

LIVING WATER

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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Exactly forty days after the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Church celebrates his Ascension into the heavens. The historical event itself is described in Luke 24:46-53, Acts 1:1-11, and 1 Cor 15:6. But its theological significance is referenced every time the Scriptures mention that Christ has been seated at the right hand of his Father. Although many Christians overlook the importance of the Ascension, it is certainly as meaningful as Pascha and Pentecost.

We presently live in the age of the Church. The risen Lord is now “enthroned upon the cherubim” (2 Sam 6:2). As it states in Rev 5:6, Jesus Christ, the Lamb who takes away the sins of the world, is actually himself seated on his Father’s throne. This means that he reigns as our true King, and has been given the power to judge the living and the dead (see 2 Tim 4:1).

We acknowledge the reign of Christ by faith. And yet the unfaithful in the world do not understand this: “For in that he put everything in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him; but now we do not yet see all things put under him” (Heb 2:8). Thus there exists a tension in this age. On the one hand, Christ reigns supreme, but on the other hand, he does not reveal it to those who refuse to place themselves under his rule. The kingdom of heaven is open to us, but we must freely choose to become citizens of it.

In the endless age to come, the reign of Christ will be revealed to all. His sign (the cross) will appear in the sky, and he will descend like lightning from the east, surrounded by all the saints and angels. Everyone will be resurrected, receiving new bodies, and will be judged based on whether or not they have some share in the Lord’s kingdom. These things are explained in the Scriptures, and encapsulated in the Nicene Creed.

So we Christians live suspended between this age and the age to come.

We can already experience his reign here and now. And not only that, we can co-reign with him, for he has already “raised us up together, and made us to sit in the heavenly places” (Eph 2:6). If we faithfully endure to the end, “we will also reign with him” in that kingdom to come (2 Tim 2:12).

Each day then is an opportunity to actualize and participate in the reign of Christ. We do this when we deny ourselves, pick up our cross, and follow him; when we humble ourselves and practice his commandments; when we repent of sins and strive to live purely; when we serve him and put his will first; when we praise him and accept all things as a blessing. The Risen Lord truly reigns in the heavens; let us invite him to also reign in our hearts.

In Christ,





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Announcements

✠ *Feast of Ascension*

On the Feast of Ascension we celebrate the 40th day after Pascha, when our Lord ascended into the heavens in glory and was seated at the right hand of the Father. The All-Night Vigil will be served on June 1 at 7 pm, followed by the Divine Liturgy at 9 pm.

✠ *Parish Directory Photo Shoots*

All members should sign-up for one of the photo shoots on June 11, 18, or 25.

✠ *Caribbean Night*

We're bringing back our popular parish festival soon, and need volunteers to be on the committee to plan and implement it. See Fr. Joseph if you're interested.

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. Christopher Herbert
Rdr. Anthony Brian Allen
Rdr. Nilus Wawerczyk

Retired Attached

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

Parish Council

Rdr Christopher Herbert - Warden / Secretary
Rdr Nilus Wawerczyk - Treasurer
Rdr Anthony Brian Allen - Council Member
Nicole Mary Brown - Council Member
Duane Patrick Clarke - Council Member
Vernon Andrew Lee - Council Member
William Wusylko - Council Member

Choir

Elena Voronkova - Director

Orthodox Book Center

Rdr Nilus Wawerczyk - Director

Financial Secretary

J. Thomas Hornsey

Office Secretary

Hope Petipren

Prayer List for Healing

Carrie Wusylko / Ayesha Doten
Enis Jakolenko / Karen Budowski
Norma Skuby / Vernon Lee
Edward White / Georgette Hartner
Joshua Herbert / Antonio Nicodemo



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- St Isaac the Syrian

June Birthdays

- 3 Gabriela Heredia
- 5 Elena Dichko
- 5 Luis Gallo
- 7 Ann Ross
- 14 Fr. Philip Reese
- 16 Raquel Ferraguz
- 21 Vernon Lee
- 21 Pablo Pineros
- 23 Nathaniel Keeley
- 25 Francisco Villate
- 29 Margaret Frisk
- 29 Dna. Dalia Miranda
- 30 Rachel Clarke

June Anniversaries

- 2 Wesley & Brittany Rand
- 9 Paul & Sophia Christakis
- 9 Nathaniel & Bianca Keeley
- 21 Vernon & Joy Lee

Wish List

*Manischewitz Concord Grape Wine
for Zapivka (after communion)*

Olive Oil for Lamps

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

Books or Rolls of Stamps

Costco Colombian Coffee

Half and Half for Agape Hour

*Home Depot Gift Cards
for Parish Gardening / Tools*