

THE

# LEGACY

NEWSLETTER OF THE **ST. SAVA MISSION FOUNDATION**, JACKSON, CALIFORNIA

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**ABOUT THE FOUNDATION:**

- The Foundation was originally incorporated in California in 1962.
- The Foundation has always been and remains an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, governed by a Board of Directors democratically elected annually by Members.
- The Foundation follows best-practice standards for its governance.

## OUR GREAT LEGACY & PURPOSE

In the early 1960's, Serbs in the Western USA set out to build a center of our culture, community and faith in Jackson, California, site of the first Serbian Orthodox church in North America.

Their Purpose: to buy land and build facilities for a children's camp, senior citizen's home, and education and other cultural and community needs.

To deliver this dream, and with the Serbian Orthodox Church's support and participation, the St. Sava Mission Corporation (now Foundation) was incorporated in early 1962.

With the children's Camp long-built and operating, today our Foundation's goals include a Senior Citizen's Assisted-Living Home for our people, and a nearby Guest House for their visiting families; a Serbian Heritage Museum, Library & Cultural Center; historical building preservation; Student Scholarships; a Sports Complex; and a youth exchange program.

These are the community and cultural goals that the Foundation was created to achieve. To honor the sacrifice and dedication of those who came before

us, to preserve our cultural heritage, and to create a foundation for our children and their future, the Purpose of the St. Sava Mission is now needed more than ever before.

Today, after nearly 50 years, the St. Sava Mission Foundation continues to faithfully preserve and fulfill this Legacy.

Now, especially during these interesting times, the Foundation and its supporters have the opportunity to take action, and make real progress to fulfill our great Purpose. If this matters to you, we invite you to join us!

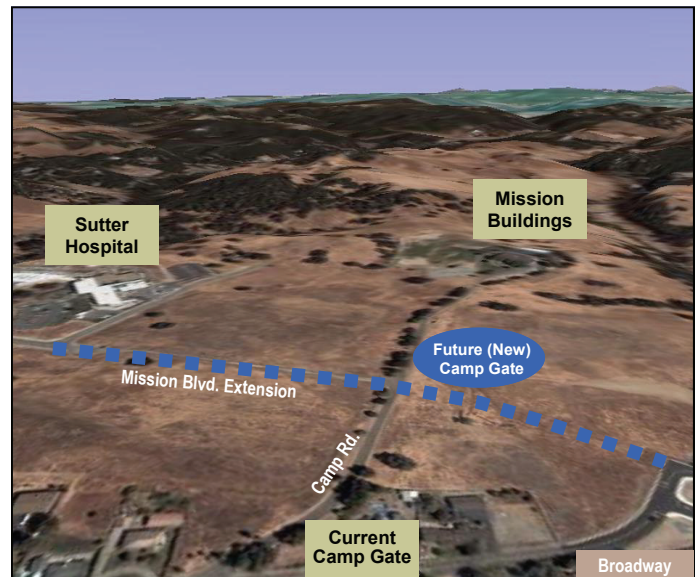
## MISSION BOULEVARD: UPDATE

In late 2007, the City of Jackson announced its plans to begin construction of the Mission Blvd. Extension through the Jackson St. Sava Mission property, connecting Highway 88 to the north, with Broadway to the south.

This will divide the Mission Property, north to south, into two pieces, separated by the new extended Mission Boulevard.

In August 2008, Foundation Board Members and His Grace Bishop Maxim and other members of the Western American Diocese Board met with representatives of the City of Jackson to discuss details of the plan.

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St. Sava Mission Property, View Looking East (Over Camp Road)

## FYI: 1996 TENANCY-IN-COMMON AGREEMENT ASSIGNMENT & DELEGATION AGREEMENT

In mid-1962, the St. Sava Mission Foundation (then Corporation) assumed from the Serbian Orthodox Church all of the debts and responsibilities for the purchase of the Jackson Mission Property. By the mid-1980's the Foundation had paid off all original debts and Property mortgages.

By 1996, after over a decade of costly litigation between them, the Foundation and Church agreed to permanently end their land title disputes, release each other from all claims, and equally share ownership of the Property as tenants-in-common.

The result was the *Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release of Claims*, of October 1996.

This historic Settlement Agreement became the legal basis for the subsequent *Tenancy-In-Common Agreement*.

The *Tenancy-In-Common Agreement* governs how the entire Jackson Mission Property is now owned, in equal "undivided one-half" parts by the St. Sava Mission Foundation and Serbian Orthodox Church (Western American Diocese). This Agreement ensures the Foundation's perpetual right to continue to use the Mission for its annual Independence Day events.

Following this, later in 1996 (finalized 2001), in the *Assignment & Delegation Agreement*, the Foundation granted the New Gracanica Metropolitanate an

assignment of "all of its rights to use" the Foundation's share of the 13 acres of the Mission Buildings, Pool and sports fields, collectively known as the "Mission Grounds".

