



T H E F A I T H

- **Apostolic** - After the Lord's resurrection and ascension He sent the Holy Spirit to guide and bless the Church on Pentecost. The Apostles and those who followed their traditions have handed this same faith down to us to this very day.
- **Icons** - For centuries the early Christians used icons to teach the faithful and raise our thoughts to God as books were expensive and many were illiterate. Because worship is reserved for God alone, the icons (images) of the church are never worshipped but are strong visual reminders of His presence and His teachings as they have a special composition and unique look. All of the colors and features of an icon are symbolic of many deep teachings the Church has defended over the years, for example Christ becoming a man as seen with the image of His face.
- **Virgin Mary and the Saints** - *"All generations shall call me blessed"* (Lk1:48) We praise the Mother of God as she is so close to her Son as are the saints, those who have turned away from the pleasures of this life in the hope of the delight of Heaven. We only worship the Lord however, we call upon the aid and prayers of the angels, saints and the Virgin Mary seeing that just as the earliest Christians hoped to see the Apostles and gain help from them we too look for their aid in our journey.



+ EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES + SPIRITUALITY CLASS / BOOK STUDY

Learn about the Church, prayer and ways to develop your relationship with God.

WHY PAPA?

Explore the fundamentals of Orthodox Worship + Practice from why we light candles to why we have icons in our Churches and Homes.

YOUTH NIGHTS / EVENTS

Ranging from seeing a movie to service projects for various causes and needs.

SUMMER WITH THE SAINTS

Discover how all saints come from all walks of life.

Come learn about one with us!

WOMEN'S STUDY

Pani Marianna welcomes all of the women of the church to join her as she explores Traditions, Saints, and the many roles women can have!

FALL INTO AN ICON

Each fall learn about unique icons while exploring feast days, church history, the saints and our Traditions.

DIVINE SERVICES (ENGLISH)

SUNDAYS - 6TH HOUR 9:45 AM

DIVINE LITURGY - 10:00 AM

FELLOWSHIP - 11:30 AM

SATURDAYS - VESPERS + CONFESSIONS 5PM

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"One cannot give someone prayer.. we can only facilitate opportunities for experience. God is fully experienced in His Church." -Fr Jonathan

ORTHODOXY

The Orthodox Faith is the unchanged, traditional, Apostolic Church founded by Christ, preached by the Apostles, defended by the Fathers and handed down to us for over 2000 years. There are many different cultural and ethnic flavors of Orthodoxy, however, her worship, theology and the beauty has remained true for all this time. Orthodoxy is not a religion as much as it is a way of life; the only way TO LIFE. Christ shared our humanity so as to share His divinity. We are blessed to welcome you to



OUR HISTORY



Founding members are pictured here in a German Prison Camp just after liberation

A LEGACY OF PERSEVERANCE AND LOVE

OUR CHURCH WAS FOUNDED IN 1957 LARGELY BY BELORUSSIAN, UKRAINIAN AND POLISH REFUGEES FROM GERMAN AND SIBERIAN PRISON CAMPS AFTER WWII. WITHOUT HOMES TO RETURN TO, MANY CAME TO THE UNITED STATES WITH HOPES OF NEW OPPORTUNITY. AFTER PAYING OFF TRAVEL FARE ROCKFORD BECAME THEIR HOME WITH PIECEWORK JOBS AVAILABLE FOR MOST. WITH A STRONG LOVE FOR GOD SOON AFTER ARRIVAL THEY ERECTED THIS VERY CHURCH WITH EVERYONE PITCHING IN FROM THE OLDEST TO THE YOUNGEST. SOME HELPED STAIN THE WOOD WHILE OTHERS SET UP BRICKS. THEY CONTINUE TO SHARE THIS LEGACY OF ALWAYS MOVING FORWARD AND TRUSTING IN THE LORD.

LET GO + LET GOD

“Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

– St. Paul,
Philippians 4:6



“COME SEE!”



Visit Your Mother! Mother's Day - Chicago Trip



Youth Cookie Bake! Advent Season



PASCHA (Easter) Traditions Youth Day



PASCHA Resurrection of our Lord

TRANSFIGURE ROCKFORD



Transfiguring our lives is a life long journey that starts with Christ and His Church. Here at Christ the Savior, as a community we begin with prayer, humility, and thanksgiving to God for all things. Our city is hoping to Transform Rockford and become a Top 10 community in our country. To reach that goal as Orthodox Christians we must start with the pot holes and cracks of our hearts before our streets. By taking our joys and sorrows to the Lord we foster a personal relationship with Him and He shows us nothing in this world is as great as His Glory, a glory only He offers. Christ took on humanity to share His divinity. We invite you to come see!