

LIVING WATER

The Monthly Newsletter of Christ the Saviour Orthodox Cathedral ❖ May 2021



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is *the* foundational doctrine of the Orthodox Church. Everything rests upon this historical event: that our Lord suffered, died, and arose on the third day. And because we know that he rose, we likewise believe that he has the power to raise us up on the last day. Our hope is based on this truth.

Without the resurrection, our religion does not make sense. As St Paul writes, "If Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty...[and] we are of all men the most pitiable" (1 Cor 15:14,19).

Yet it is one thing to acknowledge the truth of the resurrection, and another to live as though this were true. To be a Christian is not simply to listen to Christ's teaching, or affirm that he is the eternal Son of God; rather, it is to be filled with the light of the resurrection. But what does this mean?

On that Pascha of old, Jesus trampled down death by his death, thereby opening to us the doors of Paradise. Henceforth death no longer had power over us. To live according to the resurrection means that we mustn't live in fear of death. In Romans 5:12 we read that death leads to sin (not vice versa - see also Heb 2). In other words, we sin because we live for this life only. When we doubt the resurrection, we focus only on our selfish desires in the here-and-now. But if we know deep within our hearts

that death does not have the last word, and that we will join our Lord in the age to come, then we will live according to his commandments.

In his resurrection, our Lord also trampled upon "the serpent" (Ps 91:13), casting down the devil and his legions from their falsely-acquired authority over us. To live in the resurrection means that we share in his victory. Every time we overcome temptation, the demons are defeated. Every time we repent and confess our sins, the demons are cast down. We need only to ask our Lord and he will triumph.

In fulfilling God's will we are not on our own. By the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Risen Lord empowers us to act. When we trust him and permit him to work through us, we are transformed by the light of the resurrection. Our lives are of a different kind.

For this reason, St John refers to our time here on earth as the "first resurrection" (Rev 20:5-6).

Now is the period in which we are to "reign with him," having become citizens of his kingdom.

This does not mean we will no longer experience any hardships, but that he will be with us in everything. Christ can lift us up from our suffering and grant us peace and joy in the face of difficulties. For to live a "risen life" is nothing less than to experience the light of Pascha daily.

In Christ,





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Announcements

✠ *Live-Streaming*

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

✠ *Youth Outing*

On Bright Monday (May 3) after Liturgy, the youth will be going to the beach (Mizell-Johnson Park, formerly John Lloyd Park, in Dania). Parents, make sure to bring swimsuits, towels, and sun-screen.

✠ *Re-opening Party*

The mask mandate at the Cathedral ends on June 13. In celebration of this, we will be having a party on Pentecost (June 20) after Liturgy, with BBQ and a water slide for the kids.

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

Parish Administration

Parish Council

Rdr 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

Elena Voronkova - Director

Women's Ministry

Angela Allen - 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
 Joshua Herbert / Antonio Nicodemo
 Michael Metts / Ronald Delavega
 Jose Fernandez / Jennifer Heredia
 Danica Simpkins / Georgette Hartner



Highlights of March Financials

Estimated income/expenses = 25% of budget.

Expenses	Month	Year Total	
Total Exp.	\$13,162	\$36,926	19.9%
Income	Month	Year Total	
Collections	\$10,844	\$24,995	20.7%
Candles	\$293	\$600	20.0%
Hall	\$2,160	\$2,160	18.0%
Cemetery	\$0	\$0	0%
Bookstore	\$730	\$730	24.3%
Other	\$87	\$87	--
Endowment	\$3,000	\$6,000	--
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Total Inc.	\$17,214	\$38,499	20.7%

May Birthdays

3 Michael Metts
 3 Sophia Christakis
 6 Mary Elizabeth Herbert
 11 Edgar George Arana
 13 Duane Patrick Clarke
 15 Leonard Giacone
 16 Karen Vera Budowski
 19 Marta Diaz
 25 Sebastian Cofino
 26 Mat. Debra Reese
 31 Gala Justina Arias

May Anniversaries

9 Panagioti & Maja Georgakopoulos
 14 Bruce & Ann Ross
 31 Lazaro & Mercedes Cortes

Wish List

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

Books or Rolls of Stamps

*Large Containers of Olive Oil
 for Church Lamps*

Costco Columbian Coffee

Hand Sanitizers & Paper Towels