

LIVING WATER

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Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

With the beginning of the secular New Year, we often hear of people making resolutions: promises to do (or abstain from) things in the year to come. Such promises are a reflection of our innermost desire to change, to become better persons and to improve our lives. But as the year drags on, most such resolutions fall by the wayside, another reminder of how tedious life can be, and how difficult it can be to change.

Our desire for change is often misplaced. We seek better health, financial success, and happiness. But no matter how much we pursue these things, the goal always eludes this. This is because we are chasing after our desires, and not our true needs. And what do we truly need? Spiritual change.

Christ tells us in the Gospel of St John, “I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” (10:10). The life He offers us is not more of the same, but something new, something radically different from this worldly life. It is the power and presence of God, which is always changing us into a new person.

This new life began when we entered into the waters of Baptism. St Paul writes, “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ,” (Gal 3:27), and, “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation” (2 Cor. 5:17). He goes on to explain in his writings that we put to death the “old man” and begin to live as a “new man.” This

transformation is not automatic; nor is it our own accomplishment. Rather, it is an act of synergy—our daily cooperation with the will of God. In turn, He energizes and sanctifies our actions, bringing about real spiritual change in the process.

The first major feastday of the new secular year is Theophany on January 6. On this day we remember the Lord’s Baptism in the Jordan. St Ignatius of Antioch (+107) writes, “Our God, Jesus Christ, was conceived by Mary according to the economy of God from the seed of

David and by the Holy Spirit; he was born and was baptized so that by his suffering he might purify the water” (Eph. 18). Jesus was free of sin, and had no need for Baptism; but by entering into those waters, he sanctified them for each of us. In this way, our personal Baptism becomes an entrance into the death and resurrection of Christ.

We all desire real change in our lives. But the change we truly need is only found in Christ. His grace is sufficient for us, for He is “able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy” (Jude 24). God has made this resolution on our behalf, and we can be sure He will keep His promise.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Joseph Lucas

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





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Announcements

✦ *Parist Feastday*

Join us as we celebrate our parish feast-day on Sunday, January 6. Blessing of Holy Water will take place after Liturgy. The parish banquet will begin at 12:30 PM. The renowned Yale Russian Chorus will be performing during the banquet. Tickets: \$20 Adults / \$10 Teens / 12 and under FREE.

✦ *Winter Camp*

Camp Saint Christopher's "Winter Camp" will be hosted by the Cathedral, January 18 - 20. This is for Middle and High School students. Cost is \$50 per person. Please give your registration forms to Fr Joseph.

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

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 / Secretary
Rdr Dionysios Doten - Treasurer
Leonard Giacone - Asst Treasurer

Members

Jim Shiskin
Gary Popovich
Corina Mavrodin
David Waite
Elena Voronkova
Mary Perkins (Alt)
Gerasimos Evanoff (Alt)

Sisterhood

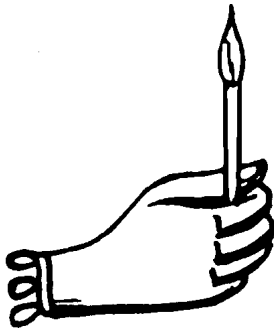
Corina Mavrodin - Director
Karen Budowski - Asst Director
Angela Allen - Treasurer
Susan Simpkins - Secretary

Choir Director

Rdr Dionysios Doten

Prayer List

Hannah Butcher / Lillian Raynes
Enis Jakolenko / Karen Budowski
Ludmilla Voinescu / Svetlana Roadway
Stanley Klein / Vernon Lee
Ann Ross / Susan Simpkins
Randolph LaCroix



Highlights of November Financials

All items should be at 41.6% of Budget for Nov.

Expenses	Month	Year Total	
Total Exp.	\$18,544	\$82,392	42%
Income	Month	Year Total	
Collections	\$8,691	\$54,332	37%
Candles	\$774	\$4,480	32%
Misc.	\$125	\$1,142	22%
Kitchen	\$128	\$1,703	85%
Other	\$600	\$2,668	67%
Total Inc.	\$10,318	\$65,426	33%

At month's close, we are 9% under-funded.

January Birthdays

- 6 Ionela Manolache
- 7 SDn. Alexander Dimich
- 8 Sierra Correa
- 8 Ion Mavrodin
- 9 Norma Skuby
- 10 Emma Lowrey
- 11 Jennifer Lemieux
- 18 Valerie Kelasov
- 18 Peter Tikhonov
- 19 Juliana Dimich
- 27 Ayesha Doten
- 29 Anna Bond
- 30 Svetlana Roadway

January Anniversaries

- 5 Ryan & Bri Ray
- 21 Robert & Lidia Brookes

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