

LIVING WATER

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



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!

As we continue our journey through Paschaltide, moving through the month of June towards the Ascension of our Lord and Holy Pentecost, we must be careful not to let our zeal wane. The joy of the Resurrection points us toward our personal participation in the coming of the Holy Spirit, just as our Lord Jesus Christ promised to the Apostles. On the day of Pentecost, earthen vessels were filled with divine life by the indwelling of God. And those of us who now receive this gift in the Church are already experiencing the reign of Christ in the heavens.

The gift of the Spirit is an objective reality for Orthodox Christians. We receive him in our baptism and chrismation. But this does not mean that the Spirit suddenly commandeers our will, forcing us to follow God's law. On the contrary, God never takes away our freedom to choose; he never overcomes our will or compels us to act. We must *learn* to cooperate with the will of God, and *allow* the Spirit to act in and through us. As St Diadochus of Photiki wrote in the 5th century: "From the instant we are baptized, grace is hidden in the depths of the mind," until someone begins to cooperate with the Spirit, and then "grace communicates something of its riches to the soul."

Perhaps one of the most common themes in St Paul's epistles is his exhortation for Christians to live up to the calling they accepted when they were baptized. He often warns us not to make excuses for sins. He writes to the Galatians: "Now the deeds of the flesh are evident—sexual immorality, impurity, lewdness,

idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these . . . those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God" (5:19-21).

Some of the sins that St Paul mentions are particularly heinous because they involve attacking others. Fomenting strife and dissensions, which could in turn lead to factions, is especially evil. Usually, this begins with gossip. While gossip often seems harmless

(or even enjoyable to some), it quickly snowballs. The person who is the subject of the gossip is not given an opportunity to defend herself. And those hearing the gossip have no way of knowing if what is said is true, false, or simply exaggerated.

What comes from our mouths, and what we say to others and *about* others, should be a reflection of our life in the Spirit. "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear" (Eph 4:29). To avoid sin, we must consciously refrain from gossiping and causing dissensions through our words. And to accomplish this, we must cooperate with the Holy Spirit that dwells within us, seeking his strength through prayer in order to accomplish his will in action.

May the light of Pentecost transform even our tongues, that we may also speak God's truth in love.

In Christ,





**Christ the Saviour
Orthodox Cathedral**
16601 NW 77th Court
Miami Lakes, FL 33016
ph. (305) 822-0437
Cathedral@OrthodoxMiami.org

OFFERING THE LIVING WATER
TO SOUTHEAST FLORIDA

Visit our website for news, announcements
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*

Join us every Wednesday evening as we study the Gospel of St Mark. Evening prayers in the temple at 7 PM, and study at 7:30 PM in the meeting room.

✦ *Re-opening Party*

The mask mandate at the Cathedral ends on June 13. In celebration of this, we will be having a party on Pentecost (June 20) after Liturgy, with BBQ and a water slide for the kids.

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

Elena Voronkova - 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
Edward White / Georgette Hartner
Joshua Herbert / Antonio Nicodemo
Ronald Delavega / Jose Fernandez
Jennifer Heredia / Danica Simpkins



Highlights of April Financials

Estimated income/expenses = 33% of budget.

Expenses	Month	Year Total	
Total Exp.	\$16,656	\$53,583	28.8%
Income	Month	Year Total	
Collections	\$8,012	\$33,007	27.3%
Candles	\$183	\$783	26.1%
Hall	\$2,800	\$4,960	41.3%
Bookstore	\$98	\$828	27.6%
Pascha	\$560	\$570	1.9%
Endowment	\$3,000	\$6,000	--

Total Inc.	\$14,655	\$53,154	28.6%

June Birthdays

- 3 Gabriela Heredia
- 3 Enis Jakolenko
- 5 Elena Dichko
- 5 Stanley Prystacky
- 7 Kiki McDonald
- 7 Ann Ross
- 14 Fr. Philip Reese
- 16 EJ Zazulak
- 21 Vernon Lee
- 21 Pablo Pineros
- 23 Nathaniel Keeley
- 29 Margaret Frisk
- 29 Dna. Dalia Miranda
- 30 Rachel Clarke

June Anniversaries

- 7 Michael & Irina Giaccone
- 9 Paul & Sophia Christakis
- 9 Nathaniel & Bianca Keeley
- 21 Vernon & Joy Lee

Wish List

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

Books or Rolls of Stamps

*Large Containers of Olive Oil
for Church Lamps*

Costco Columbian Coffee

Hand Sanitizers & Paper Towels