

# LIVING WATER

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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

We've all heard sayings like "time is money," "time waits for no man," or "time is of the essence," without giving much thought to what time actually is. For the ancient Greeks (and many other cultures of the past), time was thought to be cyclical, repeating itself every so many years.

But the God of the Israelites revealed a different conception: linear time (what is called in Greek "chronos"). This is the idea that time is ticking by, moving forward from a beginning point to a final destination. In other words, time begins with the creation of the world, and will continue on until the coming of Christ and the final Day of Resurrection and Judgment.

Though our common conception of time seems fixed, as we measure it with watches and calendars, it is also malleable (think of Einstein and the Space-Time Continuum). And if we consider our own experiences, we can agree that time often seems elastic. For example, think of a time when you were engaged in a tedious and difficult task, and how seconds seemed like minutes, and minutes like hours. Or think of a moment when you were conversing with dear friends—or your beloved—and how time seemed to fly by. Or again, think of a scary or dramatic moment in your life, when time seemed to stand still. Our perception of time is connected to our emotional and spiritual interaction with it, not just with physics and the rotation of the earth.

As we consider the meaning of time from a Christian vantage point, there are a few important take-aways.

First, the only time allotted to us is this life. The Orthodox Church rejects reincarnation as a heresy; and so we should be reminded that we don't receive another life to make things right. How wonderful it would be to relive the same day repeatedly, like Bill Murray in "Groundhog Day," until we were able to figure everything out. But all we have is this present life, the length of which is known only to God. As St Isaac the Syrian wrote, "This life is given to us for repentance; do no waste it in vain pursuits."

Second, we can only live in the present. There is no way to go backwards or forwards in time. In our imaginations we may dwell in the past (with its glories and regrets) or in the future (with its worries and expectations), but these are simply chimeras. Our real existence is here, in the moment. In Greek, this present moment is called "kairos": the "opportune time." Only herein can we change or enact change.

More importantly, only in the "now" can we meet the God who is beyond time. St Paul writes, "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Eph 5:15-16). Only when we open our hearts and minds to encounter Christ through constant prayer do we adequately make use of the time we are given. Meeting our Lord in the present, we are able to transform time as we invite him to fill it with his eternal and sanctifying presence.

In Christ,





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## Announcements

### ✦ *Live-Streaming*

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

### ✦ *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*

Dn. Carlos Miranda, MDiv.

### *Minor Orders*

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

### *Retired Attached*

Fr. Philip Reese  
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*

Rdr Dionysius Doten - Director  
Elena Voronkova - Asst Director

### *Women's Ministry*

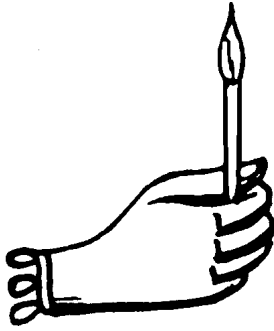
Angela Allen - Coordinator

### *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 / Edward White  
 Ann Ross / Bruce Ross / Georgette Hartner  
 Joshua Herbert / Antonio Nicodemo /  
 Michael Metts / James Shiskin



## Highlights of August Financials

*Items should be at 67% of budget.*

Expenses	Month	Year Total	
Total Exp.	\$16,563	\$116,753	62.8%
Income	Month	Year Total	
Collections	\$10,141	\$74,957	55.1%
Coffee Hour	\$0	\$248	8.3%
Candles	\$25	\$1,678	13.9%
Fundraising	\$0	\$2,418	24.2%
Hall	\$0	\$1,120	44.8%
Cemetery	\$1,400	\$14,800	740.0%
Other	\$1,500	\$1,710	114.0%
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Total Inc.	\$13,066	\$102,476	55.1%*

*\*At month's close, we were 7.7% under-funded.*

## October Birthdays

- 3 Mikhail Ramcharan
- 5 Anthony Chavez
- 5 Monica Hertzbach
- 6 Bianca Catherine Mikuski
- 7 Pete Drogolewicz
- 12 Rdr. Brian Anthony Allen
- 15 Argentina (Xenia) Arana Garcia
- 18 Taylor Rodriguez
- 23 Elena Voronkova
- 24 Diane Fountain
- 24 Zubin (Cuthbert) Mehta-Rao
- 29 Fr. Joseph Lucas
- 30 Jimmy Rodriguez

## October Anniversaries

- 23 Marcus & Donna Jammes
- 30 Jose & Josefina Cofino

## 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*