

What is the Orthodox Church?

The Orthodox Church was founded on the day of Pentecost and was spread throughout the world by the Apostles and their followers. For nearly 2000 years, our Church has held the faith of the Apostles.

Orthodoxy is evangelical, but not Protestant – We preach Christ crucified and risen.

Orthodoxy is catholic, but not Roman – The Church is universal; we are a community of churches who were never under the Bishop of Rome.

Orthodoxy is Pre-Denominational, not a denomination – Our Church existed long before the various denominations of today.

Orthodoxy is biblical, but not fundamentalist – The Church produced the Bible, not the other way around. We trust the Holy Spirit to guide the Church in understanding Scripture.

Orthodoxy is Traditional, but not traditionalist. – We participate in the sacraments. We accept the Councils of the early Church, the writings of the Church Fathers, early interpretation of Scripture, and the Nicene Creed.

Orthodoxy is Christian, not Jewish (in our case) – Our worship uses the Psalms, readings from Scripture, vestments, incense, and took its form of prayer and worship from our Jewish roots.

Orthodoxy is the second-largest Christian communion worldwide – There are an estimated 1.5 million Orthodox in North America and over 300 million in the world.

Come and See! – You and your family are always welcome to worship with us at Saint Nicholas!

Orthodoxy is for everyone!

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

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What should you expect?

- † Early Christian worship
- † A Living Tradition
- † A welcoming community
- † A home to grow & thrive



What is worship like?

- † We use icons to remind us that all those before us are still with us.
- † We use incense: "Let my prayer arise as incense" - Psalm 141:2.
- † We pray an ancient liturgy.
- † Prayers are in English & Greek.

What should you know?

- † We stand most of the service, out of respect for God.
- † We make the sign of the cross often.
- † Only Orthodox receive Communion; all are welcome to receive another blessed bread at the dismissal.



- † All baptized Orthodox receive communion, even small children.
- † Most priests are married & have families.

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