The *Assignment Agreement* gave the Foundation's "Rights of Use", governance, and financial responsibility—but *not ownership*—on the Mission Grounds (not the entire Property) to New Gracanica, to administer the Mission Grounds in collaboration with the Western American Diocese. They do this via their Joint Administrative Board.

Those "Rights of Use" cannot be assigned to any other entity or party without the consent of the Foundation's Membership.

"...St. Sava (Corporation) shall retain its fee ownership interest in the Mission Grounds..."

...The rights and duties... hereby assigned... may not be assigned to any party without the prior written consent of St. Sava..."

1996 Assignment & Delegation Agreement

In the Previous Issue:  
*The 1996 Settlement Agreement*

See previous issues at our website:  
[www.StSavaMissionFoundation.org](http://www.StSavaMissionFoundation.org)

## JULY 4TH CELEBRATION!

# 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Independence Day Celebration

## July 3-5, 2009

St. Sava Mission • Jackson, California

- ◆ Join hundreds of Serbs from throughout the USA at our biggest event!
- ◆ Enjoy a weekend of great Serbian food, music, singing & dancing, with old & new friends. Music by *Orkestar Srbija* & other favorites.
- ◆ Enjoy our popular *Kafana Bar*, shaded *Poolside Lounge* areas, and supervised arts, crafts, games & activities for children of all ages.
- ◆ Friday, July 3, Open @ 2:00pm. Saturday, July 4, Open @ 11:00am.
- ◆ Sunday, July 5, Join us for Breakfast & Coffee @ 9:00am!
- ◆ Men's & Women's Dorm beds available at good rates: *limited* availability, 1st-come, 1st-served. Reserve at: [Dorms@StSavaMissionFoundation.org](mailto:Dorms@StSavaMissionFoundation.org).
- ◆ Make your travel and room reservations early! Connect to local hotels via our website: [www.StSavaMissionFoundation.org](http://www.StSavaMissionFoundation.org)



## GET ON THE MAILING LIST:

If you, or your family and friends would like to be on the mailing list for *The Legacy* and other Foundation mailings, fax your address to 949-679-5951, or e-mail it to: [Info@StSavaMissionFoundation.org](mailto:Info@StSavaMissionFoundation.org). Subject: Add To The Mailing List. PS: Same contact info to request removal from the mailing list.

## ANNOUNCING 2009 SCHOLARSHIP

### 2009 Student Scholarship Program

- ◆ 2009 Awards Total \$10,000: Two (2) Awards at \$1,500 each, Three (3) Awards at \$1,000 each, Eight (8) others at \$500 each.
- ◆ For 2009 Graduating High-School Seniors of Serbian descent born in the USA or Canada, and/or planning to attend a two- or four-year accredited college/ university in the USA or Canada in 2009.
- ◆ Scholarships awarded based on academic & community achievement, and a written essay. Application deadline: **April 15, 2009**. Essay deadline: **April 30, 2009**. Awards determined by end of May 2009.
- ◆ Download the Scholarship Application Form from Foundation web-site: [www.StSavaMissionFoundation.org/Student\\_Scholarship.html](http://www.StSavaMissionFoundation.org/Student_Scholarship.html)
- ◆ **PLEASE CONTRIBUTE** to the Scholarship Program. **YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS WILL EXPAND & INCREASE THE PROGRAM & NUMBER OF STUDENT AWARDS!** Please send your contributions to: St. Sava Mission Foundation, c/o Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 252, Jackson, CA 95642..
- ◆ The St. Sava Mission Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) organization and all donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



Help Expand Our  
Scholarship Program &  
Increase the Number of  
Student Awards: Please  
Contribute Today!

## QUESTION & ANSWERS...

**Q:** Who Owns the Jackson Mission Property?

**A:** From January 1963, when it was granted title by the Serbian Orthodox Church, until September 1996, the sole owner of the land was the St. Sava Mission Corporation. The 1996 *Settlement and Tenancy-In-Common Agreements* made the St. Sava Mission Corporation (now Foundation) and the Western American Diocese of the Serbian Orthodox Church 50-50 owners of the land.

**Q:** Who Manages the Jackson Mission Property?

**A:** The 13 acres of buildings, swimming pool and sports fields (called the "Mission Grounds") are managed by the *Joint Administrative Board*, which is made up of representatives of the Western American Diocese

and New Gracanica Metropolitanate (NGM), both of the Serbian Orthodox Church.

The Foundation assigned this Right of Use and management (but not ownership) to NGM in the *1996 Assignment and Delegation Agreement*.

The rest of the acreage, approximately 95 acres, is jointly administered by the Foundation and Western American Diocese.

