



Christ the Saviour Orthodox Cathedral
16601 NW 77th Court, Miami Lakes, FL 33016



AUGUST 2016						
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Orthodox Cathedral of Christ the Saviour

Ye are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom all the building, fitly framed together, growth unto a holy temple in the Lord. (Ephesians 2:20-21)

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As of this writing, we have just together celebrated the Feast of Pentecost, the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and Disciples. By the time you read this, we will have celebrated literally the fruits of Holy Pentecost – All Saints: the generations of all faithful and heroic believers in all places who by faith have chosen to carry on the torch of the Holy Gospel, and have built upon the household of faith which have come to us from these very same apostles and prophets.

And still, the following Sunday to come, July 3rd, we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints of North America – this same extension of Pentecost, of the grace of the Holy Spirit, to our continent and closer to our times! Our American Saints: Herman, Innocent, John of San Francisco, Alexis, Raphael and others, with their supporters and followers, have continued to build upon the cornerstone, Jesus Christ himself, carrying on the sacred mission which has now come to our own time!

And so the truth in all the celebrations and teachings that we have, and continue to

receive through our wonderful Orthodox liturgical tradition, is that all this, the continuing movement and manifestation of Pentecost, has now come to us! And although it is wonderful to behold, experience and think about, we will totally miss the point and drop the ball if we don't also see the tremendous responsibility that we have in carrying on this Gospel Faith of Christ. Its mission to build up the household of faith, the "holy temple of the Lord," is enduring and eternal. It's not an

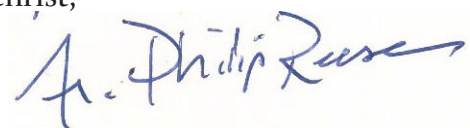
accident, then, that our most recent All-American Council had as its theme: "Expanding the Mission."

Expanding the mission has its implication for us personally as we choose to expand it by conforming our lives to the Gospel of Christ. It has implications for our parish as we look together in expanding the mission in the tradition of the saints here locally with integrity. And it has implications for our diocese

as each parish community seeks to support each other in the vision and continuous movement of Holy Pentecost for the salvation of souls and the advancement of God's Kingdom.

Have a wonderful and holy summer!

Yours in Christ,



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Rector
Archpriest Philip Reese

Associate
Priest Joseph Lucas

Deacon Carlos Miranda

Subdeacons
Randolph LaCroix
Alexander Dimich
Julio Gurrea

Readers
Dionysi Charles Doten
Christopher Herbert
Stephen Butcher
Anthony Brian Allen

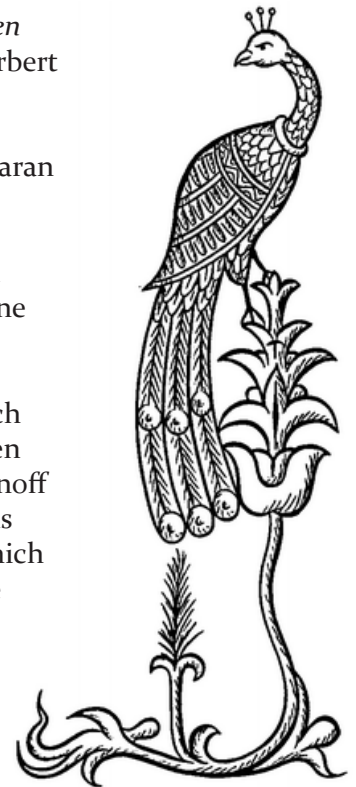
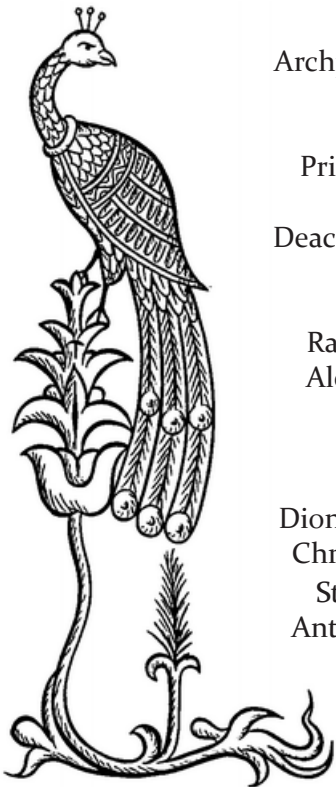
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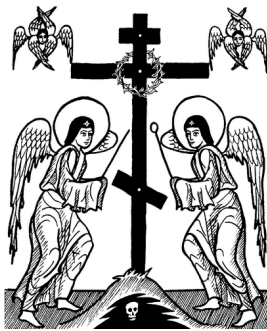


