDIVIDUAL MEMORIAL FUND:

- I. A minimum of \$ 5,000.00 is set to establish an individual Memorial Fund.
 - ♦ A request must be directed to the Executive Board to establish a Memorial Fund in the name of the deceased. The request may be made by the family or a person wishing to establish the fund.
 - ♦ Once a Memorial Fund has been established, it may later be merged with another Memorial Fund for the purpose of creating a joint Memorial Fund; or it may be transferred or combined into endowment fund to be used exclusively for Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral.
 - ♦ When an existing Memorial Fund is to be transferred or combined to create an Endowment Fund, the basis of the total of the merged funds must equal a minimum of \$10,000.

- II. PURPOSE: To serve as a lasting memorial to the deceased and to provide income exclusively for the perpetuation of Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral.

- III. FUND CUSTODIAN: The Memorial Funds are managed by a well-established professional financial management firm. The funds will be handled and distributed in compliance with the donor's wishes. Reports of the financial activities of the endowments will be reviewed by the Executive Board on a monthly basis and made available to the congregation on an annual basis.



ESTABLISHMENT OF ENDOWMENT OR LEGACY FUNDS:

- I. A minimum initial contribution valued at \$10,000 is necessary to establish an endowment or legacy fund. The contribution shall be made in one lump sum.
 - A) The donor(s) shall designate use of the income exclusively to one of the following:
 - **Stewardship Endowment Fund** of Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral – to support Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral general operating needs.
 - **Education Fund** – To support Holy Resurrection Cathedral Serbian Orthodox Cathedral religious and cultural education programs.
 - **Emergency Need Program** – A humanitarian program designed to assist those in need, which includes members and non-members of Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral.
 - **Other Restricted** – Income may be used for the direct benefit of Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral as well as its endeavors that are proper and fitting.
 - B) Additional funds can be added to the principal amount of any already established endowment fund at any later point in time.
- II. **PURPOSE:** To provide Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral with an endowment that would generate income to be used as stipulated. Use of income earned by the endowment funds varies from fund to fund and must be addressed individually.
- III. **FUNDS CUSTODIAN:** Management of the endowment funds will be provided by a well-established professional financial managing firm. The funds will be handled and distributed in compliance with the donor's wishes. Reports of the financial activities of the Endowments will be reviewed by the Executive Board on a monthly basis and made available to the congregation on an annual basis.



DISTRIBUTION AND ACCOUNTING OF MEMORIAL AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS



The purpose of this section is highly technical in order to explain the accounting and distribution policies relating to the Memorial and Endowment Funds (“Restricted Funds”). These guidelines defined below are followed by most colleges and non-profit organizations that have endowment funds.

- A) Endowment Fund: A donation to Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral wherein the donor has requested that the investment income earned on the principal be used pursuant to the donor’s wishes. The authorized uses range from “no restrictions” to specific purposes such as the needy fund, or capital building projects.
In every endowment fund, one will find language that the principal (corpus) cannot be used. This preserves the legacy.
- B) Frozen Corpus: The Cathedral will follow a policy of annually increasing the corpus of each endowment by the cost of living percentage (“CPI”) as of November 30th, reflecting the preceding 12 months. The resulting endowment balance then becomes the new corpus amount which we refer to as “the frozen balance.”
The amount donated to the Cathedral to establish a new endowment, or increase an already established endowment, beginning on or after January 1, of the subsequent year will be designated as “frozen corpus” or additional frozen corpus for those endowments already established.
- C) Investment Income Accounting: This represents the unit of income earned during the current year; or income accumulated from prior years which is available for distribution pursuant to the donor’s wishes at the time the endowment was established. All income or no less than 5% earned less the annual CPI adjustment shall be available for distribution.

Income will consist of the following components:

- ♦ Interest Income
- ♦ Dividend Income
- ♦ Gains from security sales or redemptions
- ♦ Increase in fair-market value (FMV) on December 31st of the current year – compared to the FMV on December 31st of the prior year

Income will be reduced by the following:

- ♦ Losses from securities sales
- ♦ Decrease in the FMV on December 31st of the current year compared to the FMV on December 31st of the prior year
- ♦ Other expenses

The result of adding the income and deducting the losses will be the income or loss for the current year, which will be allocated to each endowment account in relation to its percentage of the total of all endowments.

D) Calculation of the 5% annual distribution: In January each year the restricted funds accountant will compute the amount of that year's distribution by multiplying the value of the endowment as of January 1st of the prior year times 5%.

The 5% annual withdrawal will only be from endowment accounts which were in place on January 1st of the prior year. This means that 5% will not be withdrawn from the endowments established during the previous year.

