

LIVING WATER

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



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

In many old cultures (at least in the northern hemisphere) the month of November denoted death. As nature goes into hibernation in preparation for winter, it would have seemed to the ancients as though the world is dying, only to reawaken again in the spring. For this reason, autumn festivals and holidays often made a connection between the seasons of the year and seasons of a man, and death was understood to be an integral part of life.

Modern Americans, however, seem to struggle with the idea of death. Our literature and entertainment glorifies death and the macabre, and yet we run away from actual death. Many dislike funerals. Talk of our own death is considered too morbid a topic for casual conversation. And the practice of cremation has become a popular way to avoid seeing a dead body.

Even more troubling is the confusion surrounding what happens after death. On the one hand, there are those who hold to a very watered-down version of Christianity, supposing that everyone goes “into the light.” On the other hand, there are those who believe the final judgment happens immediately after death—heaven or hell for all eternity. And finally, there are the atheists who believe that nothing awaits us beyond death.

We cannot flee from death. We must face it if we are to understand the meaning of life. And

so we must look to the wisdom of the Church as we contemplate death.

In the Wisdom of Solomon we read, “For God made not death: neither hath he pleasure in the destruction of the living” (1:13). We are not made for death, but for life. And yet, our nature is mortal. We are terminal, so to speak, from the moment we are conceived. But pretending that this is not so will not aid us. Death will come for each of us in the end. So how do we respond to death?

If we are truly disciples of Christ, we possess hope in eternal life. Not only will our life persist after death, but our body will be raised up on the last day, so that “mortality might be swallowed up of life” (2 Cor 5:4). And we prepare for this eventuality when we take death seriously. We cannot hide from it, we must face it. We do this when we hand over our fear to Christ. We

do this when we pursue holiness in preparation for eternity. We do this when we commend the souls of our loved ones to the hands of God, with prayer and hope.

St Paul exhorts us, writing, “I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not as others which have no hope” (1 Thes 4:13). Let us not see death as the world sees it, but as those whose lives are informed by the death and resurrection of the Lord.

In Christ.

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Announcements

✦ *Annual Meeting*

The Annual Meeting of the Cathedral will take place on Sunday, November 21 during the coffee hour. We ask that all pledged members be in attendance so that we have a quorum for the meeting.

✦ *Bible Study*

Bible Study is every Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM after Small Compline. We are working through Genesis.

✦ *Hall Rentals*

A reminder that parishioners can rent the hall for events at a discount rate of \$350 for the day (more than half off). Contact Fr. Joseph for scheduling.

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
Rdr. Nilus Wawerczyk

Retired Attached

Fr. Philip Reese
Fr. Peter Tutko
Fr. Alexander Padlo
Fr. Michael Zaparyniuk
Fr. Leonid Palceski

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 / Jennifer Heredia
Rdr Dionysius Doten / Vernon Lee
Edward White / Georgette Hartner
Joshua Herbert / Antonio Nicodemo
Ronald Delavega / Jose Fernandez



Highlights of Sept Financials

Estimated income/expenses = 75% of budget.

Expenses	Month	Year Total	
Total Exp.	\$117,992	\$134,382*	72.2%
Income	Month	Year Total	
Collections	\$11,467	\$79,403**	65.6%
Candles	\$473	\$2,559	85.3%
Hall	\$600	\$16,190	134.9%
Endowment	\$3,000	\$27,000	--

Total Inc.	\$15,540	\$133,410***	71.1%

* Parish has kept expenses under budget so far

** Collections are under what members pledged

*** Year Total includes income reflected in previous months but not the current month.

November Birthdays

- 1 Lisa Herbert
- 1 Mihai Mavrodin
- 3 Lillian Raynes
- 7 Iulia Maria Goean
- 12 Vasilisa Tikhonov
- 14 Johnathan Clarke
- 15 Pres. Irina Lucas
- 15 Kathleen Shiskin
- 16 Felipe Pineros
- 18 Joseph Waite
- 18 Costica Idriceanu
- 20 Joshua Herbert
- 20 William Herbert
- 22 Clarice White
- 27 Luke Thomas Paulovkin
- 28 Brian McDonald

November Anniversaries

- 8 Costica & Maria Idriceanu
- 10 Herman & Xenia Garcia
- 24 Rdr. Christopher & Lisa Herbert

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