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Jun 26 8:30 AM Matins 10 AM Liturgy	Jun 27	Jun 28 7 PM Vespers	Jun 29 <i>Ss. Peter & Paul</i> Liturgy @ Ss Peter & Paul Church (Miami) 6:40 PM Compline 7 PM Bible Study	Jun 30 11 AM Bible Study	1	2 6 PM Vespers Confessions
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Announcements

In Need of Our Prayers

Kathryn LaCroix / Lillian Raynes
 Lidia Brookes / Valentin Jakolenko
 Popodia Vasilka Gerov / Ted Budowski
 Ludmilla Voinescu / Susan Simpkins
 Svetlana Roadway / Betty Calvert
 Julian Gurrea / Hannah Butcher



**SCHOOL
 SUPPLY
 COLLECTION**

*The Sisterhood will be collecting
 school supplies for charity
 throughout the month of July*

Autumn Lecture Series

October 8, 2016

Featuring His Grace
+ALEXANDER
Bishop of Dallas and the South
Professor Emeritus, Marquette University

July Birthdays

- 2 Haley Budowski
- 2 Liana Filimon
- 2 Juliana Reese
- 3 Oleksandr Mazur
- 5 Maria Idriceanu
- 10 Sarah Butcher
- 13 Bianca Keeley-Goean
- 20 Bruce Ross
- 21 Georgiy Mason
- 21 Filipp Mason
- 23 Georgette Hartner
- 24 Antonia Cofino
- 24 Eileen Karachin
- 31 Bruce Gerasimos Evanoff

July Anniversaries

- 6 George & Margaret Frisk
- 10 Rdr. Dionysi & Valerie Doten
- 23 Fr. Philip & Mat. Debra Reese
- 24 Ion & Corina Mavrodin
- 30 Benjamin & Ayesha Doten

August Birthdays

- 4 Declan Lemieux
- 5 Samantha Jammes
- 8 Ian Allen
- 9 Irina Giacone
- 10 Susan Simpkins
- 16 Donna Jammes
- 16 Etsegenet (Tina)Waite
- 25 Jan Lemieux
- 25 Danica Simpkins
- 27 Jose Cofino
- 30 Diana Rodriguez

August Anniversaries

- 1 Rdr. Stephen & Samantha Butcher
- 7 Ted & Karen Budowski
- 8 Jan & Jennifer Lemieux
- 9 Leonard & Irina Giacone
- 15 Fr. Joseph & Pres. Irina Lucas
- 17 Honoriu & Liana Filimon

Dear Abba

Dear Abba, why is it that the Orthodox Church doesn't change to fit modern needs and problems? Why doesn't the Church modernize?

Answer: Whenever we speak of modernization, it is important to clarify what we mean by this term. Modernization can refer to technology and mass communication. In this realm, the Orthodox Church has definitely risen to the challenge. Our churches use electricity and computers; we communicate by email and twitter; and our monasteries even have websites. Even our liturgical usage reflects this change, and we pray for those who travel "by air" as well as "by land and sea."

Modernization can also refer to the current geopolitical landscape. In many ways, the Church has met this challenge as well. Since antiquity, the Church's diocesan structure has generally followed the political boundaries established by the government. This evolved into the current system of national churches, following the borders of the modern nation-state. Like all administrative systems, it has its disadvantages because modern borders and regimes change. It also does not address the issue of Orthodox Christians in non-Orthodox lands; but this concern is slowly being addressed by the Church. The ultimate goal is always to find the best way to organize the Church's ministry in order to be accessible to the people, no matter where they are living.

