

LIVING WATER

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



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

It is not an accident that the beginning of the Church's annual calendar coincides with the new academic year. Both have been tied to the autumn harvest calendar since their inception. But they also share something else in common: their connection to the cosmos. The liturgical service for the Ecclesiastical New Year is a petition to God that he may bless his creation for another year; and education, at its best, is a means to discover and appreciate that very same creation.

In the Kontakion for September 1 we hear, "O Creator and Master of time and the ages, tri-personal and merciful God of all, grant blessings for the course of this year, and in your boundless mercy save those who worship you and cry out in fear: 'O Savior, grant blessings to all mankind!'" This hymn beautifully captures this image of God as Maker of time, space, and matter. When we consider all that he has done for us and all that he has given to us (which is, after all, everything), it should naturally inspire awe and thanksgiving in our hearts.

Our investigation of the universe should not take anything away from our faith. For centuries, Orthodox Christian scientists (then called "natural philosophers") saw their work as a

fulfillment of God's will. This was particularly true in the era of the Byzantine Empire. Science and faith were not set in opposition to one another, but seen as complementary. Their starting point was divine revelation, which then became a lens for admiring and understanding the observable creation.

The Ancient Greek word for "education" is *morphosis*—molding. The depiction here is one of a potter forming a beautiful vessel from an ugly lump of clay. This analogy also carries with it a sense of purpose, of discovering the meaning of one's existence. Hence, a true teacher does not simply pour data into a student's brain; rather, he or she draws out "the hidden person of the heart" (1 Peter 3:4). Their task is to reveal the beautiful image of God concealed within, and they do this by helping the pupil attain unto God's likeness.

A sign that someone is coming to understand the purpose of creation is when they begin to see God everywhere: in the sky above, on the earth below, and in every living creature under the sun. Such an epiphany leads to only one response: Glory to God for all things! In such a proclamation, all of creation rejoices.

In Christ,

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





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Announcements

✦ *Pledge Drive*

Our 2023-24 Pledge Drive begins this month. Keep an eye on your mail and return the completed Pledge Card ASAP.

✦ *Hall Blessing and Church School*

We will bless the hall and offices after Liturgy on Sept 10. Registration for Sunday School will take place during Agape Hour.

✦ *Autumn Lecture Coming Soon*

Join us for our Annual Autumn Lecture on Saturday, Oct 7, 9 am - 3 pm. Our speaker is Fr. Stephen De Young, PhD., host of "Lord of Spirits" and author of "The Religion of the Apostles." Door charge is \$10 for persons 18 and over.

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. Michael Zaparyniuk
Fr. Leonid Palceski

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Prayer List for Healing

Bianca Iulia Goean / Ayesha Doten
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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



“When we teach our children to be good, to be gentle, to be forgiving (all these are attributes of God), to be generous, to love their fellowmen, to regard this present age as nothing, we instill virtue in their souls and reveal the image of God within them.”

- St John Chrysostom

September Birthdays

- 1 Bruce Zipper
- 2 Jennifer Heredia
- 4 Eduardo (Ephrem) Diaz
- 7 Dn. Carlos Miranda
- 12 Brittany (Brigid) Rand
- 18 Melissa Alvarez
- 20 Sai Paulovkin
- 23 Spiro Baltas
- 25 Paul Christakis
- 27 Andrei Lucas
- 28 Gabriel Arturo Ruiz
- 29 John Prystacky Jr.

September Anniversaries

- 2 William & Lillian Raynes
- 25 Charles & Jean Griffin

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*