

VELIKA GOSPA NEWSLETTER

WELCOME!

We sincerely welcome all of you who join us this 105th Velika Gospa — those who return year after year, who take time off of work to attend our grand, solemn procession and Mass — as well as those who are in attendance for the first time.

We especially welcome Father Ivica Jurišić, our main celebrant, who comes to us from Rotterdam, the Netherlands; Father Paul Maslach, Custos of the Croatian Franciscans; and Mrs. Jelena Grcic-Polic, Consul General of the Republic of Croatia in Chicago.



DOBRO DOŠLI!

Dobro došli svi! Dobrodošli Vi koji ste nazočni svake godine, kako bi sudjelovali u našoj svečanoj procesiji i sve-toj Misi, kao i Vi koji ste s nama prvi put.

Izražavamo srdačnu dobrodošlicu našem fra Ivici Jurišiću, koji nam dolazi iz Rotterdama i koji predvodi današnju misu; fra Pavi Maslaću, kustosu hrvatskih franjevaca; te Jelenu Grčić-Polić, generalnoj konzulici Republike Hrvatske u Chicagu.

GRAND MARSHALL NEVENKA JURKOVIĆ

Nevenka Jurković je rođena 15. rujna, 1955. godine u Milošićima, kod Vrgorca, od roditelja Ante i Stane Erceg. Osnovnu školu je završila u Velikom Prologu, a gimnaziju u Metkoviću. Godine 1973. udala se za Branka Jurkovića, 26. veljače iste godine došla je sa suprugom u Chicago. Tu se smijestili kod prijatelja jedno vrijeme, dok su tražili posao i stan. Nakon nekog vremena, našli su posao u Arlington Heights. Nakon različitih poslova koje su radili, počeli su se baviti kupovinom nekretnina. Malo po malo, napredovali su vrlo dobro tako da su mogli uzdržavati sebe i svoju obitelj.

Dobili su četvero djece, tri sina i jednu kćer: Ivan, Mario, Ante, i Antonia. Postali su župljani župe Svetog Jeronima gdje su odgojili svoju djecu u katoličkom i hrvatskom rodoljubnom duhu.

Od 1980., postaju članovi Hrvatske Škole "Kardinal Alojzije Stepinac", koju su pohađala



sva njihova djeca. Od tada, pa sve do 2010., Nevenka je bila aktivni član i tajnica te škole. Godine 1988., Nevenka je postala članicom humanitarnog i kulturnog društva "Hrvatska žena grana broj 1", Chicago, a godine 1992. izabrana je predsjednicom tog društva. Tu dužnost obavlja i danas.

Njen muž Branko iznenada je preminuo 22. ožujka 1997. godine u vrijeme svog boravka u Hrvatskoj. Pokopan je iz crkve Sv. Jeronima istog mjeseca na groblje Holy Sepulchre. Dvoje njene djece su stvorili svoje obitelji, te vjenčani u našoj crkvi Sv. Jeronima: Mario i Megan (Sircher),

Ivan i Kristina (Knezović). Sin Mario je otac djevojčice Beibhinn. Nevenkin brat Pero Erceg također je aktivni član naše zajednice kroz mnoge godine.

Nevenka je kroz mnoge godine aktivna članica župe Sv. Jeronima te pomaže sve akcije i proslave u našoj zajednici. Članica je društava: HKD Napredak, Marijinog društva, Hrvatsko američke udruge za lobiranje u Washingtonu, Hrvatskog svjetskog kongresa. Ona i njen muž bili su jedni od izvornih članova/utemeljitelja Hrvatskog kulturnog centra, Chicago. Aktivni je član i Župnog vijeća naše župe. Njena vjernost ovoj župnoj zajednici očituje se i njenim svakonedjeljnim dolaskom na slavlje Sv. Mise u našoj župi.

Čestitamo Nevenki na ovoj časnoj službi u našoj zajednici i zahvaljujemo za mnoge godine njena rada i sudjelovanja u životu naše župne i hrvatske zajednice.

NADOLAZEĆI DOGAĐAJI....

