

LIVING WATER

The Monthly Newsletter of Christ the Saviour Orthodox Cathedral ❖ Sept 2020



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Although we associate the beginning of another solar year with January, the Church calendar marks September 1 as New Year's Day. Beginning with the Feast of Indiction, the calendar designates the fixed cycle of feastdays and saint commemorations throughout the year. Two of the twelve great feasts occur in the first month: the Nativity of the Theotokos (Sept 8), and the Elevation of the Cross (Sept 14). But what is the significance of these two holidays in relation to our salvation and the movement of time?

Prior to the coming of Christ, the people of Israel followed a lunar calendar that did not align perfectly with the solar year. They marked the new year as the first day of the seventh month (Tishri), known as the feast of Rosh Hoshanah (falling sometime in September on the solar calendar). On this day, the Levites would blow horns (shofars), a sound signifying the coming of the King of Kings, the Lord God.

The ancient Jews believed that God created the universe on 1 Tishri, and that every year after, on the same date, he would come down to judge his people and determine if their names shall be added to or blotted out from the Book of Life. This is remembered on Rosh Hoshanah. Then, in the Law of Moses, God proscribed another service ten days later (10 Tishri) to allow for his people to deal with their sins from the previous year—Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement). This was considered the holiest day of the year.

The Orthodox Church is the continuation of Israel, and the fulfillment of the prophecies and traditions of the Old Testament. Thus it is not surprising that the month of September, which roughly lines up with Tishri on the lunar calendar, was adopted as the beginning of the year. The Feast of Indiction corresponds directly to Rosh Hoshanah. In fact, the priestly prayer of the Moleban for this date specifically refers to it as the “Crown of the Year” (*Rosh Hoshanah* in Hebrew).



With the Nativity of the Theotokos eight days later, we see the close of the first week being connected with theme of new creation. It is through her that the Son of God will receive flesh, and thereby begin the process of our redemption. Then, with the Feast of the Cross the following week, we observe our own day of atonement: when the power of death, sin, and the devil were destroyed by Jesus Christ.

Although the Church does not blow horns during these solemn days of September, the symbolism remains. For the Hebrews, the sound of the horn alerted them to the coming of the King. And for we Christians, these two September feastdays tell us that the King has already come, and that he continues to reign over his people. Jesus Christ, the King of Kings, has come and tabernacled amongst us; and for we, the remnant of Israel (the Church), there is a new creation and the remission of sins.

In Christ,

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Announcements

✦ *Live-Streaming*

We will continue live-streaming Sunday Liturgy until our last phase of opening

✦ *Online Bible Study*

Join Fr Joseph every Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM for an online Bible Study via Zoom. Log-in instructions are emailed out weekly, and posted to our private members Facebook page.

✦ *Update Your Info*

If you are not receiving our regular e-mails with updates and info about what's happening at the Cathedral, please e-mail your updated info to Cathedral@OrthodoxMiami.org

Clergy

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

Dn. Carlos Miranda, MDiv.

Minor Orders

Sbdn. Michael Richards
Rdr. Dionysios Charles Doten
Rdr. Christopher Herbert
Rdr. Anthony Brian Allen

Retired Attached

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

Parish Administration

Parish Council

Reader Christopher Herbert - Warden / Secretary
Rdr Dionysius Doten - Treasurer
Jim Shiskin - Council Member
David Waite - Council Member
Elena Voronkova - Council Member
Mary Perkins - Council Member
Rdr Anthony Brian Allen - Council Member

Choir

Rdr Dionysius Doten - Director
Elena Voronkova - Asst Director

Women's Ministry

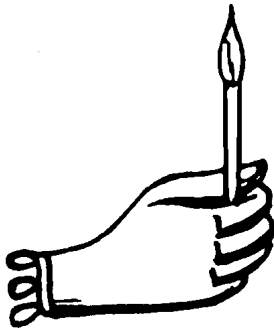
Angela Allen - Coordinator

Charity Committee

Catherine Mikuski - Coordinator

Prayer List

Carrie Wusylko / Stanley Prystacky
 Enis Jakolenko / Karen Budowski / Norma Skuby
 Ludmilla Voinescu / Rdr Dionysius Doten
 Vernon Lee / Nina Fortune / Edward White
 Ann Ross / Bruce Ross / Georgette Hartner
 Joshua Herbert / Antonio Nicodemo



Highlights of July Financials

Items should be at 58% of budget.

Expenses	Month	Year Total	
Total Exp.	\$12,971	\$100,190	53.9%
Income	Month	Year Total	
Collections	\$9,193	\$64,815	47.7%
Coffee Hour	\$0	\$248	8.3%
Fundraising	\$0	\$2,418	24.2%
Hall	\$400	\$1,520	60.1%
Cemetery	\$10,000	\$13,400	670.0%
Other	\$150	\$210	1.4%

Total Inc.	\$19,743	\$89,409	48.1%*

**At month's close, we were 5.8% under-funded.*

September Birthdays

- 1 Bruce Zipper
- 2 Kristina Contreras
- 2 Jennifer Heredia
- 2 Gary Popovich
- 4 Eduardo (Ephrem) Diaz
- 5 Stanley Prystacky Sr.
- 7 Dn. Carlos Miranda
- 7 Melanie Mochan
- 11 Rodlene Bryant
- 12 Andrei Idriceanu
- 15 Josefina Cofino
- 19 Corina Mavrodin
- 20 Sai Paulovkin
- 20 Vanessa Cepeda
- 25 Paul Christakis
- 27 Andrei Lucas
- 29 John Prystacky Jr.

September Anniversaries

- 12 William & Lillian Raynes
- 19 Brian & Kiki McDonald
- 25 Charles & Jean Griffin

Wish List

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

Rolls of Stamps

*Large Containers of Olive Oil
for Church Lamps*

Costco Columbian Coffee

*Icon Set (in English)
for Whole Year - \$1,000*

*Custom-made Tables for Altar
(Altar Cross Rack / Vestment Table /
Table for Reliquary of St Nicholas /
New Table for Burial Shroud of Christ)*

\$1,000 - \$3,000

Hand Sanitizers & Paper Towels