

June 2018

May '18

July '18

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3 <i>All Saints</i> 9:30 am Hours 10 am Liturgy Church School Party	4 <i>Fast</i>	5 <i>Fast</i>	6 6:30 pm Small Compline 7 pm Bible Study <i>Fast</i>	7 <i>Fast</i>	8 <i>No Fasting</i>	9 5 pm Catechism 6 pm Vespers Confessions <i>Fast</i>
10 <i>Saints of N. America</i> 9:30 am Hours 10 am Liturgy Board Meeting <i>Fast</i>	11 <i>Fast</i>	12 <i>Fast</i>	13 6:30 pm Small Compline 7 pm Bible Study <i>Fast</i>	14 <i>Fast</i>	15 <i>Fast</i>	16 5 pm Catechism 6 pm Vespers Confessions <i>Fast</i>
17 9:30 am Hours 10 am Liturgy <i>Fast</i>	18 <i>Fast</i>	19 <i>Fast</i>	20 6:30 pm Small Compline 7 pm Bible Study <i>Fast</i>	21 <i>Fast</i>	22 <i>Fast</i>	23 5 pm Catechism 6 pm Vespers Confessions <i>Fast</i>
24 <i>Nativity of St John</i> 9:30 am Hours 10 am Liturgy <i>Fast</i>	25 <i>Fast</i>	26 <i>Fast</i>	27 6:30 pm Small Compline 7 pm Bible Study <i>Fast</i>	28 7 pm Vespers <i>Fast</i>	29 <i>Ss Peter & Paul</i> 10 am Liturgy <i>Fast</i>	30 5 pm Catechism 6 pm Vespers Confessions <i>Fast</i>
1	2	Notes	<p><u>Upcoming Events in July:</u></p> <p>Fr Joseph's European Summer Slideshow Teaching Liturgy - Learn the meaning of the Proskomedia (Service of Preparation) Camp St Christopher - July 9 through 13</p>			

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The Monthly Newsletter of Christ the Saviour Orthodox Cathedral ❖ June 2018



Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

I am honored to begin my tenure as the rector of Christ the Saviour Cathedral, and humbled by the immensity of this task. Over the past seven years, I have enjoyed working with Fr Philip and getting to know and love all of you. I now look forward to pastoring our parish for years to come, taking the baton from my forebearers and leading us into the future.

With the newness of this transition in my mind, I have been considering the spiritual implications of what we Orthodox Christians believe about our life in Christ. Our Lord has initiated a New Covenant, and while there is continuity with the Old Testament teachings, something entirely new has been revealed.

Before the Incarnation of Jesus Christ and the sending of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, the power of God could not indwell believers. But in the Church, we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, which begins a process of transformation in our lives. The Lord tells us that we cannot put “old wine into new wineskins.” Instead, “new wine must be put into new wineskins” (Mark 2:22). In other words, we must cooperate with the work of the Spirit in our lives. As St Paul puts it, we are called to “take off the old man, which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and...put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness” (Eph 4:22-4).

The process by which this transformation happens is called by various names: theosis, sanctification, purification of the heart, or synergy. But the idea is always the same. We are taught to leave behind the oldness of sin and grab hold of the new life

that Christ offers to us.

Often, we are tempted to downplay the importance of our spiritual life because it conflicts with our secular life. We do not want to get “too serious” about Church because such a commitment would interfere with our desires and lifestyle. But we must remind ourselves why the Son of God became man, died for our sakes, and rose again—to initiate us into a new and eternal life, a life that begins here and now, not simply after death.

God has done everything for us, and He asks in return that we give our entire lives to

Him. This requires a daily, weekly, and annual recommitment to Him, to His commandments, and to His Body, the Church. Our faith is a radical and new way of life, and goes against the stream of a society that is frozen in the old ways of sin. It is up to us to make the daily effort to resist the inertia of worldly desires if we want to participate in the power of God.