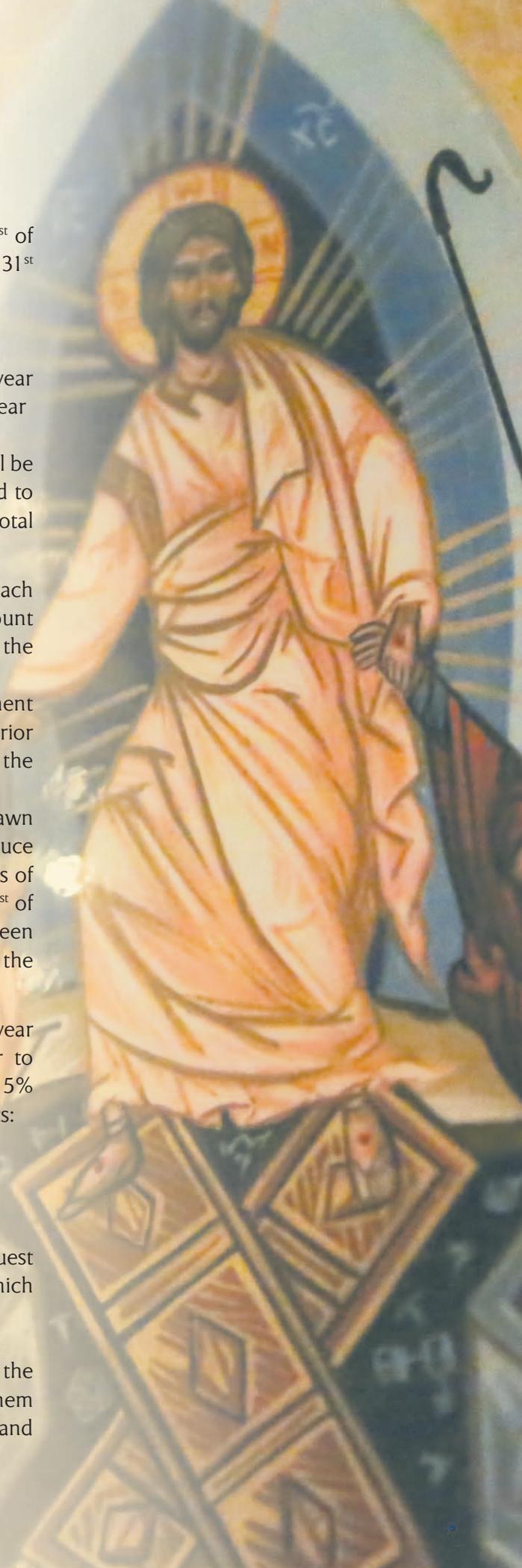
Under no circumstances can a distribution be withdrawn from an endowment if the amount withdrawn would reduce the balance of the endowment below its frozen balance as of December 31st of the previous year or as of December 31st of any subsequent year if new or additional principal has been contributed as this would be considered an invasion of the principal.

E) Annual Distribution of Income to the Cathedral: Each year in January the restricted funds accountant will transfer to the Cathedral's Endowments Distribution Account the 5% distribution relating to the following groups of endowments:

- ♦ Memorial Funds
- ♦ Stewardship Endowments
- ♦ Education Endowments
- ♦ Other Restricted Endowments

At any time afterwards, the Executive Board may request distribution from this account as long as the purpose for which it is being distributed meets the donor's requirements.

Endowment funds and trusts are highly regulated within the financial sector and we are fully committed to managing them efficiently and in accordance with the law and the intents and wishes of the fund benefactor.



EXISTING MEMORIAL FUNDS

+ MILAN RAKIĆ, MD MEMORIAL FUND

Dr. Milan Rakić was a dedicated physician, a loyal friend, a caring husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle. He was kind, patient, loving and a gentleman.

Mima was born on August 2, 1933 in Ilidža, Yugoslavia, near Sarajevo. He was the second son of Vuka and Miodrag Rakić, and younger brother to Dr. Ljubiša Rakić. He and his family survived the WWII, and through a series of events during the war, the family moved to Belgrade where Mima grew up and made many lifelong friendships.

He matriculated the University of Belgrade Medical School and received an MD degree in 1961. That same year, he married Dr. Gordana Bresianac and they had daughter Snežana. They later went their separate ways. In 1962 he accepted a position at the Institute of Pharmacology as scientific collaborator, and in 1964 attained the title of assistant professor of pharmacology.

In 1969, Mima decided to come to the United States. He was awarded a post-doctoral research scholarship at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana. During this time he met Nadežda D. Džaković, and June 14th, 1970 they were married. Dody had a 5-year-old daughter, Marina, from a previous marriage. Mima quickly became like a second father to Marina. She called him "Tata" and he gave her the nickname "Mačak" which means "kitten" in Serbian. They had a warm and loving relationship.