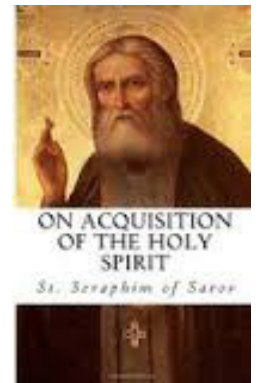
But there is another type of modernization which is more precarious. This is the view that the Church should change or update her doctrines to be more in step with the times. Met. Kallistos (Ware) has famously said that the Orthodox Church is "ever changing to remain the same." Some of the external aspects of the Church have evolved over time, and continue to evolve. Sometimes it is a process of engaging our local cultures, and baptizing those aspects of it that are beneficial and do not contradict our faith. Sometimes it is a conscious attempt to explain the ancient faith in new ways so that modern people may understand it. But this type of progress is very different from the idea that the Church should change its doctrines. As the New Testament states, we are called "to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 1:3). The doctrines and moral teachings of the Church are unchanging because they lead us to holiness and salvation. To abandon them would be to abandon Orthodox Christianity. ❖

Reader's Corner

"On the Acquisition of the Holy Spirit"
by St Seraphim of Sarov

Reviewed by Michael Richards

It is too easy to get caught up in the daily routine of Christian life often mistaking prayer, fasting, reading of Divine Scriptures, and other spiritual disciplines as the sole aim of our spiritual life. St. Seraphim teaches us in "Acquisition of the Holy Spirit" that the true aim of the Christian life is to acquire more of the Holy Spirit through these spiritual endeavors for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. We must not mistake the means for the ends. Any deed not done for Christ sake is useless for our spiritual lives, even good deeds. When we do Holy deeds for Christ, He then sends us in great measure His Holy Spirit who dispenses His gifts readily upon the repentant soul. How do we get the most of the gifts of grace given by the Holy Spirit? Like a businessman, we get it by doing that which brings us the most profit as revealed in our daily lives by our Lord. Prayer is extremely effective as it can be done anywhere and at any time and is always profitable regardless of circumstances.



Furthermore, we are able to distribute this gift of Grace to others to those in need. If it is revealed that someone needs charitable deed, word of encouragement, or prayer, do not withhold it. The beauty of distributing the Grace of the Holy Spirit is that when we dispense this Grace to others, it in no way diminishes the Grace we already possess. Like a flame, the Grace we receive only gets bigger as it spreads itself out and never suffers from any loss. St. Seraphim goes into great detail showing examples from Scripture and even reveals it in a rare and special way to the pilgrim who is interviewing him in this work. *On the Acquisition of the Holy Spirit* can be found either in a biography about St. Seraphim or as a stand alone copy and can be found in our Orthodox Book Store. Let this work be a wonderful treasure to add to your spiritual bookshelf. ❖

Lectio Divina

St Anastasios the Sinaite on the Lord's Transfiguration

Upon Mount Tabor, Jesus revealed to his disciples a heavenly mystery. While living among them he had spoken of the kingdom and of his second coming in glory, but to banish from their hearts any possible doubt concerning the kingdom and to confirm their faith in what lay in the future by its prefiguration in the present, he gave them on Mount Tabor a wonderful vision of his glory, a foreshadowing of the kingdom of heaven. It was as if he said to them: As time goes by you may be in danger of losing your faith. To save you from this I tell you now that some standing here listening to me will not taste death until they have seen the Son of Man coming in the glory of his Father.

...There, before their eyes, he was transfigured. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light. Then the disciples saw Moses and Elijah appear, and they were talking to Jesus.

These are the divine wonders we celebrate today; this is the saving revelation given us upon the mountain; this is the festival of Christ that has drawn us here. Let us listen, then, to the sacred voice



of God so compellingly calling us from on high, from the summit of the mountain, so that with the Lord's chosen disciples we may penetrate the deep meaning of these holy mysteries, so far beyond our capacity to express. Jesus goes before us to show us the way, both up the mountain and into heaven, and – I speak boldly – it is for us now to follow him with all speed, yearning for the heavenly vision that will give us a share in his radiance, renew our spiritual nature and transform us into his own likeness, making us for ever sharers in his Godhead and raising us to heights as yet undreamed of. Let us run with confidence and joy to enter into the cloud like Moses and Elijah, or like James and John. Let us be caught up like Peter to behold the divine vision and to be transfigured by that glorious transfiguration. Let us retire from the world, stand aloof from the earth, rise above the body, detach ourselves from creatures and turn to the creator, to whom Peter in ecstasy exclaimed: Lord, it is good for us to be here. ❖

Orthodox Teachings

“To Judge or Not to Judge?”

