

LIVING WATER

The Monthly Newsletter of Christ the Saviour Orthodox Cathedral ❖ Apr 2019



Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

When the heresy of Nestorianism reared its head in the 5th century, St Cyril, then Patriarch of Alexandria in Egypt, was called by God to defend the Church's doctrines about the Incarnation of the Son of God. Nestorius was teaching that the Son of God and the man Jesus of Nazareth were two separate persons who formed a "union according to good pleasure." In response, St Cyril pointed to the witness of the New Testament writings. He quoted the first chapter of John's Gospel speaks of the eternal Word of God who "became flesh and dwelt among us" (). And he often cited the Epistle to the Philippians, which states the following:

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

From the testimony of the Apostles, as confirmed by the Saints, we learn what God has done

for us. He has demonstrated His eternal and selfless love for us by entering into our human experience, sanctifying it, and raising it on high. The suffering and death of Jesus Christ is the suffering and death of God in the flesh; but His resurrection and ascension reveal His defeat of death on behalf of all humans.

When we ask ourselves, "why go to Church?" we often consider the question in terms of what God can do for us. We think of faith in terms of a transaction: I do this for God, and He gives me this _____ in return. Perhaps we think that coming to

Church will win us a place in Paradise; or maybe we think that God will bless us in this life. Or maybe we simply cherish the spiritual experience we have when we worship. But all of these motives are selfish.

If the death and resurrection of Christ is the evidence of God's love for us, then our response should be coming to Church to show our love in return. We do this when

we praise and worship Him, and when we seek His will. Thus, faith is not a transaction, quid-pro-quo—faith is the way in which we demonstrate our love and trust in God.

May each of you experience the love of God as we praise his Passion and Holy Resurrection.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Joseph Lucas





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Announcements

✠ *Pascha Bread Orders*

Make sure to turn in your Pascha bread orders by Sunday, April 7. Please put checks or cash in an envelope along with your order form.

✠ *Lazarus Saturday*

Join us for Lazarus Saturday, April 20. Bring the kids for confession at 9 am. Chrismation of converts begins at 9:45 am, with Liturgy starting at 10 am. Afterward, the youth will help prepare a pancake breakfast.

✠ *Palm Sunday Fish Diner*

Our Annual Fish Dinner will take place after Liturgy on Sunday, April 21. Price is \$15 for adults, youth 17 and under FREE.

Clergy

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

Attached

Fr. Philip Reese (Rector Emeritus)
Dn. Carlos Miranda

Subdeacons

Randolph (Christopher) LaCroix

Readers

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

Retired Attached

Fr. Peter Tutko
Fr. Alexander Padlo
Fr. Michael Zaperyniuk
Fr. Ernesto Rios

Parish Administration

Reader Christopher Herbert - Warden / Secretary
Rdr Dionysios Doten - Treasurer
Leonard Giacone - Asst Treasurer

Parish Council Members

Jim Shiskin
Corina Mavrodin
David Waite
Elena Voronkova
Mary Perkins (Alt)
Gerasimos Evanoff (Alt)

Sisterhood

Corina Mavrodin - Director
Karen Budowski - Asst Director
Angela Allen - Treasurer
Susan Simpkins - Secretary

Choir Director

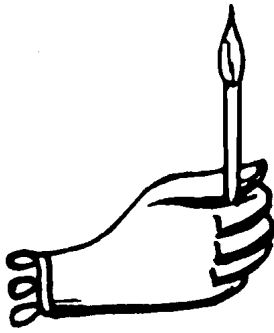
Rdr Dionysios Doten

Orthodox Book Center

Gary George Popovich - Director

Prayer List

Hannah Butcher / Lillian Raynes
Enis Jakolenko / Karen Budowski
Ludmilla Voinescu / Svetlana Roadway
Stanley Klein / Vernon Lee
Ann Ross / Susan Simpkins / Carrie Wusylko
Sbdn. Christopher Randolph LaCroix



Highlights of February Financials

Items should be at 16.7% of budget.

Expenses	Month	Year Total	
Total Exp.	\$16,084	\$29,144	14.7%
Income	Month	Year Total	
Collections	\$14,475.26	\$22,137	15.1%
Candles	\$802	\$1,687	12.1%
Misc.	\$348	\$853	16.7%
Kitchen	\$0	\$97	4.9%
Hall	\$0	\$400	6.7%
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Total Inc.	\$15,626	\$25,175	12.7%*

**At month's close, we were 4% under-funded.*

April Birthdays

- 3 George Frisk
- 3 Jared Ross
- 5 Valerie Doten
- 9 Kosta Obucina
- 10 Chase Budowski
- 12 Violet Lowrey
- 13 Deborah Bowser
- 13 Mya Rodriguez
- 14 Rdr. Dionysi Doten
- 14 Charles Griffin
- 16 Michael Richards
- 22 Mia Angelina Campos
- 23 David Waite
- 29 John Prystacky
- 29 Ludmila Voinescu

April Anniversaries

- 3 Dn.Carlos & Dalia Miranda
- 9 Igor & Elena Bond
- 25 Duane & Christine Clarke

Fund-Raising Drive

You may have noticed that the chairs in the Temple are falling apart. Several were beyond repair, and have been thrown out. The Board and Sisterhood would like to purchase new chairs for the Temple, and need your help.

Please let Fr Joseph know if you would like to help sponsor this project.