Mima successfully passed his medical examinations and completed his residency in anesthesiology at Illinois Masonic Hospital. On June 1st, 1972, their son Andrei was born (Marina's wish for a baby brother came true). Mima accepted a position at Palos Community Hospital, where he worked for 2 years. In 1976, he transferred to Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove, and Midwest Surgical Center, where he worked for 34 years, until his retirement in May of 2010.

Mima was respected and loved by his family, his kumovi and many friends and will be fondly remembered.

+ SMILJANA (PAVICHEVICH) KNIGHT MEMORIAL FUND

Smiljana Joy (Pavichevich) Knight was born to Very Reverend (Proto) Dennis and Protinica Jovanka Pavichevich on December 23, 1977, in East Chicago, Indiana, and moved to Alhambra, California in 1982, when her father was appointed Dean of St. Steven's Cathedral. Smiljana, better known to all as "Smich", returned to Chicago as a teenager in 1992, when Fr. Dennis was appointed Dean of Holy Resurrection Cathedral. Smiljana's

maternal grandfather, the late Proto Dusan Popovich (with his wife, the late Protinica Radojka), had been Dean from 1951 until his untimely death in 1972, having overseen the purchase of the new property and the construction of the Church Hall on Redwood Drive.

Smich followed in her mother's footsteps as a member of the SOKO Folklore Group at Holy Resurrection as well as participating in Diocesan Summer Camp programs both in the Midwest and Western Dioceses. Smich actively partook in the sacramental and all other aspects of parish life. In particular, she enjoyed Sunday School, later serving as a teacher and member of the young adult fellowship groups. Youth education and fellowship were the focal point of her church stewardship, in keeping with the values of her family. Smiljana's mother and sister are teachers, and Fr. Dennis's main efforts during his tenure were toward initiating St. Sava Academy (parochial and dual language school at Holy Resurrection Cathedral).

In 2005, Smich moved back to Los Angeles, where she met her husband, John Knight. They were married at St. Steven's Cathedral on October 25, 2008. Smiljana passed away suddenly on January 9, 2010 in Pasadena, California, at the age of thirty-two. Both Holy Resurrection and St. Steven's Cathedral parishes and much of the Serbian Orthodox diaspora – as well as countless friends and acquaintances worldwide were bewildered and sorrowed at her sudden passing.

Smiljana's family legacy is one of service to and life in the Church. Her exceptionally gentle and light spirit, her humble demeanor and her dedication to the Church and her family of friends will forever be a light and an inspiration to all who knew her and who continue to follow her example. May she rest in peace, and may her memory be eternal.

+ DUŠANKA MOLNAR MEMORIAL FUND

Our Baba Šanka was five days shy of her 96th birthday when she died in her sleep, in her bed, in her home, as she had wished. We were all graced with a sense of relief knowing that she was now at peace after enduring the struggles and pains of old age and things that go along with it. She was a strong woman, physically and emotionally, and raised her three daughters after her husband died tragically by accident, early in their lives.



She worked hard, was an excellent professional chef, a smart dresser who was also trained in fine millinery, and always had wonderful stories to tell.

She loved her daughters, her grandkids and great-grandkids with all of her heart, and we all loved her back. She taught those around her so much, for which we are all grateful. She was an ear that would listen when needed and would tell you back how it is and how it should be, regardless of whether you disagreed or desired otherwise. A visit to her home would never go without a scrumptious bit of something she had prepared, and she would always be willing to teach people how to make anything she knew how. She was a unique woman, and even as she became more frail, her resolve for independence remained steadfast. We can only hope to age as well as she did, and to maintain as much control over our own lives.

She was strict in her own disciplines and was a tough disciplinarian. She believed in education, dedication, and a firm faith in Jesus Christ, God and Orthodox Christianity. She enjoyed her final Holy Communion and Confession a few weeks before departing, which we are sure brought her great comfort and peace.

The Church's ministries, especially in the areas of education and relief efforts, were of great interest to her and are worthy of our support. As part of her legacy, we are honored to establish this memorial fund in her name.

EXISTING ENDOWMENT AND LEGACY FUNDS

+ DRAGOLJUB DONALD ORLICH ENDOWMENT FUND

*"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart,
not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver."*

2 Corinthians 9:7

The late Dragoljub Donald Orlich fell asleep in the Lord on November 13, 1998, suffering a heart attack in his home, at the age of fifty-five. Donald was preceded in death by his loving parents Stevan (1983) and Marija (1984) Orlich, who were both American-born Serbs. His grandparents emigrated from Blinje, Lika in 1908 and settled in Pittsburgh, PA. Eventually, the two Orlich family brothers moved to Gary, Indiana in 1934 where they worked with many other Serbs at U.S. Steel. Donald's father met his wife Marija Arlov through friends. They were later married and resettled in Cicero, and all are buried at Montrose Cemetery in Chicago.

