

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 of the Mother of God is on Monday, Aug 28. Please continue the fast diligently and try to attend the daily paraklesis services as we anticipate this great feast of our most pure Mother.
- 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 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 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.
- We are glad to announce that Sunday School for this year will begin on Sunday, September 17th! Registration is open for the children's classes. You can get a registration form from Vladimir, our new Sunday School registrar! There is an annual fee of \$20 for 1 child, \$30 for 2 children, and \$35 for 3 or more children. We are on the third year of our four-year curriculum rotation, so the primary theme is the Gospels, the life of Christ. Several classes also have an additional focus.

Please see service schedule on inside of bulletin

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Homeschool co-op

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.



St Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church

ROGOR Diocese of Chicago and Mid-America



Aug 20/Aug 7, 2023

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Martyr Dometius / Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

Прмч Дометия Персянина / Попразднество Преображения

Martyr Dometius of Persia, Troparion of the martyr, in Tone IV.

Having struggled in fasting upon the mountain,/ thou didst destroy the noetic hordes of the enemy/ with the weaponry of the Cross, O most blessed one./ And thou didst likewise manfully array thyself for battle,/ slaying Copronymus with the sword of faith./ And for both thou hast been crowned by God,/ O ever-memorable venerable martyr Dometius.

Прмч. Дометия. Тропарь, глас 4.

Постнически предподвизався на горѣ,/ умная врагов ополчения/
всеоружием Креста погубил еси, всеблаженне./ Паки же ко
страдальчеству мужески облеклся еси,/ убив Копронима мечем
веры,/ и обоих ради венчался еси от Бога,/ преподобномучениче
Дометие приснопамятне.

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Services this week

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| Mon 8/21 | 6am | Matins |
| Mon 8/21 | 7pm | Paraklesis |
| Tue 8/22 | 6pm | Paraklesis, then Vespers |
| Wed 8/23 | 8:30am | Divine Liturgy |
| Wed 8/23 | 6pm | Paraklesis, then Vespers |
| Thu 8/24 | 8:30am | Divine Liturgy |
| Thu 8/24 | 7pm | Paraklesis |
| Fri 8/25 | 7pm | Вечерня / Slavonic Vespers, then Paraklesis |
| Sat 8/26 | 9am | Божественная Литургия / Liturgy in Slavonic |
| Sat 8/26 | 2pm | Confessions (please sign up) |
| Sat 8/26 | 4pm | Paraklesis, then Vigil, followed by Confessions |
| Sun 8/27 | 8:30am | Confessions (please sign up) |
| Sun 8/27 | 9am | Hours and Liturgy, Trapeza, Catechism class |
| Sun 8/27 | 2:30pm | Vigil for Dormition |
| Mon 8/28 | 6am | Early Divine Liturgy for Dormition, or: |
| Mon 8/28 | 8:30am | Divine Liturgy for Dormition |

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

Scripture Readings

John 21:15-25 (11th Matins Gospel)

1 Corinthians 9:2-12, Ephesians 6:10-17

Matthew 18:23-35, John 15:17-16:2

Orthodox calendar on holytrinityorthodox.com or app

Lives of Saints

Martyr Dometios of Persia and his two disciples (+363)

The Monk Dometios, by birth a Persian, lived during the IV Century. In his youth he was converted to the faith by a Christian named Uaros. Forsaking Persia, he withdrew to the frontier-city of Niziba (in Mesopotamia), where he accepted Baptism in one of the monasteries and was tonsured into monasticism. But then fleeing the envy and ill-will of the monastery's inhabitants, the Monk Dometios moved on to the monastery of Saints Sergios and Bacchus in the city of Theodosiopolis. The monastery was under the guidance of an archimandrite named Nurbelos – a strict ascetic, about whom it was reported that over the course of 60 years he did not taste of cooked food, nor did he lay down for sleep but rather took his rest standing up, supporting himself upon his staff. In this monastery the Monk Dometios was ordained to the diaconate, but when the archimandrite decided to have him made a presbyter, the saint in reckoning himself unworthy hid himself away on a desolate mountain in Syria, in the region of Cyr. Reports about him spread among the surrounding inhabitants, and they began to come to him for healing and for help. Many pagans were brought to the faith in Christ by Dometios. And one time, in the locality where Saint Dometios

asceticised with his disciples, the emperor Julian the Apostate (361-363) arrived, journeying along on his campaign against the Persians. By order of the emperor, soldiers searched out Saint Dometios, who was praying with his disciples in a cave, and the soldiers stoned them to death (+363).

Venerable Pimen the Much-ailing of the Kiev Caves (+1110)

Saint Pimen the Much-ailing attained the Kingdom of Heaven by enduring grievous illness. This Russian ascetic was both born and grew up sickly, but his illness preserved him from illness of the soul.

For a long time he besought his parents to send him to the Kiev Caves monastery. When they brought their son to the famed monastery, they then began to pray for him to be healthy. But the sufferer himself, conscious of the high value of suffering, instead asked the Lord both for the continuation of his sickness, and also his tonsuring into monasticism.

One night, radiant angels appeared in the guise of monks, and tonsured him. They told him that he would receive his health only on the day of his death. Several of the brethren heard the sound of singing, and coming to Saint Pimen, they found him attired in monastic garb. In his hand he held a lit candle, and his tonsured hair could be seen at the crypt of Saint Theodosius. Saint Pimen spent many years in sickness, so that those attending to him could not tolerate it. They often left him without food and water for two or three days at a time, but he endured everything with joy.

Compassionate towards the brethren, Saint Pimen healed a certain crippled brother, who promised to serve him until death if he were healed. But after a while the brother grew lax in his service, and his former ailment overtook him. Saint Pimen again healed him, with the advice that both the sick and those attending the sick receive equal reward.

Saint Pimen spent twenty years in grievous sufferings. One day, as the angels had predicted, he became healthy. In church, the monk took leave of all the brethren and partook of the Holy Mysteries. Then, having bowed down before the grave of Abba Anthony, Saint Pimen indicated the place for his burial, and he himself carried his bed there.

Pointing to those buried there, he predicted that the brethren would find one buried in the schema to be without it, since this monk had led a life unworthy of it. Another monk, who had been buried without the schema, would be found clothed in it after death, since he had greatly desired it during his life, and he was worthy.

Then Saint Pimen lay down upon his bed and fell asleep in the Lord. The brethren buried him with great honor, glorifying God.

After the death of Saint Pimen, the brethren were persuaded of the truth of his words. On the day of Saint Pimen's repose, three fiery columns appeared over the trapeza, and moved atop the church. A similar event was described in the chronicles under February 11, 1110 (See the August 5 commemoration of Saint Theoctistus of Chernigov), therefore the day of demise of Saint Pimen is surmised as also occurring on February 11, 1110.

The relics of Saint Pimen rest in the Antoniev Cave.