

# LIVING WATER

*The Monthly Newsletter of Christ the Saviour Orthodox Cathedral ❖ Sept 2018*



Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Autumn marks a time of transition, both in the Church, and in the world. It is the beginning of a new ecclesiastical year, when the fixed cycle of feastdays and the commemoration of Saints begins. It is also the time of year when our Church School starts up again, as well as our Adult Education classes. This coincidence reminds me of the role that the Church calendar and the lives of the Saints plays in our spiritual education.

Every day is an opportunity to learn more about our faith, and to model our lives after those men and women who were imitators of Christ.

For the world at large, Autumn is the time when the youth return to public and private schools and universities. As we consider these two types of education—religious and secular—we may notice a difference between them. No longer do such schools teach us anything about right and wrong, good and evil. Secular education has become a means to fill our minds with information, while leaving our souls empty. For this reason, it is more important than ever that we turn to the Church to learn our moral and spiritual precepts.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus Christ instructs us to, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (28:19). Pivotal to His proclamation are the words “teach” and “disciple.” The English word

“disciple” is linked to the word “discipline,” and tells us something about how the early Christians understood education. It was not considered simply the transfer of information, but rather the molding or formation of the student. The goal, as Christ tells us, is to learn to obey everything He has commanded. In other words, the Church teaches us how to live.

In the secular world, education reaches its conclusion at the end each program, culminating in a graduation ceremony. But our spiritual education continues on for the rest of our lives. We remain students of Christ until our last breath.

As we pray for the return of students to school, let us all be reminded that we are in still in class, to speak. The final test will be in front of the “dread judgment seat of Christ.” Will we pass or fail? Will we receive honors—

an imperishable crown—or eternal detention? As disciples of Christ, we will be accountable for what we learn and how we apply it. May we be found worthy to ever rejoice at that glorious graduation banquet in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Joseph Lucas

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Lucas'.





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and changes to our schedule.

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**Announcements**

✦ *Choir Seminar.*

Choir members (and those interested in joining) are invited to attend an all-day seminar with Choirmaster Alexander Feccanin on Saturday, Sept 22 (10 am - 7 pm)

✦ *Annual Meeting.*

The Cathedral's 2018 Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, Sept 30 during coffee hour. If you have not yet turned in your 2018-19 pledge, you must do so prior to the meeting in order to vote.

✦ *Autumn Retreat.*

Fr Stephen Freeman, author of "Everywhere Present," and the blog/podcast "Glory to God for All Things" will be leading our Retreat on Saturday, Oct 20.

**Clergy**

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

**Attached**

Fr. Philip Reese (*Pastor Emeritus*)  
Dn. Carlos Miranda

**Subdeacons**

Randolph (Christopher) LaCroix  
Alexander Dimich

**Readers**

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

**Retired Attached**

Fr. Peter Tutko  
Fr. Alexander Padlo  
Fr. Michael Zaperyniuk

**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  
Ryan Ray  
Mary Perkins (Alt)  
Gerasimos Evanoff (Alt)

**Sisterhood**

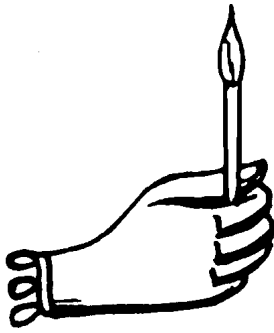
Corina Mavrodin - Chair  
Karen Budowski - Vice Chair  
Angela Allen - Treasurer

**Choir Director**

Reader Dionysi Doten

## Prayer List

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



## Where is Happiness Found?

How mistaken are those people who seek happiness outside of themselves, in foreign lands and journeys, in riches and glory, in great possessions and pleasures, in diversions and vain things, which have a bitter end! In the same thing to construct the tower of happiness outside of ourselves as it is to build a house in a place that is consistently shaken by earthquakes. Happiness is found within ourselves, and blessed is the man who has understood this. Happiness is a pure heart, for such a heart becomes the throne of God. Thus says Christ of those who have pure hearts: "I will visit them, and will walk in them, and I will be a God to them, and they will be my people." (2 Cor. 6:16) What can be lacking to them? Nothing, nothing at all! For they have the greatest good in their hearts: God Himself!

- St Nektarios of Aegina

## September Birthdays

- 1 Bruce Zipper
- 2 Kristina Contreras
- 2 Jennifer Heredia
- 2 Gary Popovich
- 5 Patrick McDonald
- 6 Lidia Brookes
- 7 Dn. Carlos Miranda
- 7 Melanie Mochan
- 8 Linda Lugo-Tatis
- 11 Rodlene Bryant
- 12 Andrei Idriceanu
- 14 Bri Ray
- 15 Josefina Cofino
- 19 Corina Mavrodin
- 20 Sai Paulovkin
- 20 Vanessa Cepeda
- 23 Samantha Butcher
- 25 Paul Christakis
- 27 Kathleen Budowski
- 27 Andrei Lucas

## September Anniversaries

- 12 William & Lillian Raynes
- 19 Brian & Kiki McDonald
- 25 Charles & Jean Griffin
- 25 Yuri & Valerie Kelasov

## Parish Wishlist

Rolls of "Forever" Stamps

Costco "Kirkland" Coffee

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