

## Welcome to St Nicholas

We welcome all of our visitors! Please fill out a visitor card and take a coffee mug. Please join us for "Trapeza" down the street and get to know us!

Parents, please SUPERVISE your children after church. Accompany them to the hall and to their classes. At the hall, children should play INSIDE the fences behind the building, not in the front or all over the property.

- The dormition fast begins Monday. This is a short but strict two week fast in honor of the Mother of God during the weeks before her repose. We ask her intercession through daily paraklesis services while fasting strictly.
- Please try to attend the services for Transfiguration this Friday and Saturday.
- As we anticipate the beginning of the 2023-24 Sunday School year, we are looking for substitute and assistant teachers. If you are willing to help in these roles, please speak to Fr. Nicholas or any of the Sunday School teachers.
- We'll be attempting with God's help to serve Liturgy at 6am on Fridays as a general rule. During the dormition fast, we will have daily Vespers and Paraklesis to the Mother of God. Please attend as you are able.
- We are currently testing the first few pages of a new website for the Church at <https://new.orthodox.net>. Converting all of the pages over to the new format will be a gradual process since orthodox.net has been around since 1996! We will have a mix of new and old pages for some time, but please feel free to test out the new website and offer any feedback you have to get support@orthodox.net. Also drop an email there if you would like to get involved with the website in some way. Basically, reworking orthodox.net is like overhauling an aircraft carrier.

### Services this week

Mon 8/14	6pm	Paraklesis
Tue 8/15	6pm	Paraklesis, then Vespers
Wed 8/16	8:30am	Divine Liturgy
Wed 8/16	6pm	Paraklesis, then Vespers
Thu 8/17	8:30am	Divine Liturgy
Thu 8/17	7pm	Vespers, then Paraklesis
Fri 8/18	6am	Divine Liturgy
Fri 8/18	5:30pm	Paraklesis, then Vigil for Transfiguration
Sat 8/19	9am	Divine Liturgy, preceded by Baptism at 8am
Sat 8/19	2pm	Confessions (please signup)
Sat 8/19	4pm	Paraklesis, then Vigil, followed by Confessions
Sun 8/20	8:30am	Confessions (please signup)
Sun 8/20	9am	Hours and Liturgy, Trapeza, Catechism class
Sun 8/20	2pm	Paraklesis, then Vespers

Please visit our website, [orthodox.net](https://orthodox.net), to find links for the calendar and confession sign-ups. Donations can be made via PayPal or by check.

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Announced at the Cross



## St Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church

ROGOR Diocese of Chicago and Mid-America



Aug 13/July 31, 2023

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Righteous Eudocimus of Cappadocia / Forefeast of the  
Procession of the Cross

Прав. Евдокима Каппадокиянина / Предпразднство  
Происхождения честных древ Креста Господня

Holy & Righteous Eudocimus, Troparion, Tone IV.

He Who hath summoned thee from earth to the mansions of heaven/ also pre-serveth thy body incorrupt after death, O holy Eudocimus,/ for thou didst live in chastity and a pure life,/ without defiling thy flesh, O blessed one.// Wherefore, entreat Christ God with boldness, that we may be saved.

Прав. Евдокима. Тропарь святого, глас 4.

От земли воззвѣвый ты к Небѣсным селѣнием/ соблюдает и по смѣрти невредимо тѣло твоѣ, святе Евдокиме:/ ты бо в целомудрии и чистом житѣльствѣ, блаженне,/ житѣльствовал еси, не осквернив плоти./ Темже со дерзновѣнием моли Христа Бога спастися нам.

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## Scripture Readings

**John 21:1-14** (10th Matins Gospel)

**1 Corinthians 4:9-16, Galatians 5:22-6:2**

**Matthew 17:14-23, Matthew 11:27:30**

Orthodox calendar on [holytrinityorthodox.com](http://holytrinityorthodox.com) or app

## Lives of Saints

**Righteous Eudocimus of Cappadocia (+9th c.)**

Saint Eudocimus, a native of Cappadocia (Asia Minor), lived during the ninth century during the reign of Emperor Theophilus (829-842). He was the son of the pious Christians Basil and Eudokia, an illustrious family known to the emperor. They raised their son “in discipline and admonition of the Lord” (Eph. 6: 4), planting in his soul a sincere faith and holy virtues.

