

# LIVING WATER

*The Monthly Newsletter of Christ the Saviour Orthodox Cathedral ❖ Feb 2023*



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

There is an old expression: “You can’t see the forest for the trees.” It means that a person is so close to something—an idea, a task, a project—that he is unable to see the big picture. People working in highly-specialized fields like science, engineering, and academics often make this mistake. But it’s also possible for us to do this as we engage with our faith.

Our religion is filled with numerous details. For example, at every sacred service we attend, we might easily become fixated on one of the many sights and sounds that wash over us. Perhaps we are focusing on the beauty of the chanting. Or maybe it is the motions of the clergy. Or we could be gazing in awe at the many icons that adorn the iconostas and temple walls.

But sometimes we need to step back and experience the entire service as a whole. When we do this, we see that each part complements the whole, and we can witness the entire movement as one beautiful orchestration. The troparia teach us about our faith; the litanies reflect our purest desires; the cherubic hymn highlights the symbolic meaning of the procession. Taken together, the sum is much greater than the parts.

The same could be said about our theology. It is a great blessing that so many Orthodox books

are now available in English, whether they be the writings of saints, or modern authors and theologians. But every time we delve into such a work, we risk getting lost in the details. Our heads may begin to spin as we are overwhelmed by facts, terms, and dates. Yet our overall understanding and practice of our faith may remain impoverished.

Historically, the Church has always acknowledged the importance of summarizing and encapsulating what we believe. The Nicene Creed is a perfect example of this. In one short statement, the most important ideas of the Bible (as rightly understood by the saints) are put forward in a way that we can see the entire story of salvation. The practice of singing the Creed at every Divine Liturgy helps to remind us of who God is, and how we relate to him as his people.

There are many other ways that we can once again see the bigger picture. And the more we try to do this, the more we will be amazed by how perfectly interconnected and congruent every aspect of our religion is. Orthodox Christianity is truly a divinely-revealed way of life, and the Orthodox Church is truly the Body of Christ.

In Christ,

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## Announcements

✦ *Collections for Pregnancy Center*  
Our parish is collecting specific items for the Heartbeat of Miami center in Hialeah. We need diapers, wipes, formula, new toys, and other baby items for newborn to one-year old.

✦ *Lent begins*  
The Great Fast begins at the end of this month. Cheesefare is Feb 26, and Clean Week (first week of Lent) starts Feb 27. We'll have services every day that week.

✦ *Invite Someone to Church Day*  
Evangelism is everyone's duty. On Feb 19, invite a non-Orthodox friend, family member, or co-worker to the Liturgy and Agape Hour. Share the riches of our faith!

## 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  
Rdr. Artem Timofeev

### **Retired Attached**

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

## Parish Council

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  
Henry Campos - 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

Bianca Iulia Goean / Ayesha Doten  
Elena Voronkova / Karen Budowski  
Norma Skuby / Vernon Lee / Angela Allen  
Edward White / Georgette Hartner  
Joshua Herbert / Antonio Nicodemo  
Catherine and Elena Morris  
Georgina Nikolic / Mary Perkins



“The Lord does not show himself to a proud soul. The proud soul, no matter how many books it reads, will never know God, since by its pride it does not give place for the grace of the Holy Spirit; while God is known only by the humble soul.”

- **St Silouan the Athonite**

### February Birthdays

- 1 Hardai (Joy) Lee
- 4 Rdr Nilus Wawerczyk
- 8 Maximus Rand
- 8 Daniel Gallo
- 9 Zachariah Doten
- 10 Alexis Alvarez
- 12 Isaiah Bryant
- 14 Kenneth Lowrey
- 18 Leidy (Alina) Arana
- 19 Elijah Rand
- 21 Bogdana Hornsey
- 23 Mary Perkins
- 23 Angela Allen
- 25 Jeremy (Nicodemus) Paulovkin

### February Anniversaries

- 3 David & Etsegenet Waite
- 17 Ricardo (Athanasius) & Carly Ann Sarmiento
- 20 Kenneth & Violet Lowrey
- 20 Ann & Bruce Zipper
- 20 Spiro & Luba Baltas
- 23 James & Kathleen Shiskin

### 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*

*Creamers and 1/2 & 1/2 for Agape Hour*

*Home Depot Gift Cards  
for Parish Gardening / Tools*