- **Hodočašće Holy Hill subota 20. kolovoza**
- **Velika Gospa Golf Turnir — nedjelja 28. kolovoza**
- **Hrvatska škola godišnji piknik — 3. rujna**
- **Hrvatska škola početak — 10. rujna 312-842-1871**
- **Pregled krvnog tlaka i diabetesa — Mercy Hospital u dvorani sv. Jerke, nedjelja, 11. rujna (pregledi su besplatni).**
- **Sv. Misa za obljetnice braka — nedjelja, 25. rujna**
- **Godišnja duhovna obnova — Marijino društvo Sv. Jeronima, nedjelja, 1. listopada 773-667-2377**
- **Otvaranje 100. obljetnice slavlja župe sv. Jeronima hodočašćem u Svetu zemlju, 1. do 12. studenoga**
- **Hrvatska žena Modna revija, 23. listopada - 773-525-8571**
- **Škola Sv. Jeronima, godišnji benefit, subota, 19. studenog, 312-842-7668**

Naš gost, fra Ivica Jurišić



Fra Ivica je rođen rođen 1972. godine u Požegi, gdje je završio osnovno pučko školovanje. Nakon osnovne škole odlučio je poći u franjevece, te upisuje poznatu Franjevačku klasičnu gimnaziju u Visokom. Nakon završene gimnazije, godine 1991. stupa u Franjevački red, u Novicijatu, u Sarajevu. Studije filozofije i teologije studira u Zagrebu, a za svećenika je zaređen milenijske godine, godine 2000. Kao svećenik je djelovao na župama u Bosni Srebrenoj: Ovčarevo i Banja Luka-Petričevac. Godine 2005. njegova franjevačka zajednica ga šalje u misije, te preuzima vodstvo Hrvatske katoličke misije u Rotterdamu, Nizozemska. Fra Ivica je i zatvorski kapelan hrvatskih uznika u Haagu. U Haag odlazi dva put mjesečno gdje s njima slavi svetu misu. Čast nam je da je ove godine on s nama i da predvodi 105. slavlje Velike Gospe u Chicagu.

Poziv na slavlje! **Sto godina Sv. Jeronima 1912. — 2012.**

Nedjelja, 29. travnja 2012.

Svečana sveta misa i banket!

Svetu misu predvodi **Kardinal Francis George**,
nadbiskup Chicaga u crkvi Sv. Jeronima

Svečani gala banket u:

Chicago Hilton and Towers

720 South Michigan Avenue

VELIKA GOPSA

U Chicagu velikom gradu živi jedan narod
mali
Hrvati se oni zovu, oni grade zemlju novu,
Hrvati se oni zovu, oni grade povijest novu.

Već stotinu godina čuva nas i prati
Gospa naša sveta Kraljica i mati.

Kad zazvone zvona sa našega hrama
Procesija kreće, Gospa je sa nama,
Kad zazvone zvona sa našega hrama
Procesija kreće, mama je sa nama.

Već stotinu godina čuva nas i prati
Gospa naša sveta, Kraljica i mati.

Slijedi sveta misa, Gospa ima moć
A zatim i festa do kasno u noć,
Slijedi sveta misa Gospa širi moć
A zatim i fešta do kasno u noć.

Već stotinu godina čuva nas i prati
Gospa naša sveta Kraljica i mati.

Već stotinu godina čuva nas i prati
Gospo naša sveta, vole te Hrvati.

Ivica Golub
Chicago

OUR HONORED GUEST, FR. IVICA JURISIC, OFM



Fr. Ivica was born in 1972 in the town of Pozega, where he grew up. After elementary school, he chose to go to the Franciscan friars, and enrolled in the Franciscans' famous classics high school in Visoko. After graduating, he entered the Franciscan Novitiate in Sarajevo, in 1991. Brother Ivica studied philosophy and theology in Zagreb, and he was ordained as a priest in the Jubilee Year 2000. In his first years as a priest, he served in parishes of the Franciscans' Bosnian province: Ovcarevo and Banja Luka-Petricevac. In 2005, his Franciscan province sent him as a missionary to serve in the Croatian Catholic mission church in the city of Rotterdam in the Netherlands. Fr. Ivica also serves as the prison chaplain at the Hague in the Netherlands. He goes twice a month to celebrate Mass with the prisoners at the Hague. It is an honor for us that he is here to celebrate the 105th Velika Gospa Mass.

