

LIVING WATER

The Monthly Newsletter of Christ the Saviour Orthodox Cathedral ❖ June 2023



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

It was nearly two millennia ago when the disciples of the Lord—120 in number—gathered in the upper room to await the Comforter that was promised. At the Third Hour (9 AM) the sound of rushing wind could be heard, and the Holy Spirit manifested himself in the form of fiery tongues. This image denotes the fact that the Spirit infuses the faithful with the glory of God, which is also “the light of Christ which illumines all.” The Spirit not only rests on their heads, but shines in their hearts.

Jesus told the apostles just before his arrest, “These things I have spoken to you while being present with you; but the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you” (John 14:25-6). The indwelling of the Spirit is what unites a Christian to the Lord, thereby enabling him or her to cooperate with the divine will. And this indwelling begins when a person receives the seal of the gift of the Spirit in Chrismation, an act which completes the sacrament of Baptism.

When we receive the Spirit, a flame is lit within us. But St. Diadochus, who wrote in the fourth century, used another analogy. He said the moment we receive the Spirit is like a seed being planted in our heart. But just because we receive this implantation does not mean the seed will grow. It is up to us to water and nourish the seed, to provide it light and fresh air. We do this through prayer, fasting,

and acts of charity. We do this through repentance and humbling ourselves. We do this by receiving the Holy Eucharist. And we do this through studying the Scriptures and Saints.

Yet there is also a warning given: if we are not careful, we can obscure the light, dampen the wick, or even completely smother the seed. St. Paul writes, “For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they

fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put him to an open shame” (Heb 6:4-6). These are fearful words.

For this reason, we should take seriously the gift that has been entrusted to us. God has given us himself, putting uncreated fire in mere earthen vessels. Christ tells us, “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a

hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matt 5:14-16).

So let us put aside those sinful things which keep the light from growing: materialism, selfishness, and unclean desires. And let us learn to cooperate with God’s will, and therefore become all light.

In Christ,

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Announcements

✠ *Akathist to St. Varus*

On Friday, June 2 at 7 PM we will serve the Akathist to St. Varus for the Non-Orthodox departed. This is an opportunity to intercede for our loved ones who have reposed outside the Church.

✠ *Adults Night Out*

Join us for a fast-free Friday evening of fun and fellowship, June 9 from 6 PM to midnight. We'll meet at a local restaurant for food, and then sing karaoke. Child care will be provided at the church. Contact Fr. Joseph for more details and to sign up.

Clergy

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

Dn. Carlos Miranda, MDiv.

Minor Orders

Sbdn. Michael Richards
Rdr. Anthony Brian Allen
Rdr. Nilus Wawerczyk
Rdr. Artem Timofeev
Rdr. Anthony Saborio

Retired Attached

Fr. Philip Reese
Fr. Michael Zaparyniuk
Fr. Leonid Palceski

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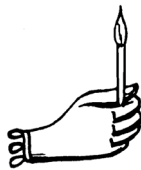
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Prayer List for Healing

Bianca Iulia Goean / Ayesha Doten
Elena Voronkova / Karen Vera Budowski
Norma Skuby / Vernon Andrew Lee
Edward White / Georgette Hartner
Antonio & Nicole Nicodemo
Catherine and Elena Morris
Georgina Nikolic / Mary Perkins
Angela Allen / Joshua Herbert
Jennifer Mary, Josiah, & Gabriela Heredia



“I, a sinner, have been trying to love God for more than forty years, and cannot say that I perfectly love Him. If we love someone we always remember him and try to please him; day and night our heart is occupied with that one. Is that how you, gentlemen, love God? Do you often turn to Him, do you always remember Him, do you always pray to Him and fulfill His holy commandments? For our good, for our happiness at least let us make a vow that from this day, from this hour, from this minute we shall strive to love God above all else and to fulfill His holy will.”

- St Herman of Alaska

June Birthdays

- 3 Gabriela Heredia
- 5 Elena Dichko
- 5 Luis Gallo
- 7 Ann Ross
- 14 Fr. Philip Reese
- 16 Raquel Ferraguz
- 21 Vernon Lee
- 21 Pablo Pineros
- 23 Nathaniel Keeley
- 25 Francisco Villate
- 29 Margaret Frisk
- 29 Dna. Dalia Miranda
- 30 Rachel Clarke

June Anniversaries

- 9 Paul & Sophia Christakis
- 9 Nathaniel & Bianca Keeley
- 21 Vernon & Joy Lee

Wish List

*Manischewitz Concord Grape Wine
for Zapivka (after communion)*

Olive Oil for Lamps

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

Books or Rolls of Stamps

Costco Colombian Coffee

Creamers and 1/2 & 1/2 for Agape Hour

*Home Depot Gift Cards
for Parish Gardening / Tools*