

The School year is coming to a close, and as we prepare to send our children off to summer programs, vacations with friends and family, sports events, other organized youth groups and church camp... we also need to look forward to the 2009-2010 season and think about what we would like from that program.

Our children have excelled this year in class study, and extracurricular participation of church and Serbian culture. They've helped in packing food for those children less fortunate around the world they've helped to celebrate our beloved St Sava, the birth of Christ and the Celebration of his Resurrection. They've danced at the Festival of Nations, our 2008 summer Liturgy in the Park, and sang in beautiful choral during several church celebrations and Liturgy. Many have also experienced new accomplishments outside of our church community, and a few have taken a step out of their comfort zone to participate in group activities that they may not have otherwise done before. They have seen a full year, and we are very proud of each and one of them. But, don't forget those who helped our children accomplish these goals; brought them new experiences; enlightened their minds and hearts in the blessings and history of the church, its teachings, and our rich Serbian culture. It was because of those volunteers who vested of their personal time; whether they had children of school age or not participating in the programs here at Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church, that this program stayed, not only successful... but was able to grow in number. I want to personally thank each of you, on behalf of our great church, its board members and most of all the children. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts for all you do.

With that said, with growth comes added responsibilities to existing volunteers; additional stress on time and resources. And, we are eager for more volunteers to step forward in the new season to help strengthen and grow on our Sunday School, Orthodox Youth Education and Serbian Youth Cultural Programs. We cannot do it without you. So, PLEASE, if it is part of your personal or family Stewardship goals to give more time and creativity to your church; whatever your skill sets may be, take a moment to consider helping this very important group of programs. You DO NOT need to be a scholar in church teachings or customs (although it may help), as many of us learn right along with your children in certain topics & teachings. You only need to feel a reason to give back to your church in another way. Holy Trinity will provide you with all of the materials needed to share with our children.

Please contact the church with your interest in any of these programs, in any form of your available time.

Sincerely,



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