

# LIVING WATER

*The Monthly Newsletter of Christ the Saviour Orthodox Cathedral ❖ Jun 2020*

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

The month of June is a time of transition for many families. School comes to a close, “snow birds” head back up north, and others take vacations. Oftentimes, attendance at church services declines in the summer. And this year, we have the additional concern of the various lockdown procedures that have been in place since March. We may wonder what this upcoming month has in store for us.

Rather than focusing on our worries, we should focus on the primary liturgical theme for June: the feastday of Ss Peter and Paul. We know from early tradition that these two great apostles found themselves in Rome around the same time (circa AD 64). After a fire ravaged the city, Emperor Nero blamed the Christians for setting it, and instigated the arrest and execution of numerous believers. That summer, St Peter was crucified (upside down, at his request), and St Paul was beheaded. June 29 is the traditional date for their martyrdoms.

Very early in Church history, Christians began to honor this date as a feastday, and also began to connect it with a fasting period in the weeks prior (now called the Apostles’ Fast). Right when most Americans are lighting up the barbecue and grilling burgers, the Orthodox Church is refraining from meat and dairy.

As we remember this feastday, let us also consider the example that these two saints

imparted to us. As described in the Book of Acts, Ss Peter and Paul dedicated their entire lives to serving the Lord, to preaching Jesus Christ, and to building up His Church by converting everyone willing to hear. The apostolic model of leadership is entirely rooted in this service, and the desire to “make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that [Christ has] commanded you” (Matt 28:19-20).

Too often in the Orthodox Church, we forget this commandment. Christ never tells us to “go and cater to the people of the same ethnicity,” but rather to bring the whole world into the Church. Evangelism is foundational for our Church—to ignore this would be to ignore God’s will.

Following in the footsteps of Ss Peter and Paul, we must continually renew our commitment to preaching the Gospel to others, and to opening our arms to any person who would become a member of the Body of Christ (the Church). Historical circumstances did not bring the Orthodox to North America in order to preserve ethnic customs, but to convert the local population to Orthodox Christianity. May we always take up the mantle of this divinely-instituted task.

In Christ,





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TO SOUTHEAST FLORIDA**

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and changes to our schedule.

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**Announcements**

✦ *Live-Streaming*

We will continue for Sunday morning services until the parish is completely re-opened to the public.

✦ *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 [Cathedral@OrthodoxMiami.org](mailto:Cathedral@OrthodoxMiami.org)

**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 Giaccone - Council Member  
Jim Shiskin - Council Member  
David Waite - Council Member  
Elena Voronkova - Council Member  
Mary Perkins - Council Member

***Choir Director***

Rdr Dionysios Doten

***Orthodox Book Center***

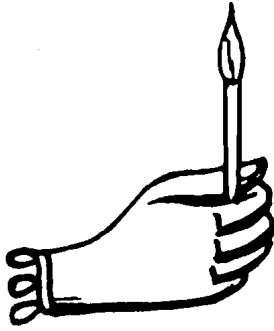
Gary George Popovich - Coordinator

***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 / Bruce Ross  
Norma Skuby / Antonio Nicodemo



## Highlights of April Financials

*Items should be at 33% of budget.*

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year Total</b>	
Total Exp.	\$11,550	\$60,545	32.6%
<b>Income</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year Total</b>	
Collections	\$7,995	\$38,523	28.32%
Candles	\$102	\$1,566	1.3%
Pascha	\$2,625	\$2,695	27%
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Total Inc.	\$10,682	\$48,890	26.3%*

*\*At month's close, we were 6.3% under-funded.*

## June Birthdays

- 3 Gabriela Heredia
- 3 Enis Jakolenko
- 5 Elena Dichko
- 5 Stanley Prystacky
- 7 Emilee Budowski
- 7 Elizabeth Fregien
- 7 Kiki McDonald
- 7 Ann Ross
- 21 Vernon Lee
- 21 Pablo Pineros
- 23 Nathaniel Keeley
- 27 Raena Lucas
- 29 Margaret Frisk
- 29 Dalia Miranda
- 30 Rachel Clarke
- 30 Noah Cepeda

## June Anniversaries

- 7 Michael & Irina Giacone
- 9 Paul & Sophia Christakis
- 13 Nathaniel & Bianca Keeley
- 21 Vernon & Joy Lee

## 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*