

# LIVING WATER



THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF CHRIST THE SAVIOUR ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

- OCTOBER 2025 -

With the recent upsurge in conversions of Americans to Orthodox Christianity comes the extreme scrutiny our religion has now been placed under. The Church is on the radar of pastors and apologists who are either intrigued with or concerned by our theology. This is because, upon encountering either the Church Fathers or modern Orthodox theologians, readers immediately recognize there is something going on radically different than what is found in other traditions. Some may draw the line between an “eastern” and “western” approach to theology; and others between a “pre-modern” and “modern” distinction. Either way, it is not difficult to compare and contrast Orthodoxy to other forms of Christianity and see the difference, even if we cannot put it into words.

Making these comparisons is necessary for us—even those who are “cradle” Orthodox—because we live within a culture that has been shaped by Latin and Protestant ideas about God, the world, and salvation. We may inadvertently adopt ideas that are foreign to our theology due to subtle influences in our society. We all learn by holding things next to each other and recognizing what makes them different. It also helps to examine the story behind each thing to discover how it came

to be. When we examine the history of Christianity, we find that theology evolved in Western and Central Europe in reaction to specific events and philosophical trends that by and large did not affect the Church in the east. What made Christianity unique and beautiful in the first few centuries was preserved and reinforced in the Orthodox Church without alteration or diminution.

On October 18 our parish will be welcoming the Orthodox philosophy professor and artist Dr. Nathan Jacobs, who will be addressing some of the distinctives of Orthodoxy and contrasting it with Western Christianity. His mode of lecturing is direct and rational, not based on an emotional reaction to the West. This will be an opportunity for us to put things into perspective, and to understand the reasons why our faith is different than what is often taken as normative Christianity in America. I invite all of you to come to our Autumn Lecture to learn something that will be useful in our present reality, helping us to navigate the treacherous waters ahead as we face increased attention and even attack from Americans just discovering that the apostolic Church still exists.





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### - Announcements -

**10/4** 8am-12pm work day

**10/4** 6pm Paraclesis

**10/18** Autumn Lecture  
**East vs. West: Who preserved the  
Apostolic Faith?**

Speaker: Dr. Nathan Jacobs  
10am-4pm  
\$10 at door

Food trucks will be available on site

### - Clergy -

V. Rev. Joseph Lucas, PhD., MDiv.  
Rector of the Cathedral

Fr. Dn. Carlos Miranda, MDiv.

### - Minor Orders -

Sbdn. Michael Richards  
Rdr. Nilus Wawerczyk  
Rdr. Anthony Saborio  
Rdr. Stephen Butcher  
Rdr. Thomas Hornsey  
Rdr. Gabriel Ruiz

### - Retired Attached -

V. Rev. Michael Zaparyniuk  
V. Rev. Leonid Palceski

### - Parish Council -

Rdr. Nilus Wawerczyk - Warden, Trsr.  
David Bruce - Member  
Sophronia Asher Lafond - Secretary  
Gabriel Ruiz - Member  
Rdr. Anthony Saborio - Member  
William Wusylko - Member  
Luis (Seraphim) Nieves - Member

### - Lay Leadership -

Elena Voronkova - Choir  
Rdr. Nilus Wawerczyk - Book Center  
Rdr. Thomas Hornsey - Catechism  
Mary Wawerczyk - Sisterhood  
Sophronia Lafond - Administration  
Sandy Root - Financial Secretary

**- Prayer List for Healing -**

Bianca Goean / Ayesha Doten  
Elena Voronkova / Karen Budowski  
Norma Skuby / Vernon Lee /  
Vincent Penalozza / Georgette Hartner  
Catherine Morris / Elena Morris  
Georgina Nikolic / Mary Perkins  
Raquel Ferraguz / Josiah Heredia  
William Raynes / Theophan Petipren  
Mary Wawerczyk / Valerie Doten  
Mercedes Cortes / Leah Duboy

“The Church is called to reveal to us the image of [God’s] tri-personal being. If someone asks us, ‘What are the forms or the historical principles that reveal this image to us?’ we could answer: the principle of catholicity and that of autocephaly. Translating these terms onto another plane, we can say: the principle of love and of equality, that of freedom and consubstantiality. And again, by connecting these concepts we will have: in the freedom of catholic charity and in the equality of consubstantiality.”

**- Saint Sophrony of Essex**

**- September Birthdays -**

- (1) Vincent Wawerczyk
- (3) Mikail Ramcharan
- (7) Mariana Madrid Diaz
- (10) Junior (Herman) Garcia
- (12) Xavier James Campos
- (14) Andres (Serafim) Hudec
- (15) Argentina (Xenia) Arana Garcia
- (17) Isabella Wagner
- (17) David Pfohl
- (22) Clarice White
- (23) Joy Peters
- (23) Elena Voronkova
- (24) Zubin (Cuthbert) Mehta-Rao
- (24) Laura Ramcharan
- (29) Fr. Joseph Lucas
- (30) Jimmy Rodriguez

**-October Anniversaries -**

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

**- Wish List -**

Manischewitz Concord Grape Wine  
for Zapivka (after communion)

Winn Dixie / Publix Gift-Cards  
for the Needy

Books or Rolls of Stamps

**- Giving -**