By Dn. Carlos Miranda

It is inevitable that we make judgments. Judgments are precisely what we are required to do from moment to moment in order to get anything accomplished. For example, if we are sitting and we want to stand and get something to write on, then we must judge: is it better to get this writing pad or that one? What color pen should I use? Should I write in cursive? Where should I sit to write? All of those decisions are based on the outcome of our judgments. Nevertheless, there are other kinds of judgments that we are simply neither equipped, nor authorized to make. We see this topic addressed by St. Paul in the 14th chapter of his epistle to the Romans. He writes the following: “So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. Therefore, let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way.”

In this statement, the apostle is referring to a kind of unauthorized judgment; he specifically has in mind our judgment of the goodness, and the acceptability of another person who is part of the body of Christ to God. St. Paul says that this kind of judgment belongs to God alone. He instructs all believers that judging the state of another Christian's soul and their standing with God is tricky business, “so don't do it.”

It is undeniable however that there are times that it must be done, such as in cases of open sin or heresy. To ensure that this judgment process would be guided by the Holy Spirit, the Lord said to the apostles, the spiritual fathers of the church:

“If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

As a result, with regards to open sin, the judgment process is primarily a task assigned to the clergy over whom the person sits. Where there is open and unrepentant sin, the priest removes this person from communion, and attempts to work with this person spiritually in order to bring restoration. The point and goal of this process is restoration, and highlights that the condemnation of souls is serious and tricky business.

Regarding heresy, there is also a process established by the church in her canons. In fact, there have been ecumenical councils that have gathered the entire church to make decisions on such matters. Once

the conciliar decision has been made, then that decision becomes the basis for judgment. Moreover, we really have no further say in the matter, the Spirit has judged through the church.

As far as the Christian is concerned, we should take note that the witness of the Saints has been to err towards the verdict of “not guilty,” knowing that in the end, the Lord will judge all things.

From The Sayings of The Desert Fathers:

A brother asked abba Poemen, “If I see my brother sin, is it right to say nothing about it?” The old man replied, “whenever we cover our brother’s sin, God will cover ours; whenever we tell people about our brother’s guilt, God will do the same about ours.” ❖

News

We began May with the most holy day of the year, Pascha. The temple was again filled to capacity for the Saturday vigil service. On Sunday, the Agape Vespers and Open House was also well-attended. On Bright Monday, the clergy took the Church School youth bowling in Davie.

On June 11, Fr Philip and Fr Joseph were in Dallas for the enthronement of His Grace, +ALEXANDER, Bishop of Dallas and the South. Bishop Alexander was approved and elected by the Holy Synod of the OCA, and approved by the deans of our Diocese to become our new hierarch. His credentials include decades of priestly ministry, missionary work in California, and over twenty years of teaching experience as a professor of theology at Marquette University. Many Years to our newly enthroned Bishop Alexander!

The Sisterhood organized the first parish social event to be hosted in many years: the “Wild, Wild West Party.” Parishioners and guests danced to County & Western and chowed down on pulled-pork BBQ. It was a great opportunity for our people to get to know one another outside the normal religious setting.

In the months ahead, Fr Philip will be serving two additional Vespers Liturgies: St Elijah on July 19 and St Herman on August 8. These evening liturgies enable people who work during the day to attend the service and receive Holy Communion.

On October 8, Bishop Alexander will be hosting our Autumn Lecture Series. More information is forthcoming on this event. ❖

Parish Wish List

We are looking for donations of the following items:

Donations for Orphanage

Cleaning Supplies

“Forever” Stamps for Mailings

11” x 17” Copy Paper

9” x 12” Self-seal Envelopes

We are looking for sponsors for the following items:

Shipping Costs for Orphanage

Medallion Icons of Saints in Church

Books for the Book Store

New Playground

We need volunteers for:

Lawn Care and Hedge Trimming

Parish Choir

Kitchen Crew