

LIVING WATER

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



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

It was remarked by St Tikhon of Moscow, during his tenure as Metropolitan of our Church in North America, that the holiday of Thanksgiving is the most religious day in our secular calendar. For this reason, he penned specific hymns and rubrics for the purpose of serving a Divine Liturgy on this day—a practice continued at our Cathedral.

The two most important activities for a Christian to undertake are that of repentance and thanksgiving. With repentance, we become aware of who we are, and how much we are in need of spiritual healing. But there is also the risk that we will fall into despair, believing we are beyond God's mercy. Constant thanksgiving is a counter-weight to this.

When we take time to remember all the blessings God has given us, and to thank Him for these things, we experience joy and peace within our hearts. In addition, we will feel contented with what we have, rather than coveting what we do not. In this way, thanksgiving completes the work of repentance, bringing us into the very presence of God.

In order to give thanks properly, we must keep in mind that, although it is an action directed towards God, He does not gain from it. The Trinity does not need anything from us; rather, it is we who are transformed by the act of thanksgiving. It humbles us, and makes us aware of how needy we truly are. St Paul asks, "What do you have that you

did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?" (1 Cor 4:7). God is the source of all things. Every breath we take is a gift from the One who upholds and blesses the universe at every moment. When we bring this to mind, extreme gratitude is the proper response.

Also, we must avoid the assumption that only pleasant things come from God. The Holy Scriptures teach us that God also allows us to undergo trials and temptations, either to chasten us for our lack of faith, or to perfect us. Although God Himself is not the source of any evil thing, He allows these difficulties for our salvation. Such experiences may be pedagogical; or they may serve to strengthen our resolve.

As we are faced with the rigmarole of daily life, as well as the occasional extraordinary blessing or heartbreaking tragedy, thanksgiving ensures that we bring God into every aspect of our lives. Without it, we are constantly tempted to think we are self-sufficient, and that our successes and failures are merely the product of our own decisions. And worse, we may begin to think that we are in control of our destiny. When we always remember to thank God, He will become our constant companion on this journey of life.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Paul" or similar, written in a cursive style.





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Announcements

✠ *Live-Streaming*

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

✠ *Bible Study*

Bible Study will now also be in-person on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM.

✠ *Blood Drive*

The "One Blood" donation van will be at the Cathedral on Sunday, Nov 22 after Divine Liturgy. Consider helping with the current shortage of blood in our area.

✠ *Thanksgiving Day Liturgy*

Join us on Nov 26 at 10 am as we give thanks to God with a Liturgy at 10 am.

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 / Bianca Keeley
 Joshua Herbert / Antonio Nicodemo
 Michael Metts / James Shiskin
 Jose Fernandez / Jennifer Heredia
 Danica Simpkins / Georgette Hartner



Highlights of September Financials

Items should be at 75% of budget.

Expenses	Month	Year Total	
Total Exp.	\$17,659	\$134,411	72.3%
Income	Month	Year Total	
Collections	\$10,953	\$85,910	66.1%
Coffee Hour	\$0	\$248	8.3%
Candles	\$107	\$1,785	14.9%
Fundraising	\$0	\$2,418	24.2%
Hall	\$600	\$1,520	60.8%
Cemetery	\$0	\$14,800	740.0%
Other	\$100	\$1,810	120.7%

Total Inc.	\$11,760	\$114,236	61.4%*

**At month's close, we were 10.9% under-funded.*

November Birthdays

- 1 Lisa Herbert
- 1 Mihai Mavrodin
- 3 Lillian Raynes
- 7 Iulia Maria Goean
- 12 Vasilisa Tikhonov
- 14 Johnathan Clarke
- 15 Pres. Irina Lucas
- 15 Kathleen Shiskin
- 16 Felipe Pineros
- 18 Joseph Waite
- 18 Costica Idriceanu
- 20 Joshua Herbert
- 20 William Herbert
- 22 Clarice White
- 27 Luke Thomas Paulovkin
- 28 Brian McDonald

November Anniversaries

- 8 Costica & Maria Idriceanu
- 10 Herman & Xenia Garcia
- 24 Rdr. Christopher & Lisa Herbert
- 27 Henry & Natasha Campos

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