**Q:** 173 acres were originally bought, why is there only around 107 remaining?

**A:** In 1996, at the time of the *Settlement Agreement*, the Serbian Orthodox Church and the Foundation agreed to sell up to 60 acres of the original 173 acres to, and for construction of, Sutter Amador Hospital. By 2004, the Hospital exercised its option and completed acquisition. Other acreage reductions have

occurred due to construction of the Broadway bridge over Jackson Creek on the southern border of Mission lands, and other minor transactions.

**Q:** What happened to the money made from the sale of the 60 acres to the Hospital?

**A:** Proceeds from the 1996 sale of the first 20 acres went to pay outstanding legal bills incurred by both parties, and joint development of the *2001 Master Plan*, which included the Senior Village (along Camp Road), as well as a Monastery (on the hill northeast of the Camp).

The Foundation's 50% share of the 2004 option sale of the remaining 40 acres (~\$300K) remains in its entirety in government-insured bank accounts, for fulfillment of the planned Senior Citizens Village and other Foundation Long Range Plan projects and programs.

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Saturday,  
July 4, 2009  
11:00am  
St. Sava Mission  
Jackson, CA

### Questions for The Foundation?

E-Mail them to:  
[Info@StSavaMissionFoundation.org](mailto:Info@StSavaMissionFoundation.org),  
Subject: The Legacy - Questions

## FOUNDATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

As of February 2009, the following donations had been made to support our Student Scholarship Program:

Anonymous	\$5,000
IMO Alex Chuck	2,000
For Olga Cox	100

Additional contributions such as these allow the Foundation to increase the number of Scholarship winners this year.

### PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

On December 1, 2008, Committee members met with the Western American Diocese Administrative Board. The main agenda item was writing a unified reply to City of Jackson's Mission Blvd. Extension project (see article on page 1).

Foundation hired contractors to assess and begin fixing the malfunctioning well on Camp grounds, so that the Camp can discontinue using more expensive City water. Foundation also hired an arborist to assess condition and maintenance needs for Camp Road trees.

### AUDIT COMMITTEE

Members reviewed recent period financial statements. The Treasurer reported that Foundation deposits have been invested in maximum interest rate 100% FDIC-insured certificates of deposit of varying maturity terms, so that funds can become available in rolling 2-4 month timeframes. Members attended December 2008 Diocese-Foundation Meeting.

### COMMUNICATIONS

The Foundation contributed to the Bay Area Four Kolos Humanitarian Fund event, and the Saratoga St. Sava Ball. In addition to advertisements already in SerbWorld and Sloboda/Liberty, we began general and Scholarship Program advertisements in American Srbobran.

Scholarship announcement letters and posters were mailed to over 150 of our communities across USA and Canada.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

As per recent By-Laws requirements, an appraisal of Jackson Mission acreage has been initiated. Full results will be reported at the July 4, 2009, Annual Membership Meeting.

### 2009 ST. SAVA MISSION SUMMER CAMP

2009 Children's Summer Camp at the St. Sava Mission, Jackson, CA, starts on Sunday, July 12, 2009.

Camp runs for three weeks through August 1, 2009.

For more information, contact Camp Director, Fr. Stephen Tumbas @ frsteve@mindspring.com

### SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

We know you are asked many times to financially support various groups and causes. We know that it is even more difficult during these times.

When you **choose to donate** to the St. Sava Mission Foundation, you are supporting and helping an organization that transparently and responsibly manages your contributions according to public non-profit organization laws, rules and standards. **Your support goes exactly where you direct it to go.**

To support our Programs, and benefit our people, heritage and culture, please send your fully **tax deductible** contributions to our address shown on this page. Hvala! Thank you!

### MISSION BOULEVARD: UPDATE

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After we received a formal letter of intent from the City of Jackson in August 2008, His Grace Bishop Maxim invited the Property Management Committee of the Foundation to meet formally with the Diocesan Administrative Board, to craft a joint written response to the City.

On December 1, 2008, this meeting was held at St. Steven's Cathedral in Alhambra; the first formal face-to-face meeting of administrators of both Jackson Property owners, since early 2004.

The Foundation had requested this meeting since early 2007, and it was cordial, cooperative, professional and productive.

Both parties agreed on the proposal to create a formal *Joint Property Management Committee* to enable cooperative administration of the non-Mission Grounds acreage.

Construction of the Mission Blvd. Extension will cut across Camp Road, which will require a **New Camp Gate** where Camp Road intersects Mission Blvd. This means that entrance to the St. Sava Mission property will be off of Mission Blvd. once the Extension is completed.

The City received our joint response letter in mid-December 2008, and follow-up dialogue is scheduled between the Foundation and the Diocese, and both Property owners and the City of Jackson.

### ST. SAVA MISSION FOUNDATION

*Founded in 1962 as an independently-governed 501(c)(3) non-profit California corporation*

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