

# LIVING WATER

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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Since the dawn of human history, people have made sense of the world by telling stories. Whether gathered around the campfire or the family hearth, our ancestors would hear of champions and villains, of triumphs and tragedies. Men and women found their place in the world by situating themselves within these tales, as characters within a grand drama, connected to the past yet looking to the future.

If there is indeed a “crisis of meaning” in our modern world (as many commentators have rightly pointed out) then it is because of the types of stories we tell ourselves. On the one hand, there are those who adopt the story of materialism: of a “scientific” universe devoid of meaning, governed by chance. This story results either in relativism (the only story that matters is my personal perception of the world) or nihilism (all stories are ultimately meaningless). A worldview shaped by such ideas is incoherent, leading either to despair or self-interest (the “will to power”).

On the other hand, there are those who inherit or adopt a religious story that offers a sense of meaning and belonging, yet falls short of offering explanatory power to life in this big, wide world we inhabit. Their story may not satisfactorily reveal the origin of the cosmos and where we have come from, nor point to the future horizon towards which each of us is moving. Such truncated tales may shed light on a local culture or history but fail to place a people within the broader story of mankind. And most importantly, they fail to provide a deep sense of meaning and purpose.

Within the Holy Scriptures we discover a story that includes everything. It is a complete

metanarrative, an arc that moves from the foundation of the world to the very consummation of time itself. The climax of this account comes in the middle with the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. God becomes man—eternity enters time—thus answering the most important and existential questions we face: why do we suffer and die, and why do we long for something so much greater?



This is a story that offers true explanatory power for one’s life. Within this chronicle we meet our Creator and witness his plan for us in action. We are given direction about how to respond to him, establish a relationship with him, and wisely serve him. We can derive meaning by placing ourselves within this story as it continues to play out within the Church through our liturgical rituals and spiritual practices. And we can touch the world around us through this

story as we become Christ’s ambassadors of his beauty, truth, and goodness. Gradually, our personal narrative becomes part of *his* metanarrative; and his death and resurrection becomes our own as we die and rise anew each day.

Socrates once remarked, “The unexamined life is not worth living.” Had he lived a few centuries later, he may have encountered the One who gives ultimate meaning to our lives. As we examine what is most important, let us return to that great tale which mystically shapes and colors everything it touches: the story of God’s salvation.

In Christ,



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**Announcements**

✦ *Orthodoxy 201*

In lieu of Sunday Catechism on April 6, Fr. Joseph will offer an open Q&A on Orthodox teachings and practices.

✦ *Holy Unction Service*

The Deanery Holy Unction service for healing this year will take place at St Herman Church in Lake Worth on Thursday, April 10 at 6:30 PM, led by Bishop Gerasim.

✦ *Palm Sunday Banquet*

Bishop Gerasim will be serving Liturgy at the Cathedral on Sunday, April 13. Afterwards we will have a fish banquet. Tickets are \$20 for adults 18 and over.

✦ *Pascha Open House and Egg Hunt*

Begins at 2 pm on Sunday with Vespers.

**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  
Rdr. Stephen Butcher

**Retired Attached**

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

**Parish Council**

Rdr. Nilus Wawerczyk - Warden, Treasurer  
Leah Sophia Duboy - Secretary  
David Bruce - Council Member  
Sophronia Asher Lafond - Council Member  
Gabriel Ruiz - Council Member  
Rdr. Anthony Saborio - Council Member  
William Wusylko - Council Member

**Lay Leadership**

Elena Voronkova - Choir Director  
Rdr. Nilus Wawerczyk - Book Center Director  
J. Thomas Hornsey - Catechism Director  
Mary Wawerczyk - Sisterhood Director  
Sophronia Lafond - Administrative Assistant  
Sandy Root - Financial Secretary

### Prayer List for Healing

Bianca Goean / Karen Budowski  
Norma Skuby / Vernon Lee  
Valerie Doten / Georgette Hartner  
Catherine Morris / Elena Morris  
Georgina Nikolic / Mary Perkins  
Raquel Ferraguz / Josiah Heredia  
William Raynes / Theophan Petipren  
Mercedes Cortes / Leah Duboy  
Jennifer Butcher / Matteo Campos



“Become aware of God,  
in whose presence you are  
while you pray . . .  
Then take a formula of  
prayer and recite it with  
perfect attention both to  
the words you are saying  
and to the Person to whom  
you are saying them.”

- *St. John Climacus*

### April Birthdays

- 3 George Frisk
- 3 Jared Ross
- 4 Anet Hershey Forbes
- 5 Valerie Doten
- 6 Leah Sophia Duboy
- 11 Zoe Diaz Madrid
- 12 Violet Lowrey
- 16 Michael Richards
- 19 Ludmila Voronkova
- 22 Mia (Angelina) Campos
- 23 David Waite
- 25 Diego Alejandro

### April Anniversaries

- 3 Dn. Carlos & Dalia Miranda
- 25 Duane & Christine Clarke

### Wish List

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

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

*Books or Rolls of Stamps*

*Costco Colombian Coffee*