

# LIVING WATER

The Monthly Newsletter of Christ the Saviour Orthodox Cathedral ❖ Apr 2020



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Christianity in America has often been associated with an aversion to intellectual pursuits. You may have heard the insult that Christians “check their brain at the door” when they enter the church. It is often thought that Christianity has always been opposed to the sciences, and that all real scientists are atheists. But in reality, nothing is further from the truth.

In the book *Galileo Goes to Jail*, historical scholars explode the myth that science and religion are in opposition. This false narrative became commonplace in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, particularly when scientists were opposed by American Protestant fundamentalists (known for an extremely literal reading of the entire Bible). And of course, there were some arrogant scholars who proclaimed that science would eventually displace religion. But the historical reality is very different: science and religion were not always locked in a battle for supremacy.

During the Middle Ages, the majority of scientists were also theologians; and the same universities that taught science were teaching theology—as part of the same curriculum. This was especially true in the Byzantine Empire. Orthodox Christians were taught mathematics, astronomy, and natural philosophy in addition to theology. Some of the greatest Byzantine scientists were also theologians, such as John Philoponus

(the Grammarian) whose physics would inspire Galileo centuries later. This is because Byzantine Christians did not see an opposition between science and religion. They believed the two worked together. Theology speaks to the questions of God’s nature, and His plan for the universe; while science examines the universe God has created. Science can examine certain questions of “how” (the mechanics of the universe), but can never answer “why.” Each deals with specific inquiries, and also overlap one another.



Today, there are many exceptional scientists who are also practicing Orthodox Christians. They do not see a contradiction between faith and science. However, there is also a growing trend, influenced by fundamentalist Protestantism, to distrust science and medicine. Thus, we are called to discernment.

When scientists make unprovable claims (such as the claim that God does not exist), we must reject such ideas. But this does not mean we should reject all of science. We must gather the wheat from the tares.

Orthodox Christianity is not an ideology, it is true faith in God and His revelation. We have no reason to fear science, so long as we understand it as an exploration of God’s beautiful creation.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Paul'.



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and changes to our schedule.

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**Announcements**

✦ *Agapē Hour (Coffee Hour)*

Until the COVID-19 threat passes, the Cathedral will host a virtual coffee hour on Sunday afternoons using Zoom. Please check your email for details.

✦ *Update Your Info*

During this time of pandemic, it is important that Fr. Joseph stay in touch with you. If your email, address, or phone number has changed, please send an email to [Cathedral@OrthodoxMiami.org](mailto:Cathedral@OrthodoxMiami.org)

✦ *Virtual Services*

All public services and gatherings are cancelled until further notice. You can watch services live on our public Facebook page.

**Clergy**

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

***Attached***

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***

Reader 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***

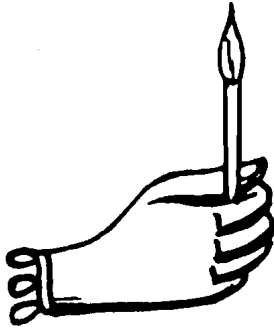
Gary George Popovich - Coordinator

***Women's Ministry***

Angela Allen - Coordinator

### Prayer List

Carrie Wusylko / Stanley Prystacky  
Enis Jakolenko / Karen Budowski  
Ludmilla Voinescu / Rdr Dionysius Doten  
Vernon Lee / Nina Fortune  
Ann Ross / Norma Skuby  
Susan Simpkins / Antonio Nicodemo



### Highlights of February Financials

*Items should be at 16.7% of budget.*

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year Total</b>	
Total Exp.	\$16,073	\$32,110	17.2%
<b>Income</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year Total</b>	
Collections	\$9,456	\$18,822	13.8%
Candles	\$595	\$1,106	9.2%
Coffee Hour	\$97	\$248	0.8%
Fundraising	\$505	\$2,110	2.1%
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Total Inc.	\$10,653	\$25,426	13.7%*

*\*At month's close, we were 3.5% under-funded.*

### April Birthdays

- 3 George Frisk
- 3 Jared Ross
- 5 Valerie Doten
- 9 Kosta Obucina
- 10 Chase Budowski
- 12 Violet Lowrey
- 13 Deborah Bowser
- 13 Mya Rodriguez
- 14 Rdr. Dionysi Doten
- 14 Charles Griffin
- 16 Michael Richards
- 22 Mia Angelina Campos
- 23 David Waite
- 29 John Prystacky
- 29 Ludmila Voinescu

### April Anniversaries

- 3 Dn.Carlos & Dalia Miranda
- 9 Igor & Elena Bond
- 25 Duane & Christine Clarke

### Wish List

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

*Rolls of Stamps*

*Processional - Altar Cross \$1,000*

*Large Containers of Olive Oil  
for Church Lamps*

*Hand Sanitizer*

*Paper Towels*