

LIVING WATER

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



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

On the first Sunday of April, we venerate the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. In conjunction with this commemoration, we decorate an image of the cross and place it in the midst of the temple in order to venerate it—just as we do on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on September 14 (and also when we begin the Dormition Fast on August 1). We Orthodox come into contact with the symbol of the cross so often that we may forget what it signifies.

St Paul was not a disciple of Jesus at the time the Lord was crucified. He only heard of the cross after the fact. And yet he came to deeply understand its significance, as can be shown in his epistles.

First, the cross of Jesus Christ represents his saving work. St Paul writes to the Church at Colossae: “And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it” (Col 2:13-15). Through His crucifixion, our Lord has defeated the demonic powers, blotted out our sin, and reconciled us to His Father. Without the cross, there would be no salvation.

Second, the cross is at the core of the Gospel proclamation: “For Christ did not send me to baptize,

but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect; for the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God” (1 Cor 1:17-18). The message that St Paul preached, and which the Church still announces today, is an inversion of the message society preaches. The eternal God has died on the cross, having been put to death by His own creatures. But this horrific tool of torture became a doorway to life when Christ arose on the third day. Thus the cross means victory through submission, life through death.

And this brings us to our third point: the cross also represents our personal participation in the death and life of the incarnate Lord. St Paul tells the Galatians: “But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world” (Gal 6:14).

This reflects the words of the Lord: “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me” (Luke 9:23). To live as a Christian is to live by the cross in self-denial, striving for humility.

Every time we wear a cross, make the sign of the cross, or venerate an image of the cross, we are being reminded of what it means to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. No other symbol encapsulates our way of life.

In Christ,

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Announcements

✦ *Live-Streaming*

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

✦ *Sisterhood Meeting*

The Women's Ministry will have their first meeting for 2021 on April 18 after Agape Hour.

✦ *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 February Financials

Items should be at 16.7% of budget.

Expenses	Month	Year Total	
Total Exp.	\$12,279	\$23,763	12.8%
Income	Month	Year Total	
Collections	\$7,249.55	\$14,150	11.7%
Candles	\$123	\$307	10.2%
Fundraising	\$0	\$2,418	24.2%
Hall	\$0	\$0	0%
Cemetery	\$0	\$0	0%
Other	\$0	\$0	0%
Endowment	\$3,000	\$6,000	16.7%

Total Inc.	\$10,417	\$21,284	11.4%*

**At month's close, we were 1.4% under-funded.*

April Birthdays

- 3 George Frisk
- 3 Jared Ross
- 5 Valerie Doten
- 9 Kosta Obucina
- 12 Violet Lowrey
- 13 Deborah Bowser
- 13 Mya Rodriguez
- 14 Rdr. Dionysi Doten
- 14 Charles Griffin
- 16 Michael Richards
- 22 Mia Angelina Campos
- 23 David Waite
- 29 Ludmila Voinescu

April Anniversaries

- 3 Dn.Carlos & Dalia Miranda
- 16 Yan & Catherina Devora
- 25 Duane & Christine Clarke

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