The righteous life of Saint Eudocimus was devoted to pleasing God and serving his neighbor. Having given a vow to remain unmarried and chaste, he avoided conversation with women and did not look at them. He would speak only with his own mother, whom he greatly respected. The emperor valued his virtue and talents, so he appointed Saint Eudocimus as governor of Chorazane, Armenia. Fulfilling his duty as a servant of God, Saint Eudocimus governed the people justly and with kindness. He concerned himself with the unfortunate, and with orphans and widows, and he was a defender of the common people. His personal Christian exploits which he did in secret, were known only to God.

Eudocimus pleased God by his blameless life, and the Lord called him at age 33. Lying on his deathbed, Saint Eudocimus gave final instructions to place him in the grave in those clothes in which he would meet death. Then he sent everyone out of the room and entreated the Lord that no one would see his end, just as no one saw his secret efforts during life. His attendants buried him as he had instructed them. Right after the death of Saint Eudocimus miracles took place at his grave. Many sick people were healed, and the news of the miraculous healings spread.

After 18 months, the mother of Saint Eudocimus came from Constantinople to venerate his relics. She gave orders to remove the stone, dig up the ground, and open the grave. Everyone beheld the face of the saint, bright as if alive, altogether untouched by decay. A great fragrance came from him. They took up the coffin with the relics from the earth, and they dressed the saint in new clothes. His mother wanted to take the relics of her son to Constantinople, but the Kharsian people would not clear a path for their holy one. After a certain time the hieromonk Joseph, having lived and served at the grave of the saint, transported the relics of Saint Eudocimus to Constantinople. There they were placed in a silver reliquary in the church of the Most Holy Theotokos, built by the parents of the saint.

Saint Eudocimus is considered by the Russian Church to be one of the special protectors and intercessors before God of the family hearth. He was, as his name implies, truly successful in every virtue.

**Righteous Joseph of Arimathea (+1st c.)**

Righteous Joseph of Arimathea was a secret disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ. As a member of the Sanhedrin, he did not participate in the council and deed of the Jews in passing a death sentence for Jesus Christ. After the Crucifixion and Death of the Savior, he made bold to go to Pilate and demand of him the Body of the Lord, to Which he gave burial with the help of Righteous Nicodemus, who was likewise a secret disciple of the Lord. They took down from the Cross the Body of the Savior, wrapped it in a winding-cloth, and placed it in a new-hewn tomb, in which no one earlier had been buried (this tomb Saint Joseph had prepared previously for himself) – in the Garden of Gethsemane, in the presence of the Mother of God and the holy Myrrh-Bearing Women. Having rolled a heavy stone before the entrance of the tomb, they then departed (Jn. 19: 37-42; Mt. 27: 57-61; Mk. 15: 43-47; Lk. 24: 50-56).

Saint Joseph died peacefully in Anglium (England).

**St. Germanus, bishop of Auxerre (+448)**

Saint Germanus was born at Auxerre around 389 and studied rhetoric and law at Rome. There he practiced as a lawyer.

The emperor Honorius sent him back to Gaul as a provincial governor, with his headquarters at Auxerre. He also married about this time. In 418 he was chosen to succeed Saint Amator (comm. May 1) as Bishop of Auxerre. From that time on, his faith became deeper, and his prayer more fervent. He gave away his possessions to the poor and ate coarse barley bread, only in the evening. He often fasted for several days and dressed in simple monastic garb.

Pope Celestine I sent him to Britain in 429 with Saint Lupus of Troyes (comm. Jul 29) to fight the Pelagian heresy, where they defeated the teachers of this false doctrine. During one of his two trips to Britain Saint Germanus took command of an army and defeated a combined force of Saxons and Picts.

When savage barbarians threatened the city of Armorica (now Brittany), Saint Germanus met their leader, seized his horse's bridle, and turned him around. After defusing the threat, the saint traveled to Ravenna seeking pardon for the rebels from the emperor Valentinian III. He was received with honor, and died there on July 31, 448.

The body of Saint Germanus was brought back to Auxerre for burial. Centuries later, his holy relics were scattered by the Huguenots.

## Saving Orthodox Piety

**Please remember that it is not sufficient to just come to Sunday Liturgy!**

**If you wish to find salvation, you must be pursuing a conscious Orthodox Life, centered around prayer and fulfillment of God's commandments. You must be fighting the passions of your soul and body with the aid of frequent confession, and communion as often as your confessor advises.**