

LIVING WATER

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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

One of the earliest names used to describe Jesus Christ is “Alpha and Omega.” We first encounter this title in Revelation 1:8: “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord, ‘who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.’” The Greek letters referenced here are the first and last in the alphabet, equivalent to “A to Z” in English. The implication is clear: Jesus Christ existed before the creation of the world, and he will remain unto the ages of ages.

There is another way to interpret this title: Christ should be the first and last in everything we think, say, and do. We are called Christians because our entire lives are meant to revolve around our Lord. As St. Paul said, “[I]n him we live and move and have our being (Acts 17:28). Or as St. Patrick put it in his famous prayer: “Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ within me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ at my right, Christ at my left.”

We sometimes contrast our religious life to our life in society, calling the latter “secular.” Fr. Alexander Schmemmann, a prominent Russian-American theologian of the 20th century, often

railed against the division of our lives into these two categories, calling secularism the “heresy of our day.” We tend to keep our religion on the shelf, he would say, bringing it out only during specifically “religious” moments like Sunday morning, or our daily prayer times.

We often wonder why our lives are full of stress, anxiety, and temptation; but a major reason for this is because we do not integrate our faith into everything we say and do. Perhaps it is merely forgetfulness or laziness. Perhaps it is because we do not want others to think we are “holy rollers.” Whatever the reason, the result is the same: our spiritual growth is stunted by our lack of attention to the things of God.

As the old saying goes, a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. If we want to dedicate our lives to Christ, we simply need to make small, conscious decisions to bring him into our daily affairs. It begins with a prayer here and there, asking for guidance, for strength, for peace. But what begins as a trickle becomes a rushing river in due time. There is no magic to it. It merely requires us to remember him.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name of Fr. Alexander Schmemmann.





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Announcements

✠ *Autumn Lecture*

Our Annual Autumn Lecture will be Saturday, Oct 5 from 11 am - 3 pm. Our speaker is Orthodox YouTuber and evangelist Seraphim Hamilton. His talk is titled "Liturgical Patterns in Old and New Testaments." No cover charge. Food trucks will be on-site for lunch.

✠ *Orthodoxy 201*

Deacon Carlos will be speaking on "Hades and Hell," Sunday, Oct 13

✠ *4 Kids Presentation*

The non-profit Christian-based foster parent organization "4 Kids" will be giving a presentation on Sunday, Oct 27

✠ *2024 Cathedral Annual Meeting*

Annual Meeting is scheduled for Nov 10.

Clergy

V. Rev. Joseph Lucas, PhD., MDiv.
Rector of the Cathedral

Fr. Dn. Carlos Miranda, MDiv.

Minor Orders

Sbdn. Michael Richards
Rdr. Nilus Wawerczyk
Rdr. Anthony Saborio

Retired Attached

V. Rev. Michael Zaparyniuk
V. Rev. Leonid Palceski

Parish Council

Rdr. Nilus Wawerczyk - Warden, Treasurer
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Elena Voronkova - Director

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Hope Petipren

Prayer List for Healing

Bianca Goean / Ayesha Doten
Elena Voronkova / Karen Budowski
Norma Skuby / Vernon Lee / Lee Ashby
Edward White / Georgette Hartner
Catherine Morris / Elena Morris
Georgina Nikolic / Mary Perkins
Raquel Ferraguz / Josiah Heredia
William Raynes / Theophan Petipren
Mary Wawerczyk / Valerie Doten



“Now it is quite true to say that curiosity, exactly like its analogue, lust, never ends and is never satisfied; but man was made for something more than this. He was made to rise—above curiosity and lust—to love, and through love, to the attainment of truth.”

- *Elder Seraphim Rose*

October Birthdays

- 3 Mikail Ramcharan
- 7 Mariana Madrid Diaz
- 10 Junior (Herman) Garcia
- 12 Xavier James Campos
- 14 Gianna Alvarez
- 15 Argentina (Xenia) Arana Garcia
- 17 Isabella Wagner
- 17 David Pfohl
- 22 Clarice White
- 23 Elena Voronkova
- 24 Laura Ramcharan
- 29 Fr. Joseph Lucas
- 30 Jimmy Rodriguez

October Anniversaries

- 22 Edward & Clarice White
- 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

*Home Depot Gift Cards
for Parish Gardening / Tools*

Costco Kirkland Coffee