

LIVING WATER

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



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

September is a month of transition. Summer gives way to autumn. Schedules change as students return to school. And in Miami, hurricane season reaches its peak. But what we often overlook is that September is also the beginning of a new ecclesiastical year. Not January 1, but September 1 is New Year's Day for the Church.

Instead of making empty resolutions about self-fulfillment (as many do in January), let's make spiritual resolutions for the ecclesiastical year ahead. It's a perfect time to rededicate ourselves to serving God, and to building up his holy Church.

There are many possibilities for resolutions. We can commit to attending the Divine Liturgy weekly. Or if we already do this, we can commit to at least one extra weekday service per month. We can commit to attending an educational offering: the monthly Orthodoxy 201, the weekly Bible Study, or the Adult Catechism that will be offered on Thursday evenings this autumn.

Another way we can rededicate ourselves is financially. September is the month of the Cathedral's annual Pledge Drive. Often, Christians do not want to talk about their giving because they do not want to accept that generosity is a reflection of spirituality. This month is an opportunity to reflect on our donations, and to make strides toward the ideal given in Scripture (tithing).

When we consider the "talents" that God has gifted us and asked us to spiritually invest, our time is as important as our treasures. This month could be an opportunity to volunteer more at the parish. We always need more people to make and bring food to Agape Hour, and to help clean up at the end. Some of us come, eat, and leave, benefitting from the labor and love of others but not contributing themselves. Let's make a resolution to get more involved in our Agape Hour.

The Parish Work Day is yet another chance to pitch in. One Saturday per month is a small commitment, but an important one. Yet fewer and fewer are volunteering for this. As the old saying goes, "Many hands make light work."

And last, but not least, each of us should make some personal resolutions. Perhaps you have not been doing evening prayers, and can initiate (or restart) this practice.

Perhaps you haven't been reading the Scriptures or writings of the saints, and can set aside time each week for this. Or perhaps you've been lenient with fasting, and can commit to eating vegan on Wednesdays and Fridays. These are all ways to deepen your commitment to Christ.

New Year's Day only comes once a year, so let's resolve to be better Christians in the year to come!

In Christ.





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Announcements

✦ *Sunday School Begins*

The 2022-23 Sunday School program begins on Sept 11. Registration will continue on Sept 4 during Agape Hour.

✦ *Adult Catechism*

The Autumn 2022 Adult Catechism Class for new members will take place on Thursdays at 7 PM starting Sept 29, with the final class on Nov 17. Parishioners who would like to understand their faith better are also welcome to attend.

✦ *Pledge Drive*

The 2023 Pledge Drive has begun. If you did not receive the mailer, please contact Fr. Joseph. Pledges help the parish determine the budget for next year.

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. 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

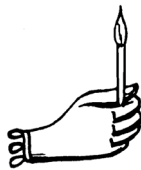
J. Thomas Hornsey

Office Secretary

Hope Petipren

Prayer List for Healing

Carrie Wusylko / Ayesha Doten
Eileen Karachin / Karen Budowski
Norma Skuby / Vernon Lee
Edward White / Georgette Hartner
Joshua Herbert / Antonio Nicodemo
Catherine and Elena Morris
Georgina Nikolic / Mary Perkins



“Keep from prying into other people’s affairs, for such prying gives occasion for slander, judgment, and other grievous sins. Why do you need to be concerned about others? Know and examine your own self.”

- St Tikhon of Zadonsk

Septemer Birthdays

- 1 Bruce Zipper
- 2 Jennifer Heredia
- 4 Eduardo (Ephreim) Diaz
- 7 Dn. Carlos Miranda
- 12 Brittany Rand
- 18 Melissa Alvarez Font
- 20 Sai Paulovkin
- 23 Spiro Baltas
- 25 Paul Christakis
- 27 Andrei Lucas
- 28 Gabriel Arturo Ruiz
- 29 John Prystacky Jr.

September Anniversaries

- 12 William & Lillian Raynes
- 25 Charles & Jean Griffin

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*