

the Nicoletti's ASAP. Those buying tickets need to know soon!

SUMMER CAMPING

Forms and info are available for this summer's Camping Program at St Vladimir's Camp. If interested, forms can be downloaded from the Parish Website under "Upcoming Events."

PRAYER CORNER + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +

----- For Healing / Well Being: -----

Eleanor Alexander (Tom's mom), **Tom** Alusheff, **Peter** Vitantonio (Mark J's csn), **Steve** Peterson (Christani frnd), **Corey** (Luann D's sn-n-lw), **Fr Theodore** (Fr Andrew's frnd), **Fr Alexander** (Fr Andrew's frnd), **Kerya** (Fr Andrew's frnd), **Shane** (Wick frnd), **Randy** Moore (Sue C's uncl), **James** (Chongris csn), **Margarette** Fross, **Clarence** Stockdale (Christani friend), **Leonard** Heim, **Helen** Cicmansky (Andy's mom), **Alexandra** (Hopko), **Lana** O'Patka (Schroeder friend), **Betty** Sapp, **Barb** Daniels (Schroeder frnd),

Frank Kitko (Schroeder frnd), **Vera** Campbell (Deb's mom), **Martha** Tintor, **Pan** Theophylactus, **Donna** Heim, **Tamara** Radziej

Newly Illumined: Christian (Joseph) Rausch

Newborn: Ava (Joe and Kristy)

Expectant Parents: Nichole & Evan

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Christina Lebedev (5/26), **Dee** Kurtz (5/28), **Pat** Spreitzer (5/29), **Amy** Renda (5/29), **George & Jaimie** Hasenorhl (Wdng Anvrsry 5/29)

Graduates: Alexander, Ellen, Deanna, Emily, Laura, Michael, Cari, Stephanie, Courtney, Gregory

----- Memory Eternal -----

Sophie Taskes (4/15), **Barbara** Nelson (5/5), **Clara** Hosko (Paula T's aunt, 5/15)

In addition to the Prayer Forms, you can contact Cindy Klinar by email: cklinar@windstream.net.

A Blessed Opportunity

by Bob Klinar

Recently, Cindy, the kids & I had a blessed opportunity to visit with our dear friends from our parish family. We were invited to a wonderful meal, great wine, and meaningful fellowship that seemed to outweigh the physical suffering that is lurking there. It is so easy to see how love and hospitality overcome and endure when visiting with Tom & Andrea.

They opened their home and welcomed us without regard to this trying time. How lucky we are to know such special people. As I sat and talked with Tom, I learned so much. With freedom of words, he spoke of life, family, faith, heritage (we share the Macedonian ancestry – though mine by marriage), culture,

work and other messages that I will not forget. There was no mention of pain, discomfort, limitations, or cancer. I was sitting with a man who was the epitome of bravery. It was so evident to me that Tom was all about making us feel welcome and at home, and nothing was more important.

As my children played with Jackson (their Jack Russell terrier), or on Tom's electronic keyboard, I sat humbled and fortunate to be in the presence of such strength.

Our visit came to an end, as fatigue set in for Tom, and we pulled away waving goodbye to Andrea holding Jackson. My mind was flooded with so much that I said few words on our way home. All I re-

ally wanted to do was put on my running shoes, when I arrived home, and head out the door. If I knew that for each mile I ran, the cancer that ravages Tom would slowly disappear, I would NOT STOP. I only hope that in some small way I can exhibit a fraction of the courage that I see in him. I pray that God will provide me with it and allow me to continue to run on behalf of brave people like Tom Alusheff.

Note: Bob Klinar runs in the Chicago Marathon as a Charity Runner for the American Cancer Society. Consider sponsoring him this October by contacting him directly or at his email: pa_klinar@lgca.org