

LIVING WATER

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



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

July tends to be a slow time, both in the secular world (a time of vacations and relaxing) and in the Church calendar (lacking any major feastdays). And yet, there is one holiday which is very popular in parts of the Orthodox world: the feastday of Prophet Elijah.

Prophet Elijah is considered one of the greatest messengers of God in the Old Testament. He was commissioned by the Lord to speak to His people at a time when the Canaanite religion of Baal was drawing away Israelites (especially influenced by the marriage of the Israelite king's son to the Canaanite princess Jezebel). Elijah stood up to this pagan religion, even challenging its priests.

One of the more famous stories of the Bible records the contest between Elijah and the priests of Baal. Both he and they were to set up an offering to their respective deities; and the fire for the offering was to be provided supernaturally. While the Canaanite priests were unable to convince their "god" to provide fire for the offering, the true God of Elijah consumed his offering entirely (even after the prophet had doused it in water).

One of the common misunderstandings about the Biblical prophets is that they were soothsayers, constantly giving predictions about the future. But such future prophecies are only an occasional task of the prophet. In fact, most of

Elijah's prophecies were simply warnings from God about what *could* happen, depending on how the people responded. If they repented and turn from immorality, idolatry, and injustice, they would renew their relationship with God; but if they remained recalcitrant, He would abandon them to their sinful disobedience.

The role of the prophets did not disappear with the coming Christ. In the New Testament, there remains a spiritual gift of prophecy—not predicting the future, but rather speaking on behalf of God to His people. This prophetic calling is often given to the saints to warn others not to abandon God. Like in the time of Elijah, immorality, idolatry, and injustice remain a constant threat.

One of the ways we can all follow in the footsteps of the prophets is to root out the immorality, idolatry, and injustice in our own lives. Many people speak about changing the world, but are unwilling to change themselves. In order to have an impact on the world around us, we must simultaneously be changing the inner world of the heart. Otherwise, our selfishness and pride will taint everything we touch.

The voice of the prophet still echoes today. And it is up to us to heed the call.

In Christ,

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Announcements

✦ *Live-Streaming*

We will continue live-streaming Sunday
Liturgy until our last phase of opening

✦ *Online Bible Study*

Join Fr Joseph every Wednesday evening
at 7:30 PM for an online Bible Study via
Zoom. Log-in instructions are emailed
out weekly, and posted to our private
members Facebook page.

✦ *Update Your Info*

If you are not receiving our regular e-
mails with updates and info about what's
happening at the Cathedral, please e-
mail your updated info to
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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 Dionysius Doten - Treasurer
Jim Shiskin - Council Member
David Waite - Council Member
Elena Voronkova - Council Member
Mary Perkins - Council Member
Rdr Anthony Brian Allen - Council Member

Choir Director

Rdr Dionysius Doten

Orthodox Book Center

Gary George Popovich - Coordinator

Women's Ministry

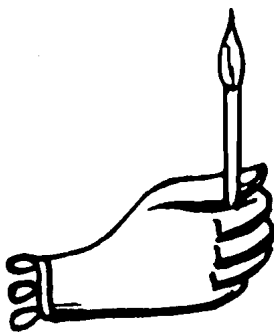
Angela Allen - Coordinator

Charity Committee

Catherine Mikuski - Coordinator

Prayer List

Carrie Wusylko / Stanley Prystacky
 Enis Jakolenko / Karen Budowski
 Ludmilla Voinescu / Rdr Dionysius Doten
 Vernon Lee / Nina Fortune / Mercedes Cortes
 Ann Ross / Bruce Ross / Georgette Hartner
 Norma Skuby / Antonio Nicodemo



Highlights of May Financials

Items should be at 50% of budget.

Expenses	Month	Year Total	
Total Exp.	\$12,401	\$72,945	39.2%
Income	Month	Year Total	
Collections	\$10,141	\$48,665	35.8%
Candles	\$40	\$1,606	13.4%
Pascha	\$310	\$3,005	30.1%
Rentals	\$600	\$600	24.0%
Misc	\$2,000	\$2,000	50.0%

Total Inc.	\$13,091	\$61,982	33.3%*

**At month's close, we were 5.9% under-funded.*

July Birthdays

- 3 Juliana Reese
- 4 Joy Richards
- 5 Maria Idriceanu
- 13 Bianca Keeley
- 19 Willie Bryant
- 20 Bruce Ross
- 23 Georgette Hartner
- 24 Antonia Cofino
- 24 Eileen Karachin
- 24 Esmeralda Cortes
- 31 Bruce Gerasimos Evanoff

July Anniversaries

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

Wish List

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

Rolls of Stamps

*Large Containers of Olive Oil
for Church Lamps*

Costco Columbian Coffee

*Icon Set (in English)
for Whole Year - \$1,000*

*Custom-made Tables for Altar
(Altar Cross Rack / Vestment Table /
Table for Reliquary of St Nicholas /
New Table for Burial Shroud of Christ)
\$1,000 - \$3,000*

Hand Sanitizers & Paper Towels