

LIVING WATER

The Monthly Newsletter of Christ the Saviour Orthodox Cathedral ❖ Oct 2022



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

There are many customs in the Orthodox Church. Some of them are based on local or regional cultures, while some are a reflection of Orthodoxy as a whole. These latter, universal practices are a reflection of our faith as it has been manifested across many centuries and in many places. We call this Holy Tradition.

Oftentimes we confuse certain localized practices with Holy Tradition.

We assume that a certain practice observed at one parish is common to all parishes, not knowing that it is a reflection of a specific culture rather than the entire Church. Such local traditions are not bad, so long as they do not contradict the dogmas and practices of Holy Tradition.

But there is, perhaps, a much greater threat to the passing on of Holy Tradition than the problem of local customs. Many who purport to be Orthodox Christians have decided that they themselves are the arbiters of what is necessary to our faith and what is not. They sit in judgement of Holy Tradition, ignoring or dismissing those elements that contradict their political worldview or personal ideology.

For example, some would state that our basic theological views are valid (as upheld at the Ecumenical Councils and stated in the Nicene Creed), but say that our morality evolves with time. Some uphold our basic dogmas, but see no problem

interpreting these truths through Protestant or Roman Catholic lenses. Some even go so far as to say that one can be Orthodox without necessarily believing in the exclusive doctrines of the faith. They say that “all roads lead to God.”

Holy Tradition is not merely a collection of random ideas and customs, it is the sum of our religious concepts and experience. As the theologian Vladimir Lossky wrote, it is “the life of the Holy Spirit within the Church.” God has guided its formation; and everything we need to grasp is found within.

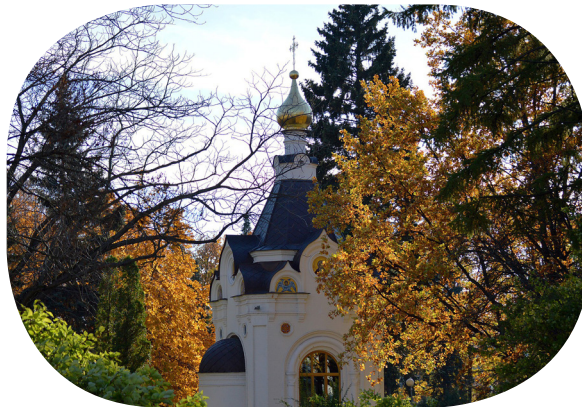
If we desire to live as Orthodox Christians, we should ask the question, “What is Holy Tradition?” And once we come to understand what comprises it, we should make every effort to accept it in its totality, at face value. We should not expend our energy challenging it, or seeking to reconcile it with modern secular ideas about the world.

Holy Tradition speaks to every part of our lives. It encapsulates what is true and real about God and His creation. It preserves the ancient methods of worship, of spirituality, and the means to acquire salvation. And it establishes a fence around the faith, showing us where it is safe to go, and where temptation lurks in the darkness.

Let us embrace the fullness of our faith as we learn to embody Holy Tradition.

In Christ.

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Announcements

✦ *Pledge Drive*

The 2023 Pledge Drive concludes this month. Please return your Pledge Card.

✦ *Annual Meeting*

The 2022 Parish Annual Meeting will take place on Nov 13 after Liturgy. We urge all members of the Cathedral to attend. We will also be grilling that day, and we invite everyone to bring fresh meat as well as side dishes.

✦ *Autumn Lecture*

On Nov 19, the Cathedral will host Richard Rohlin, host of the Amon Zul podcast on Ancient Faith Radio, and regular guest-host on Jonathan Pageau's "Symbolic World."

Clergy

Fr. Joseph Lucas, PhD., 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. Michael Zaparyniuk
Fr. Leonid Palceski

Parish Council

Rdr Christopher Herbert - Warden / Secretary
Rdr Nilus Wawerczyk - Treasurer
Rdr Anthony Brian Allen - Council Member
Nicole Mary Richards - 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
Elena Voronkova / Karen Budowski
Norma Skuby / Vernon Lee
Edward White / Georgette Hartner
Joshua Herbert / Antonio Nicodemo
Catherine and Elena Morris
Georgina Nikolic / Mary Perkins



“Thoughts are like
airplanes flying in the air.
If you ignore them, there
is no problem. If you pay
attention to them, you
create an airport inside
your head and permit
them to land!”

- St Paisios the Athonite

October Birthdays

- 3 Mikhail Ramcharan
- 10 Junior Garcia
- 12 Rdr. Anthony Brian Allen
- 12 Xavier James Campos
- 14 Gianna Alvarez
- 15 Argentina (Xenia) Garcia
- 23 Elena Voronkova
- 24 Zubin Mehta-Rao
- 29 Fr. Joseph Lucas
- 30 Jimmy Rodriguez

October Anniversaries

- 23 Marcus & Donna Jammes

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*