

LIVING WATER

The Monthly Newsletter of Christ the Saviour Orthodox Cathedral ❖ Jan 2021



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Theophany is one of the Great Twelve Feasts of the Orthodox Church, as well as the patronal feast of our Cathedral. Just as the secular calendar begins a new year, so the Church celebrates the newness of life in Christ signified by the sanctification of water. Throughout the ancient world, water was perceived as a sign of both life and death. Water is necessary to sustain living creatures, but it can also be a destructive force, such as hurricanes, floods, and tsunamis.

This dual symbolism was not lost on the Apostles. They understood that when Jesus went down into the Jordan, he “crushed the heads of the invisible dragons,” as the priest says in the prayers of blessing water. Our Lord overcame death in Himself, and brought new life to the world—beginning with His blessing of the river He was immersed into.

For each of us who has been baptized into Christ, water has become a passageway from death to life. We first are buried with Christ so that we can then be raised with Him (Rom 6:4). The blessing of Holy Water is an integral part of this act. The Church, through its priests, reclaims God’s creation so that it may once more be called “good.” Once the water is sanctified, it becomes the means by which the believer receives grace, redemption, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The Feast of Theophany, therefore, is not

simply the commemoration of an historical event, it is an annual reminder of what has happened to us in baptism. The Lord has come to offers us new life, and this new life begins when we go down into the Jordan to be transformed.

The past year has been trying for all of us. Fear and anger, sadness and loneliness have attacked us. Our souls long for peace. But the peace we long for will never be found on this side of Paradise. Christ can offer us a taste of peace when we pursue His righteousness and holiness; but it is only a glimmer of the eternal peace that surpasses all understanding.

As we start a new civil year, let us look to Christ and focus on “the one thing needful” (Luke 10:42). There are grave temptations on all sides. We are constantly being seduced by politics and ideology, pleasures and comforts, pride and selfishness. But when we pursue Christ and His Kingdom, we leave behind the “old man” (Rom 6:6) and put on the new life of the Holy Spirit.

May each of you experience a blessed New Year, and may our Lord offer you a taste of that eternal peace which is to come.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized name.





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TO SOUTHEAST FLORIDA

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and changes to our schedule.

www.OrthodoxMiami.org

Announcements

✦ *Live-Streaming*

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

✦ *Bible Study*

Bible Study will start up again on
Wednesday, Jan 13, both in-person and
on Zoom.

✦ *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

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
Ronald Delavega



Happy New Year!

с НОВЫМ ГОДОМ !

Αη Νου Fερικιτ!

Feliz año nuevo!

Ευτυχισμένο το νέο έτος !

Januray Birthdays

- 6 Ionela Dragolewicz
- 6 Ronald (Paisios) DeLaVega
- 7 Graham Hertzbach
- 8 Ion Mavrodin
- 9 Norma Skuby
- 10 Emma Lowrey
- 11 Jennifer Lemieux
- 13 Ricardo (Athanasius) Sarmiento
- 18 Peter Tikhonov
- 25 Hugo Ortiz
- 27 Ayesha Doten

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 /
New Table for Burial Shroud of Christ)*

\$1,000 - \$3,000

Hand Sanitizers & Paper Towels