

LIVING WATER

The Monthly Newsletter of Christ the Saviour Orthodox Cathedral ❖ July 2018



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Becoming and remaining an Orthodox Christian in our day is not an easy task. The message of the Gospel has always stirred up trouble, and the Church has always had its enemies. So what is different now? In its infancy, the Church was something new and exciting. But today, it is labeled as antiquated and out-of-step with the times. The world attacks Orthodox Christianity—not as something strange and revolutionary—but as something best left in the past. Yet is this a fair characterization of Orthodox Christianity?

The times may change, but human nature does not. The insights we learn from the Scriptures and Holy Tradition never become outdated because they address what it means to be human. We still struggle with the same temptations: materialism, hedonism, and egoism. There may be new and faster ways to satisfy our urges for pleasure and comfort, but the urges remain the same. In short, we are the same sort of sinners we were 2,000 years ago. As Solomon laments, “What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun” (Ecclesiastes 1:9).

Giving-in to sin is not original. Everyone does it, all the time. It does not make us unique or special to follow our desires; rather, it shows us that we are just like everybody else. What is truly unique, and exceedingly difficult, is to fight against our desires. But why should we do this? Aren't our desires natural?

We learn from our Tradition that the root of all mankind's problems are the desires. Our desires are broken, out-of-balance, skewed, misdirected. We want things that we do not need, that are not good for us,

or that we are not ready for. We want things in excess, beyond what is natural, proper, and healthy. We want, always and for everything, and we take—yet we do not give. It's as if a ravenous wolf lives in our soul, constantly demanding to be fed. Thus we spend our lives satisfying our desires, never questioning the cost.

In response to this, the Orthodox Church presents us with a counter-cultural message. She cries out: “Deny yourself!” As in the beginning, she offers us freedom from our desires, and true fulfillment in Christ. Every attempt to satisfy our appetite for pleasure and comfort is merely a substitute for the true joy and satisfaction that only God can offer. In order to “taste and see” this, we must struggle to break free from our addiction to worldly pleasures. In Christ we find the strength to begin this task; and through the ascetical tradition of the Church, we find the tools necessary to bring it to completion.

The message of Orthodox Christianity is always new and radical, not archaic. Our physical nature longs to be “set free from bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God” (Romans 8:21). This is not a rejection of the human body and its desires, but a reorientation and transformation of the body. The doorway to this new life is always self-denial.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Joseph Lucas

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Lucas', written in a cursive style.





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Announcements

✠ *Family Game Night.*

First Fridays of every month are designated "Family Game Night." Join us for fun and fellowship as we gather around the table for board games.

✠ *Fr Joseph's European Slideshow.*

Will be shown during Coffee Hour on July 15. Fr Joseph will outline his sabbatical trip from last summer, and explain the purpose of his trip.

✠ *Coffee Hour Drinks*

Starting July 1, beverages will be available during Coffee Hour at the bar.

Clergy

Fr. Joseph Lucas, PhD. Cand., MDiv.
*Rector of the Cathedral
Dean of South Florida*

Attached

Fr. Philip Reese
Dn. Carlos Miranda

Subdeacons

Randolph LaCroix
Alexander Dimich

Readers

Dionysi Charles Doten
Christopher Herbert
Stephen Butcher
Anthony Brian Allen
Innocent Correa

Retired Attached

Fr. Peter Tutko
Fr. Alexander Padlo

Parish Administration

Parish Council Officers

Reader Christopher Herbert - Warden
Jim Shiskin - Treasurer
Mikhail Ramcharan - Secretary

Members

Gary Popovich
Reader Dionysi Doten
Corina Mavrodin
Subdeacon Alexander Dimich
Derrick Budowski
Mary Perkins (Alt)
Gerasimos Evanoff (Alt)

Sisterhood

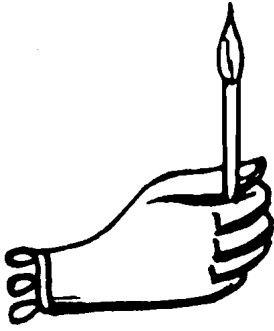
Corina Mavrodin - Chair
Karen Budowski - Vice Chair
Angela Allen - Treasurer

Choir Director

Reader Dionysi Doten

Prayer List

Hannah Butcher
Lillian Raynes
Enis Jakolenko
Ludmilla Voinescu
Svetlana Roadway
Ted & Karen Budowski



Requirements for Receiving Holy Communion

- 1) Orthodoxy: Communicants must be persons who are formally members of the Orthodox Church, and who confess the Nicene Creed and Holy Tradition.
- 2) Confession: The OCA guidelines state that a person must confess at least once annually to receive, but more frequent confession is recommended.
- 4) Regular Attendance: According to Church Canons, if you miss or abstain from the Eucharist for 3 consecutive Sundays, you must partake of the Sacrament of Confession before communing again.
- 5) Morality: Communicants should be attempting, to the best of their ability, to live moral lives.
- 6) Fasting: We should fast from midnight the night before to receive, unless prevented by a medical condition. Consult the priest when in doubt.

July Birthdays

- 2 Haley Budowski
- 2 Liana Filimon
- 2 Juliana Reese
- 4 Joy Richards
- 5 Maria Idriceanu
- 10 Sarah Butcher
- 13 Bianca Keeley
- 19 Willie Bryant
- 20 Bruce Ross
- 21 Georgiy Mason
- 21 Filipp Mason
- 23 Georgette Hartner
- 24 Antonia Cofino
- 24 Eileen Karachin
- 24 Esmeralda Cortes
- 31 Bruce Gerasimos Evanoff

July Anniversaries

- 4 Leonardo & Lisa Villalobos
- 6 George & Margaret Frisk
- 10 Rdr. Dionysi & Valerie Doten
- 23 Fr. Philip & Mat. Debra Reese
- 24 Ion & Corina Mavrodin

Parish Wishlist

Rolls of "Forever" Stamps

Manischewitz Concord Wine (for zapivka)

Winn Dixie / Publix gift cards to give to the poor

*We are looking for sponsors
for the following items:*

Signage for the Cathedral

New chairs for the temple

Construction of fountain in courtyard

We need volunteers for:

Lawn Care and Hedge Trimming

Greeters

Choir Singers

July 2018

June '18

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August '18

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Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
1	9:30 AM Hours 10 AM Liturgy	2		3		4		5		6	7 PM Family Game Night	7	6 PM Vespers Confessions
8	9:30 AM Hours 10 AM Liturgy Board Meeting	9		10		11		12		13		14	6 PM Vespers Confessions
15	9:30 AM Hours 10 AM Liturgy European Slideshow	16	Camp St Christopher	17	Camp St Christopher	18	Camp St Christopher	19	Camp St Christopher	20	Camp St Christopher	21	6 PM Vespers Confessions
22	9:30 AM Hours 10 AM Liturgy	23		24		25		26		27		28	6 PM Vespers Confessions
29	9:30 AM Hours 10 AM Liturgy Sisterhood Meeting	30		31		1		2		3		4	6 PM Vespers Confessions
5	9:30 AM Hours 10 AM Liturgy	6		Coming in August		Orthodox Movie Nights Church School Registration Teaching Liturgy							