It is not easy to pick up our cross and follow Christ. But self-denial does not mean losing ourselves. Rather, we become what we are truly meant to be, the entirely unique and beautiful person who God created in His image. As the Scriptures promise us, “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new” (2 Cor 5:17).

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Joseph Lucas





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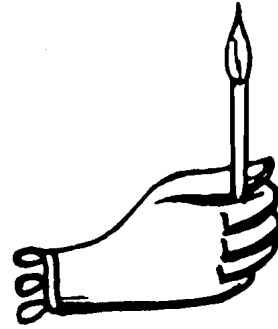
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Prayer List

Hannah Butcher
Lillian Raynes
Enis Jakolenko
Ludmilla Voinescu
Svetlana Roadway
Ted & Karen Budowski



Clergy

Fr. Joseph Lucas, PhD. Cand., MDiv.
*Rector of the Cathedral
Dean of South Florida*

Attached

Fr. Philip Reese
Dn. Carlos Miranda

Subdeacons

Randolph LaCroix
Alexander Dimich

Readers

Dionysi Charles Doten
Christopher Herbert
Stephen Butcher
Anthony Brian Allen
Innocent Correa

Retired Attached

Fr. Peter Tutko
Fr. Alexander Padlo

Parish Administration

Parish Council Officers

Reader Christopher Herbert - Warden
Jim Shiskin - Treasurer
Mikhail Ramcharan - Secretary

Members

Gary Popovich
Reader Dionysi Doten
Corina Mavrodin
Subdeacon Alexander Dimich
Derrick Budowski
Ryan Ray
Mary Perkins (Alt)
Gerasimos Evanoff (Alt)

Sisterhood

Corina Mavrodin - Chair
Karen Budowski - Vice Chair
Angela Allen - Treasurer

Choir Director

Reader Dionysi Doten

Thank You!

I would like to express my deep gratitude to everyone who helped in the planning, set up, and execution of our Cathedral's Consecration service and banquet on Pentecost. It was a beautiful and moving event. Without your hard work, it could have never happened.

This is not the end of our journey, but merely the beginning. We have completed so much together so that we can continue our mission of bringing Orthodox Christianity to Southeast Florida. And now, let us focus on the task ahead. Invite your non-Orthodox family, friends, and neighbors to church. Tell them about the riches of our faith and tradition. And help the Cathedral grow.

--Fr Joseph Lucas

Announcements

✘ *June is Stewardship Month.*
Please remember to send in your Annual Pledge card. We have lost a few good members over the past year, and also have seen a decrease in giving over all. Please consider increasing your giving to help us fulfill the mission God has given us to do here in Miami!

✘ *Church School Party is June 3.*
Parents: make sure to bring sunscreen, towels and bathing suits for your children for the water slide.

✘ *Camp St Christopher.*
Parents: Remember to complete the medical forms for camp.

June Birthdays

- 3 Gabriela Heredia
- 3 Enis Jakolenko
- 5 Elena Dichko
- 5 Stanley Prystacky
- 7 Emilee Budowski
- 7 Elizabeth Fregien
- 7 Kiki McDonald
- 7 Ann Ross
- 12 Igor Bond
- 14 Fr. Philip Reese
- 17 Cooper Urbec
- 21 Vernon Lee
- 21 Pablo Pineros
- 23 Nathaniel Keeley
- 29 Margaret Frisk
- 29 Dalia Miranda
- 30 Rachel Clarke

June Anniversaries

- 3 Orlando & Karen Garcia
- 7 Michael & Irina Giacone
- 9 Paul & Sophia Christakis
- 13 Nathaniel & Bianca Keeley
- 21 Vernon & Joy Lee

Parish Wishlist

Rolls of "Forever" Stamps

11" x 17" Copy Paper

Winn Dixie gift cards to give to the poor

*We are looking for sponsors
for the following items:*

Signage for the Cathedral

New chairs for the temple

Construction of fountain in courtyard

We need volunteers for:

Lawn Care and Hedge Trimming

Greeters

Choir Singers