

LIVING WATER

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



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

As we come to the end of another secular year, we are reminded that life is marked by two constants: change, and endings. In the course of human affairs, we are always in motion, in a state of flux. Every earthly empire we build will eventually fall. Every life will reach its denouement. Every accomplishment will eventually be buried beneath the sands of time.

And yet, there is one constant we can be certain of: the love of God. When all else fails, when everything falls apart, we can trust in the promises he has made. “For all the promises of God in him are ‘Yes,’ and in him... through us” (2 Cor 1:20).

Over the past year, our parish lost four dear souls. In the spring we lost Marta Diaz. In September we lost Ludmila Voinescu. And in late November we lost Stanley Prystacky, Sr. and Reader Dionysius Charles Doten. Some of these parishioners have been members of our Cathedral for decades. Their repose is a poignant reminder to us that time waits for no man.

But we’ve also seen other changes in the past year. New members have joined our parish, either through conversion, or by moving to our area from elsewhere. There have been weddings, and soon their will be more babies. A majority of our members are no longer persons who were raised in families ethnically associated with the Orthodox Church, but have chosen this way of life

because they believe in Holy Tradition. The wheel of life continues, time marches on, and the profile of our religious family continues to change.

I firmly believe that, at heart, every person has an instinctively conservative tendency. By this, I mean, that we all gradually become accustomed to certain things in life, and thus fear change. Sometimes there are very good reasons to resist change: for example, when a new idea contradicts the teaching of the Church. But often, we eschew change simply because it pushes us out of our comfort zone; or because it means there is a diminution of our life, our vitality.

The only way to stand up to the ravages of time, to accept the changes that come with age, is to place ourselves firmly in the hands of our Lord. “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever” (Heb 13:8). He remains changeless. In him is eternity, and in him we find eternal meaning.

When we seek first his kingdom, we are able to order our life according to his purposes. Only then can we understand what our life is about. And only then are we able to confront change and our own inevitable passing. For nothing of enduring value is ever lost when it is offered up in truth and love to our God.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a cursive name.





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Announcements

✦ *Sisterhood Meet & Greet*
The Women's Ministry Group will be meeting on Sunday, Dec 5 after Coffee Hour. This will be a chance for the new ladies in our parish to meet, and to discuss future gatherings.

✦ *Christmas and Holy Supper*
This year we'll be serving the complete Vigil on Dec 24, 5 - 7 pm. Afterwards, Holy Supper will be a simple, traditional meal (\$5 donation that goes to charity). Performances by the Choir, the Church School youth, and the Cathedral Christmas Players (Sue, Eddie, and John) will follow. Divine Liturgy on Dec 25 will begin at 10 am, followed by our traditional cookies and egg nog coffee hour.

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. Christopher Herbert
Rdr. Anthony Brian Allen
Rdr. Nilus Wawerczyk

Retired Attached

Fr. Philip Reese
Fr. Peter Tutko
Fr. Alexander Padlo
Fr. Michael Zaparyniuk
Fr. Leonid Palceski

Parish Administration

Parish Council

Rdr Christopher Herbert - Warden / Secretary
Vernon Lee - Council Member
Rdr Anthony Brian Allen - Council Member
David Waite - Council Member
Jim Shiskin - Council Member
Elena Voronkova - Council Member
Mary Perkins - Council Member

Choir

Elena Voronkova - Director

Women's Ministry

Angela Allen - Coordinator

Prayer List for Healing

Carrie Wusylko / Ayesha Doten
Enis Jakolenko / Karen Budowski
Norma Skuby / Jose Fernandez
Edward White / Georgette Hartner
Joshua Herbert / Antonio Nicodemo



Highlights of Oct Financials

Estimated income/expenses = 83.3% of budget.

Expenses	Month	Year Total	
Total Exp.	\$14,547	\$148,930*	80.1%
Income	Month	Year Total	
Collections	\$13,010	\$92,413**	76.4%
Candles	\$478	\$3,037	101.2%
Hall	\$1,760	\$17,950	149.6%
Total Inc.	\$18,248	\$151,658***	81.5%

*Parish has kept expenses under budget so far

**Collections are below what members pledged

***Year Total includes income not reflected here

December Birthdays

- 7 Ann Zipper
- 7 Camila Serafina Sarmiento
- 8 Henry Campos
- 10 Mercedes Cortes
- 12 Marcus Jammes
- 12 James Shiskin
- 14 Natasha Campos
- 15 Cristian Lucas
- 16 Ava Campos
- 16 Ioann Pineros
- 20 William Raynes
- 27 Edward White

December Anniversaries

- 18 Rdr. Brian & Angie Allen
- 20 Jeremy & Sai Paulovkin

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

Donations toward Church Furniture