

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 try to attend the vigil tonight and Liturgy on Monday morning, either 6am or 8:30am.
- 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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Collection for Ukrainian church

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 27 / Aug 14, 2023
12th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prophet Micah / Forefeast of the Dormition of the Theotokos
Прор. Михея / Предпразднство Успения Богородицы**

Forefeast of the Dormition, Troparion, in Tone IV.

Leap up in anticipation, O ye people,/ clapping your hands with faith,/ and assemble with love,/ all rejoicing today and exclaiming with splendor;/ for the Mother of God, whom we ever glorify with hymns/ as the Theotokos,// will gloriously pass over from those on earth to those on high.

Предпразднство Успения. Тропарь, глас 4.

Людіе, предыграйте,/ рукамі плéщущe вёрно,/ и любóвию соберітeся,/ днeсь радующeся/ и свётло восклицáюще вси весéлием:/ Бóжия бо Мáти ймáть от земнѣх к Вѣшним прейтѣ слáвно,/ Юже пёсньми прѣсно я́ко Богорóдицу слáвим.

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Services this week

Sun 8/27	6pm	Vigil for Dormition
Mon 8/28	6am	Early Divine Liturgy for Dormition, or:
Mon 8/28	8:30am	Divine Liturgy for Dormition
Tue 8/29	7pm	Vespers
Wed 8/30	8:30am	Divine Liturgy
Wed 8/30	7pm	Vespers
Thu 8/31	8:30am	Divine Liturgy
Thu 8/31	7pm	Vespers, then Akathist to the Theotokos
Fri 9/1	6am	Divine Liturgy
Fri 9/1	7pm	Vespers
Sat 9/2	2pm	Confessions (please sign up)
Sat 9/2	5pm	Vigil, followed by Confessions
Sun 9/3	8:30am	Confessions (please sign up)
Sun 9/3	9am	Hours and Liturgy, Trapeza, Catechism class

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

Matthew 28:16-20 (1st Matins Gospel)

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Matthew 19:16-26

Orthodox calendar on holytrinityorthodox.com or app

Lives of Saints

Prophet Micah (8th c. B.C.)

The Prophet Micah, the sixth of the Twelve Minor Prophets, was descended from the Tribe of Judah and was a native of the city of Moresheth, to the south of Jerusalem. His prophetic service began around the year 778 before Christ and continued for almost 50 years under the kings of Judah: Jotham, Ahaz, and Righteous Hezekiah (721-691 B.C., Comm. August 28).

He was a contemporary of the Prophet Isaiah. His denunciations and predictions were in regard to the separate kingdoms of Judah and Israel. He foresaw the misfortunes threatening the kingdom of Israel before its destruction, and the sufferings of Judah during the incursions under the Assyrian emperor Sennacherib.

To him belongs a prophecy about the birth of the Savior of the world: "And thou, Bethlehem, house of Ephratha, art too few in number to be reckoned with the thousands of Judah; yet out of thee shall come forth to Me, one who is to be a ruler in Israel, and His goings forth were from the beginning, even from eternity" (Mic. 5: 2). From the words of the Prophet Jeremiah (Jer. 26: 18-19), the Jews evidently were afraid to kill the Prophet Micah. His relics were discovered in the fourth century after the Birth of Christ at Baraphsatia, through a revelation to the Bishop of Eleutheropolis, Zeuinos.

Translation of the relics of Venerable Theodosius of the Kiev Caves (1091)

Saint Theodosius of the Caves was the Father of monasticism in Russia. He was born at Vasilevo, not far from Kiev. From his youth he felt an irresistible attraction for the ascetic life and led an ascetic lifestyle while still in his parental home.

At the age of twenty-four, he secretly left his parents' home and Saint Anthony at the Kiev Caves monastery blessed him to receive monastic tonsure with the name Theodosius. After four years his mother found him and tearfully begged him to return home, but the saint persuaded her to remain in Kiev and to become a nun in the monastery of Saint Nicholas at the Askold cemetery.

Saint Theodosius toiled at the monastery more than others, and he often took upon himself some of the work of the other brethren. On cold nights he did not cover his body and let it serve as food for gnats and mosquitoes. He came to church before anyone else and, standing in one place, he did not leave it until the end of services. He also listened to the readings with particular attention.

In 1054 Saint Theodosius was ordained a hieromonk, and in 1057 he was chosen igumen. As igumen, Saint Theodosius continued his arduous duties at the monastery. He usually ate only dry bread and cooked greens without oil, and spent his nights in prayer without sleep. The brethren often noticed this, although the saint tried to conceal his efforts from others.

Once, Saint Theodosius was returning from visiting the Great Prince Izyaslav. The coachman, not recognizing him, said gruffly, "You, monk, are always on holiday, but I am constantly at work. Take my place, and let me ride in the carriage." The holy Elder meekly complied and drove the servant. Seeing how nobles along the way bowed to the monk driving the horses, the servant took fright, but the holy ascetic calmed him, and gave him a meal at the monastery. Trusting in God's help, the saint did not keep a large supply of food at the monastery. Through his prayers, however, unknown benefactors appeared at the monastery and furnished the necessities for the brethren.

The Great Princes, especially Izyaslav, loved to listen to the spiritual discourses of Saint Theodosius. The saint was not afraid to denounce the mighty of this world. Those unjustly condemned always found a defender in him, and judges would review matters at the request of the igumen. He was particularly concerned for the destitute. He built a special courtyard for them at the monastery where anyone in need could receive food and drink. Sensing the approach of death, Saint Theodosius peacefully fell asleep in the Lord in the year 1074. He was buried in a cave which he dug, where he had secluded himself during fasting periods.

The relics of the ascetic were found incorrupt in the year 1091, and Saint Theodosius was glorified as a saint in 1108. Of the written works of Saint Theodosius six discourses, two letters to Great Prince Izyaslav, and a prayer for all Christians have survived to our time.

The Life of Saint Theodosius was written by Saint Nestor the Chronicler (Comm. October 27), a disciple of the great Abba, only thirty years after his repose, and it was always one of the favorite readings of the Russian nation. Saint Theodosius is also commemorated on September 28 and May 3.