GRAND MARSHALL— NEVENKA JURKOVIC

Nevenka Jurkovic was born Sept. 15, 1955 in Milosic near Vrgorac. Her parents were Ante and Stana Erceg. She finished elementary school in Veliki Prolog and high school in Metkovic. In 1973, she married Branko Jurkovic and on the 26th of February that year they came to Chicago. They stayed with friends for some time, while looking for a job and an apartment. After some time, they found a job in Arlington Heights, which was their first address, but not for long. After various jobs that Nevenka and her

husband worked, they began to buy property. Little by little, they progressed well, so that they could support themselves and their family. They had four children, three sons and a daughter: Ivan, Mario, Ante and Antonia.

They became parishioners of St. Jerome's where they raised their children in the Catholic and Croatian culture. Starting from 1980, all four of the children were members of the Croatian school "Cardinal Alojzije Stepinac." From that time until

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Nevenka rejoices in her family.

UPCOMING EVENTS....

- **Midwest Pilgrimage to Holy Hill, August 20**
- **St. Jerome School begins August 22 312-842-7668**
- **Velika Gospa Golf Outing, August 28**
- **Blood pressure & diabetes check ups— Mercy Hospital at St. Jerome's Sept. 11. (Free screening)**
- **Marriage Anniversaries Sept. 25**
- **Marian Society's annual retreat, Oct. 1**
- **Croatian Woman's Fashion Show, Oct. 23**
- **Holy Land Pilgrimage, Nov. 1 to 12, the opening of our parish's 100th anniversary year celebration**
- **St. Jerome School Annual Benefit, November 19**



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VELIKA GOPSPA PARKING

Please call and tell your friends and relatives that we have plentiful parking available for our feast. Thanks to our neighbors, we have the following:

**** Old Neighborhood
Italian American Club
parking (30th & Shields)

**** State of Illinois park-
ing under the highway (27th
& Wells, entrance on 27th)

*Croatian Catholic Radio -
Saturdays*

10 a.m. - 750 AM

www.stjeromecroatian.org

Save the date – to celebrate!

**Our Centennial — the celebration of 100 years of
St. Jerome Parish: 1912 — 2012**

Sunday, April 29, 2012

Two great events that day: Mass and Gala Banquet!
Solemn Mass celebrated by **Francis Cardinal George**,
Archbishop of Chicago, at St. Jerome Church
Reception/Gala Banquet to follow at the
Chicago Hilton and Towers
720 South Michigan Avenue

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2010, Nevenka was an active school board member and secretary. In 1988 Nevenka became a member of the humanitarian and cultural society “Croatian Woman, Branch No. 1” Chicago. From 1992 until the present day, she was elected President of that society.

Her husband, Branko, suddenly passed away on March 22, 1997, while he was visiting Croatia. He was buried from St. Jerome’s church to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Two of her sons were married in our church: Mario and Meghan (nee Sircher) and Ivan and Kristina (nee Knezovic). Her son Mario is a father to daughter Beibhinn. Nevenka’s

brother Pero Erceg is an active parish-ioner of many years.

Nevenka, over many years, has been an active member of our parish who helped support all parish fundraisers and celebrations. She is a member of the following groups: HKD Napredak, Marian Society, Croatian American Association (for lobbying in Washington D.C.), and the Croatia World Congress. She and her husband were among the first founding members of the Croatian Cultural Center of Chicago. She is an active member of our Parish Council. Nevenka has shown her devotion to St. Jerome’s Church by coming to Holy Mass every Sunday.

Congratulations to Nevenka for her honorable service to our community. We thank her for her many years of hard work and participation in the life our parish and Croatian community!

FROM OUR ARCHIVES...

My dear son: We received your letter and card from your wife. We are happy to hear that you are healthy, but there is something greater in the world than health and that is love in your family. Thanks be to God in my family it is that way and I hope it will remain that way after my death. Hold onto to love because where there is love, there is God and where there is God, there is peace, and where there is peace there is God’s blessing and where there is God’s blessing there is contentment. We Catholics are required to attend Mass every Sunday and the Holy Days, if possible. If it is not possible, then pray to yourself, because the Mass is a pillar for sustaining love. I love you and wish you all the best. — *Excerpted from a 1929 letter from Ivan Aranza in Dalmatia to his son in Chicago, at St. Jerome’s.*