

LIVING WATER

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



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

The liturgical services of the Orthodox Church are like a beautiful tapestry, woven primarily from strands of the Holy Scriptures. This is especially true at the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. Many of the Old Testament prophecies are read or chanted, as well as the New Testament fulfillment of these prophecies. To understand the Orthodox faith—in other words, to understand who God is, who we are, and what is our purpose—we must enter deeply into the Bible as understood in our worship.

In one of the primary readings sung or read (from Isaiah), we hear “Understand all you nations and submit yourselves, for God is with us!” The nations (or Gentiles) represent all those outside of Israel. The reading goes on to declare:

Behold, I and the children whom God has given me are signs and portents in Israel from the Lord of Hosts. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. To those who dwell in the land of the shadow of death, a light is risen. For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given.

The birth of the Messiah (*Christos* in Greek) is the announcement of salvation to all who believe, both Israel and the Gentiles.

It is the same prophet who also declares, “Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call his name Emmanuel, which means ‘God is with us’” (Isaiah 7:14). This passage is read at both the

Sixth Hour and the Vespers Liturgy, appointed for the morning of Christmas Eve. These prophecies are fulfilled in the conception of Jesus in the womb of the Theotokos, as emphasized later with the reading of Luke’s Gospel. By relating this biblical sign, it is again confirmed that Jesus is the Christ.

During the Great Compline of Christmas Eve, we first sing the troparion hymn for Nativity: “Your Nativity, O Christ our God, has shown to the world the light of knowledge; for by it those who worshipped the stars were taught by a star to adore You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know you - the Dayspring from on high - O Lord, glory to You!”

In this hymn, the Magi from Persia, who represent the Gentiles and their learning (astronomy), are led to the true Light, Jesus Christ. He is the “Sun of Righteousness”

(Malachi 4:2) and the “Dayspring from on high” (Luke 1:78) - literally, the eastern daystar. In the worship of the three sages, we witness the first bowing down of all the nations to the Messiah, which foreshadows the ministry of the Apostles as they shine the light of Christ on the whole universe.

As we likewise join our voices of praise to theirs, let us embody the light and let it illumine all of our thoughts, words, and deeds—both now and throughout the year to come.

In Christ,





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and changes to our schedule.

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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 resume in-person on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM.

✦ *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.

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



Highlights of October Financials

Items should be at 83% of budget.

Expenses	Month	Year Total	
Total Exp.	\$11,831	\$146,242	78.6%
Income	Month	Year Total	
Collections	\$9,834	\$95,745	70.4%
Candles	\$131	\$1,916	1.6%
Fundraising	\$0	\$2,418	24.2%
Hall	\$1,820	\$3,340	133.6%
Cemetery	\$0	\$14,800	740.0%
Misc	\$221	\$2,821	70.5%
Other	\$500	\$2,310	154.0%

Total Inc.	\$12,520	\$126,755	68.1%*

**At month's close, we were 10.5% under-funded.*

December Birthdays

- 7 Ann Zipper
- 7 Camila Serafina Sarmiento
- 8 Henry Campos
- 9 Benjamin Doten
- 10 Mercedes Cortes
- 12 Marcus Jammes
- 12 James Shiskin
- 14 Natasha Campos
- 15 Cristian Lucas
- 16 Ava Campos
- 16 Ioann Pineros
- 20 William Raynes
- 27 Edward White
- 29 Lesley Bowser
- 31 Bruce Strom

December Anniversaries

- 18 Rdr. Brian & Angie Allen
- 20 Jeremy & Sai Paulovkin

Wish List

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

Rolls of Stamps

*Large Containers of Olive Oil
for Church Lamps*

Costco Columbian Coffee

*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