

LIVING WATER

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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

One of the bad habits we modern people are often guilty of is imposing our way of thought on the people of antiquity. We read the Bible and the writings of the saints and interpret the text through a modern lens. But although it may be impossible to understand exactly how the ancients thought or felt, or to fully reconstruct their worldview, there are still precautions we can take to avoid misrepresenting their intent.

An example such a misinterpretation is found in the language of “rights.” Today we are obsessed with asserting and defending our personal rights—our freedom to do or say whatever we want, so long as it does not directly hurt another. And we often assume that the ancients were just as concerned with rights as we are. But in fact, if we look at the world through their eyes, we find that they were more concerned with duties. While it is true that the Greeks, Romans, and other ancient peoples formulated laws to protect property rights and to establish fair trials, their primary focus was on the responsibilities required of each member of society. The main question was not “what are my rights?” but rather, “how do I preserve harmonious relationships with others?”

In the New Testament, we find this way of thinking taken to an extreme. Jesus Christ teaches his disciples to “turn the other cheek” rather than assert and defend their rights. Following the Lord’s

example, St Paul traverses the Roman Empire and preaches the controversial truth of the Gospel without any concern for his own rights. For this he is often arrested and tortured, even though his civil and legal rights are violated in the process. In fact, the only time he asserts his rights as a Roman citizen is when he appeals for a trial before Caesar: a tool he uses to gain transport to Rome so that he may evangelize (knowing he will likely die as a result of this). Thus the way of the apostles is not one of standing up for oneself, it is the way of humbling oneself.



In our own time, St Paisios the Agiorite (+1994) addressed our obsession with rights. He tells us that a desire to demand our rights is usually a desire to impose our will on others. In other words, what we consider due to us is always at the expense of another person’s free will. Like most of our human shortcomings, it is rooted in selfishness. The solution, the saint tells us, is to relinquish our rights and entrust ourselves to God. To accomplish this, we must constantly humble ourselves, and ask God to help us overcome the will to power.

Modern society will remain to be consumed with the language of rights; but we Christians must focus on our duty to love and serve God and our fellowman. Such a way transcends all categories of human rights, and leads to true harmony.

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

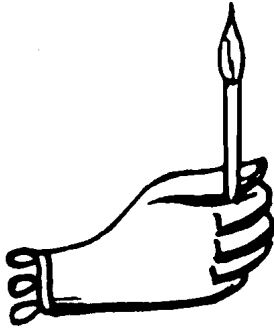
Angela Allen - Coordinator

Charity Committee

Catherine Mikuski - Coordinator

Prayer List

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



Highlights of June Financials

Items should be at 50% of budget.

Expenses	Month	Year Total	
Total Exp.	\$14,273	\$87,218	46.9%
Income	Month	Year Total	
Collections	\$6,957	\$55,622	40.9%
Coffee Hour	\$0	\$248	8.3%
Fundraising	\$0	\$2,418	24.2%
Hall	\$520	\$1,120	44.8%
Cemetery	\$100	\$3,400	170.0%
Other	\$60	\$60	0.4%

Total Inc.	\$7,684	\$69,666	37.5%*

**At month's close, we were 9.4% under-funded.*

August Birthdays

- 1 Anetera Bryant
- 2 Panagiotti Georgakopoulos
- 4 Declan Lemieux
- 5 Samantha Jammes
- 8 Ian Allen
- 9 Irina Giacone
- 10 Susan Simpkins
- 13 Lazaro Cortes
- 14 Joel Clarke
- 16 Donna Jammes
- 16 Etsegenet (Tina)Waite
- 17 Christine Clarke
- 25 Jan Lemieux
- 25 Danica Simpkins
- 27 Jose Cofino
- 30 Diana Rodriguez
- 30 Alejandro Altamiranda

August Anniversaries

- 8 Jan & Jennifer Lemieux
- 15 Fr. Joseph & Pres. Irina Lucas

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