

LIVING WATER

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



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

With a late Pascha this year on May 2, February becomes a month in suspension. The last festivities of the holiday season finish up in January. And after the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord on February 2, the remainder of the month is a period of waiting for Lent to begin in March.

We modern people do not like to wait for anything. We've grown accustomed to instant everything. We can order products and have them at our door the next day. We can make a meal in the microwave in a matter of minutes. Via the internet, we can locate and begin enjoying nearly any film or song recording in a matter of seconds. As a result of such convenience, we've forgotten the importance of waiting.

The spiritual art of waiting is called patience. Saint Paul tells us that patience is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal 5:22); and our Lord teaches us that "by patience you shall possess your souls" (Luke 21:19). Patience is indispensable in the ascetical program of prayer, fasting, and acts of mercy. Without patience, we are unable to grow in faith, hope, and love. But why is this? Why can't we have what we spiritually desire now, just like we can download a new tune?

Our Lord does not acquiesce to our conception of time. He unveils His plan in His own good time, as He understands and knows it to be most beneficial. And so, waiting on God is

act of faith, of trusting Him to act at the appointed time, as He sees fit.

But in the process of waiting, something amazing occurs. Our patience enables us to slow down, and to focus on the journey more than the destination. When we're impatient, it is because we can only think of the desired outcome; but when we're patient, every step along the way becomes a moment in which we may encounter God.

When we wait, we are not in suspended animation. We continue to live our lives and face various obstacles. But we also must constantly be "redeeming the time" (Eph 5:16) by remembering God. Every minute of waiting can be converted into eternity when we enter into His presence through prayer. In this way, patience becomes the pathway to heaven.

One thing we often struggle with today is boredom. We try to fill our every waking second with noise and chaos to avoid such boredom. But when we do this, we miss the opportunity to transform our souls in Christ. In the silence of those "boring" moments, in the depths of our hearts, we discover that it wasn't we who were waiting for God, but rather He that has been waiting for us all along.

In Christ,





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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 continue in-person and on Zoom until the first week of Lent.

✦ *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

Rdr 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

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 / Joel Infante



Highlights of December Financials

Items should be at 100% of budget.

Expenses	Month	Year Total	
Total Exp.	\$12,800	\$172,904	93.0%
Income	Month	Year Total	
Collections	\$9,150	\$112,896	83.0%
Candles	\$219	\$2,289	19.1%
Fundraising	\$0	\$2,418	24.2%
Hall	\$0	\$6,110	244.4%
Cemetery	\$0	\$14,800	740.0%
Christmas	\$1,511	\$1,651	33.0%

Total Inc.	\$10,894	\$149,070	80.1%*

**At year's end, we were 12.9% under-funded.*

February Birthdays

- 1 Joy Lee
- 4 Eric Neil Wawerczyk
- 6 Nina Fortune
- 9 Zachariah Doten
- 12 Isaiah Bryant
- 14 Kenneth Lowrey
- 21 Michael Snavelly
- 23 Mary Perkins
- 23 Angie Allen
- 24 Maja Georgakopoulos
- 25 Jeremy Paulovkin

February Anniversaries

- 3 David & Etsegenet Waite
- 17 Ricardo & Carly Sarmiento
- 20 Kenneth & Violet Lowrey
- 20 Ann & Bruce Zipper
- 21 Lesley & Deborah Bowser
- 23 James & Kathleen Shiskin

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 - \$2,000

Hand Sanitizers & Paper Towels