

LIVING WATER

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



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Every summer, Orthodox Christians from across North America and around the world gather in a remote part of Alaska for a pilgrimage to the places St. Herman once inhabited: Kodiak and Spruce Islands. This event is coordinated in conjunction with the feast of his canonization on August 9 (an especially good time of year to travel to the far north).

Fr. George Gladky, the founding pastor of our Cathedral, was present at this event in 1970, just as the newly-emancipated Orthodox Church in America conducted the glorification service for St. Herman; and he brought back a relic of St. Herman that would later be placed in the shrine located on the right side of our temple. He was so impressed by what he experienced during his trip that he dubbed the property in Miami Lakes (purchased in the 80's to relocate the Cathedral) as "New Kodiak."

Our parish, and the entire OCA, is deeply connected with that initial mission of 1794 that included St. Herman. Although Orthodoxy in this land would later be characterized as a diaspora phenomenon—due to the many thousands of immigrants who arrived from Central and Eastern Europe, the Balkans, and the Middle East in the late 19th and early 20th centuries—it is important to remember how it all started. A vision was set forth:

to evangelize the New World.

Generations of Orthodox Christians have been assimilated into American culture, which in turn has been slowly pushing the OCA towards a truly indigenous reality. But additional waves of immigration have continued to arrive in America; and with these new arrivals comes new connections and understandings of Orthodox Christianity. But the old saying, "What is good for the goose is good for the gander," does not necessarily apply in this case. Stories of how things are done in countries that are majority Orthodox, and that have very different cultures, may not be helpful in our context. We need to practice discernment in this case.

According to the Scriptures, our duty is not to make others the same culture and ethnicity as we are, but to assist them in becoming faithful members of the Body of Christ. At the same time, it would also be the acme of foolishness to artificially fashion an "American Orthodoxy." We should neither be constrained by whatever is going on "over there," nor be driven by what we wish to concoct over here.

If we emphasize secondary matters over "the one thing needful" (Lk 10:42), we will certainly be judged for this on the last day. Rather, we need to put aside all earthly cares and focus on the mission at hand. If we live faithfully, time will do the rest.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. George Gladky".





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Announcements

✦ *Dormition Fast*

The Dormition Fast for the Theotokos is Aug 1 - 15. Make sure food brought to Agape Hour on Aug 6 and 13 is without meat and dairy. The Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos (Paraclesis) will be served Friday, Aug 11 at 7 PM.

✦ *Sunday School / Youth Program*

Registration for 2023 - 24 will be after Liturgy on Aug 27 and Sept 3.

✦ *Autumn Lecture*

Mark your calendars: the Cathedral Autumn Lecture will be on Saturday, Oct 7. Our guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Stephen De Young, host of Ancient Faith Radio's "The Lord of Spirits."

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

Parish Council

Rdr Nilus Wawerczyk - Warden, Treasurer
Nicole Mary Richards - Secretary
Rdr Anthony Brian Allen - Council Member
Duane Patrick Clarke - Council Member
Vernon Andrew Lee - Council Member
William Wusylko - Council Member
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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



“God values deeds according to their intentions. For it is said, ‘The Lord grant unto you according to your heart.’ Therefore, whoever desires to do something but can not be considered as having done it by God, who sees the intentions of our hearts. This applies to both good and evil deeds alike.”

- St Mark the Ascetic

August Birthdays

- 1 Anetera Bryant
- 1 Rdr. Anthony Saborio
- 2 Lily (Olympia) Ruiz
- 4 Declan Lemieux
- 5 Samantha Jammes
- 8 Ian Allen
- 10 Susan Simpkins
- 13 Lazaro Cortes
- 14 Joel Clarke
- 16 Donna Jammes
- 16 Etsegenet (Tina) Waite
- 17 Christine Clarke
- 19 Catherine Devora Morris
- 22 Carly Ann Sarmiento
- 25 Jan Lemieux
- 25 Danica Simpkins
- 30 Diana Rodriguez
- 31 Dimitriy Nguyen

August Anniversaries

- 8 Jan & Jennifer Lemieux
- 14 Alejandro & Raquel Ferraguz
- 15 Fr. Joseph & Pres. Irina

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*