

# LIVING WATER

*The Monthly Newsletter of Christ the Saviour Orthodox Cathedral ❖ Oct 2023*



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

The calendar year is punctuated by intervals of calmness and commotion. For many of us, Autumn is one of those times when activity starts to ramp up. Students are back in class, vacations are replaced with projects at work, and the holidays begin to loom in the distance.

When life becomes more hectic, we may be faced with the temptation to rearrange our priorities in order to deal with the stressors.

Our prayer life may begin to suffer, and our attendance at services may drop off. But what we may not realize is that, as we become busier, we need God more than ever to give us the strength and serenity to help us handle these pressures.

Our priorities are like a pyramid: they form a hierarchy based upon what we give our attention to. A Christian hierarchy places God at the very top, next our family and others entrusted to our care, then other human relationships, then our other responsibilities, and finally our various desires or “wants.” Structuring our life in this way prevents us from abandoning that “one thing needful” (Luke 10:42).

But what happens when we alter this order? What happens when we consider our family or friends to be more important than God? Or when we place the success of our career above the spiritual and emotional needs of our family? A hierarchy such as this is like a house built upon sand: “And the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, and it fell; and great was its fall”

(Matthew 7:27).

Since the beginning of creation, God has been establishing order in his cosmos. He asked Adam and Eve to share in this great responsibility by helping to organize this world. Yet they failed in this vocation. Because they did not have their priorities in the right order, they caused chaos through their disobedience.

In Christ we are once more invited to assist in God’s work of ordering the cosmos. But we can only participate in this work if our own priorities are put in the right order first. Our thoughts and desires must be directed towards God, which in turn will be shown through our actions: “For every tree is known by its own fruit” (Luke 6:44)

As our daily schedules become more chaotic, it is up to us to push back and work to bring order. The secret is to refuse compromising when it comes to the most important things in life. By committing ourselves to regular prayer and liturgical attendance; to fasting, tithing, and alms-giving; and to study of the Scriptures—we put God first. And by putting the needs of those who depend on us next in order, we fulfill the second greatest commandment, to love others as we love ourselves. These things are most important in life. There will always be time to deal with everything else.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name of the author, written in a cursive style.





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**Announcements**

✠ *Autumn Lecture*

Join us on Saturday, Oct 7 (9 AM - 2 PM)  
for our Annual Autumn Lecture. Our  
speaker is Fr. Stephen De Young, host of  
"The Lord of Spirits" on Ancient Faith  
Radio. Door charge \$10 for adults.

✠ *Adult Catechism*

Classes begin Thursday, Oct 5 (7 - 9 PM).  
Classes geared toward inquirers, perspec-  
tive catechumens, and parish members  
looking to understand their faith better.

✠ *Annual Meeting 2023*

Our Annual Meeting will take place on  
Sunday, Nov 12 after the Liturgy. Please  
return your Pledge Card ASAP.

**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. Anthony Saborio

**Retired Attached**

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  
Henry Campos - Social Media Manager

**Choir**

Elena Voronkova - Director

**Orthodox Book Center**

Rdr Nilus Wawerczyk - Director

**Financial Secretary**

J. Thomas Hornsey

**Office Secretary**

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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  
Catherine and Elena Morris  
Georgina Nikolic / Mary Perkins  
Angela Allen / Joshua Herbert  
Jennifer Mary, Josiah, & Gabriela Heredia  
Luba Baltas /



“The Church is ecumenical, catholic, theandric, and ageless. Therefore it is a blasphemy—an unpardonable blasphemy against Christ and the Holy Spirit—to turn the Church into a national institution, to narrow her down to petty, transient, time-bound aspirations and ways of doing things. Her purpose is supranational, ecumenical, and all-embracing: to unite all humans in Christ, without exception to nation, race, or social status.”

- St Justin Popovich

### October Birthdays

- 3 Mikhail Ramcharan
- 7 Mariana Madrid Diaz
- 10 Junior (Herman) Garcia
- 12 Rdr. Brian Anthony Allen
- 12 Xavier James Campos
- 14 Gianna Alvarez
- 15 Argentina (Xenia) Arana Garcia
- 17 Isabella Wagner
- 22 Clarice White
- 23 Elena Voronkova
- 24 Laura Ramcharan
- 29 Fr. Joseph Lucas

### October Anniversaries

- 22 Edward & Clarice White
- 23 Marcus & Donna Jammes

### Wish List

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

*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*

*Home Depot Gift Cards  
for Parish Gardening / Tools*