

# LIVING WATER

*The Monthly Newsletter of Christ the Saviour Orthodox Cathedral ❖ Dec 2019*



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Although the Bible does not clearly describe the setting where the birth of Jesus Christ happens, all of the earliest descriptions, hymns, and paintings reveal that it happened in a dark cave (the common place where animals were sheltered in 1st century Palestine). If we can envision this scene, the symbolism of the cave is clear: it images the place that Jesus will be lain after the crucifixion.

As an infant, he is wrapped in swaddling bands and placed in a manger -- a carved stone nook in the wall of the cave. After his death, he is wrapped and bound for burial, placed on a stone slab in a tomb. As an infant, the magi bring him gifts of frankincense and myrrh. And after his death, the myrrh-bearing women anoint him with sweet-smelling spices. The cave of his birth is illumined from above by the angelic star of Bethlehem; and the cave of his death is illumined from within by two angels proclaiming that he is risen. Simply put, the connection between the cave and the tomb reveal that Christ entered into the world to die for it. The



womb points to the tomb.

To understand Christmas then, we must first understand Easter. It is only by the light of the resurrection that we comprehend the darkness of the cave. It is only by the destruction of death that we understand the purpose of life. The message of Christmas is not that yet another king has been born -- it is the truth that the King of heaven has come down to earth in order to lift up earth to heaven. With his birth, we witness the rebirth of the cosmos.

So as we prepare ourselves once more for the holidays, let us consider the meaning of our feast. All the good things of the season are founded upon the goodness that God freely offers us, so that we may live in thanksgiving for this new creation. May each of you experience this joy, and may the light of Christ be with you all.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be a stylized name or initials.



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**Announcements**

✦ *Agapē Hour (Coffee Hour)*  
Volunteers are needed to sign-up.

✦ *St Nicholas Celebration*  
Join us on Sunday, Dec 8 as we remember St. Nicholas, whose relics are in our Cathedral. Appearance of St. Nick and his story, goodies for the kids, and blessing of vehicles.

✦ *Holy Supper / Pierogi Pre-Orders*  
Spend Christmas Eve with your parish community, and support our ministries in the process. Sign-up sheet is located on the hall bulletin board. Tickets for Holy Supper are \$20 for adults. Kids 12 and under are free. Pierogi pre-orders also currently available (\$10 /dozen).

**Clergy**

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

***Attached***

Fr. Philip Reese (Rector Emeritus)  
Dn. Carlos Miranda

***Minor Orders***

Sbdn. Michael Richards  
Rdr. Dionysios Charles Doten  
Rdr. Christopher Herbert  
Rdr. Anthony Brian Allen

***Retired Attached***

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

**Parish Administration**

***Parish Council***

Rdr Christopher Herbert - Warden / Secretary  
Rdr Dionysios Doten - Treasurer  
Leonard Giacone - Asst Treasurer  
Jim Shiskin - Council Member  
David Waite - Council Member  
Elena Voronkova - Council Member  
Mary Perkins - Council Member

***Choir Director***

Rdr Dionysios Doten

***Orthodox Book Center***

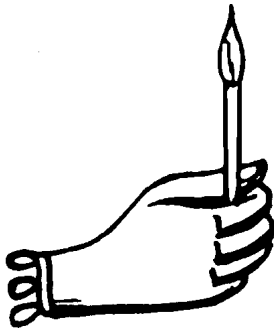
Gary George Popovich - Coordinator

***Women's Ministry***

Angela Allen - Coordinator

### Prayer List

Carrie Wusylko / Stanley Prystacky  
Enis Jakolenko / Karen Budowski  
Ludmilla Voinescu / Svetlana Roadway  
Stanley Klein / Vernon Lee / Nina Fortune  
Ann Ross / Norma Skuby  
Susan Simpkins / Antonio Nicodemo



### Highlights of October Financials

*Items should be at 83% of budget.*

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year Total</b>	
Total Exp.	\$14,381	\$148,027	75.9%
<b>Income</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year Total</b>	
Collections	\$9,988	\$101,432	69.0%
Candles	\$450	\$7,097	50.7%
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Total Inc.	\$10,592	\$126,001	63.6%*

*\*At month's close, we were 12.3% under-funded.*

### December Birthdays

- 7 Ann Zipper
- 8 Henry Campos
- 9 Benjamin Doten
- 10 Mercedes Cortes
- 12 Marcus Jammes
- 12 James Shiskin
- 14 Natasha Campos
- 15 Cristian Lucas
- 16 Ava Campos
- 16 Ioann Pineros
- 19 Carol Klein
- 20 William Raynes
- 24 Robert Brookes
- 29 Lesley Bowser
- 31 Bruce Strom

### December Anniversaries

- 18 Rdr. Brian & Angie Allen
- 20 Jeremy & Sai Paulovkin

### Wish List

*Winn Dixie / Publix Gift-Cards  
for the Needy*

*Rolls of Stamps*

*Processional - Altar Cross \$1,000*

*New Glass to Protect the Altar \$300*

*Manischewitz Concord Grape Wine  
for Zapivka (after communion)*

*Regular Donations of Half & Half  
and Non-Dairy Creamers  
for the Coffee Hour*

*Annual Icons Set (In English) \$1,000*