Donald was a U.S. veteran and served for two years in Germany. This service was followed by a quiet life of working at Western Electric (as his father did) and taking care of his parents. Donald's hobbies included rebuilding cars for racing, and enjoyed working with mechanical engines to make them perform at their maximum best. It is no surprise that his favorite sport was auto racing.



His dedication to his parents and our Cathedral serve as a great legacy. His humility is historic. He left all his earthly possessions to our Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral. His generous gift in excess of \$430,000, and an extensive library in addition, makes him the Founder (Donor of \$100,000 or more) of our Cathedral and the greatest benefactor in the history of our parish.

We teach our youth and ourselves of St. Sava and St. Nicholas, who gave away their earthly possessions to help and advance God's work, and Donald followed through by emulated them. He walked in the way of those before him. He followed the example of those before him.

Donald became our greatest founder without any pomp and circumstance, without any public expression of gratitude and without any recognition. His gift was completely selfless, neither expecting to receive anything in return, nor understanding that he would become our greatest donor. The legacy he leaves is of true spiritual significance. May his memory be eternal.

+ MILORAD ČUPIĆ, MD ENDOWMENT FUND

Dr. Milorad Čupić known to his friends as Mike or Misha received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Belgrade Medical School. After marrying his sweetheart Dr. Dragana Čupić, he immigrated to the United States and in the pursuit of further medical education completed his internship at Mercy Hospital followed by residency in anesthesiology at the University of Chicago hospitals. At the University of Chicago he was recognized in completing numerous award winning research projects. After a two-year service to his adoptive country as a major in the United States Army, Dr. Čupić joined Mercy Hospital where he served as chairman of the department of anesthesiology until his retirement in 2015. In this capacity Dr. Čupić founded the pain management section at Mercy Hospital.

Although he was an accomplished and revered physician, nothing made him happier than spending time with his family. Milorad was a loving son, brother, uncle, husband, father and grandfather.

Dr. Čupić was also committed to serving his community as a member of numerous organizations. He was a founding member of the Serbian American Medical and Dental Society where he served as a member of the board.

Dr. Čupić was also active in his church, Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral. He generously supported the restoration of the church and the parochial school Saint Sava Academy where he served on the board of directors.

A transformational part of Milorad's Christian life were two separate pilgrimages, one to Hilandar Serbian Monastery in Mt. Athos (Sveta Gora), Greece and the other one to Israel and Egypt.

This endowment was created in his honor in the hope that other devout parishioners may experience the same enlightenment that Dr. Čupić did. Each year a parishioner in good standing, and of limited means, will be chosen by the Cathedral Dean to receive a \$3,000 scholarship towards a church sponsored pilgrimage.

+ DJURO "GEORGE" DRAGISICH ENDOWMENT FUND

Djuro "George" Dragisich was born on June 21, 1920 into a Serbian Orthodox family in the village of Torbicki Vagan in an area of Lika that more often than not reared virtuous and heroic men and women and faithful Serbian Orthodox Christians. This was an area in the Srpska Krajina called Tromedja, which means tri—border, and was located where Bosna, Lika and Dalmacija all meet. This was a predominately Serbian Orthodox area in what was to become Catholic Croatia. Djuro served as a Chetnik under General Draza Mihailovic and Vojvoda Momcilo Djujic during WWII. The establishment of the + Djuro Dragisich Endowment Fund at Holy Resurrection Cathedral is due to the many generous memorials that all of Djuro's friends, kumovi and relatives gave in his name. Djuro spent his entire life living as a true Serbian Orthodox Christian and helping his

people, exemplifying "rodoljubstvo", and this was acknowledged and recognized by those whose lives he touched. The hope is that this fund can serve as a continued memorial and reminder of how a man from a simple background and from a life of extreme hardship was able to, by honest hard work and genuine integrity, establish himself so that he could aid others who were still under hardship and also aid in the establishing, building and maintaining of churches in the Homeland and in the Diaspora and thereby humbly impact the spreading and maintaining of the Serbian Orthodox people and faith. May his memory be eternal in God's heavenly Kingdom.



Blessed is he who is considerate to the needy and the poor. Not even night should interrupt you in your duty of mercy. There should be no delay between your intention and your good deed. Generosity is the one thing that cannot admit of delay. He who does acts of mercy should do so with cheerfulness. The grace of the deed is doubled when it is done with promptness and speed. What is given with a bad grace or against one's will is distasteful and far from praiseworthy. When we perform an act of kindness we should rejoice and not be sad about it. Let us visit Christ whenever we may, let us care for him, feed him, clothe him, welcome him, honor him, not only at a meal or by anointing him as Mary did, or by giving him gold, frankincense and myrrh, like the Magi.

Saint Gregory of Nazianzes



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