



# THE WAY

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## SOME THINGS TO KNOW



### Marriage

Although in some countries people have to get a civil marriage for the union to be legal it is not necessary in this country. All you have to do is get a marriage license and get married in church by your priest. This is totally valid and legal.

### Standing vs. Sitting

The traditional posture for prayer and worship in the Orthodox Church is to stand. In “Orthodox countries” there are usually no pews in the churches. Chairs or benches on the side walls are reserved for those who need them, i.e. the elderly, infirm, “with child”, etc. In North America, some Orthodox faithful have introduced pews into their churches thus creating the artificial “need” to figure out when to sit and when to stand. Whether a church has few chairs or many, there are times when one should definitely stand:

- The beginning of the service: “Blessed is the Kingdom...”
- All Litanies and The Entrances: with the Gospel and later, the Chalice
- Gospel Reading
- The Creed, the Lord's Prayer
- The Anaphora beginning with “Let us stand aright” through the Hymn to the Theotokos
- The distribution of Holy Communion, i.e. the Body and Blood of Christ in our midst, through the end of the dismissal

As you can see, this leaves little time for sitting. Whatever parish you are in, when in doubt, stand in prayer—yet remaining sensitive to not drawing attention to oneself, or blocking other's participation in the service. If you

have to sit because your physical condition requires it, feel free to sit and don't worry what others might think. Worry about what God thinks.

**Lighting Candles**

Lighting candles is an important part of Orthodox worship. We light them as we pray, making an offering to accompany our prayers. Orthodox typically light candles upon entering the church, after venerating the icons. If a service is already in progress, and the candle stands are up front, it is a good idea to wait until after the service to light candles so as to not distract others from prayer, nor draw undue attention to oneself.

**A Word About Lipstick**

Lipstick looks terrible smeared on icons, crosses, the communion spoon, and the priest's or bishop's hand. Hand-written icons have been ruined by lipstick; and even though the cross or spoon can usually be cleaned after everyone venerates, it's not very considerate to those who follow. What is the answer? If one insists on wearing lipstick to church, blot your lips well before venerating.... Point of consideration: God, Whom we alone come before in Liturgy, is not impressed with our external attractiveness, but with the adorning of our souls in humility, good works, and piety. If you have to wear lipstick, it can be put on after church service.

**Entering Church (Late)**

Since this is entirely inappropriate, without due cause, for a Christian who has come to worship God, the point is mute. The same goes for leaving services early. Experience testifies that coming to Church late is more a matter of "habit" than circumstance: there are those who come late, and those who don't. Some rules of thumb: Those who arrive late should generally refrain from partaking of the Eucharist that day as "proper preparation" for Holy Communion assumes the ascetical effort of arriving on time for the service. One should refrain from venerating icons in the front of the church, etc. for the same reasons given under "Lighting Candles."

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**EDUCATION**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School classes began on September 19 and we are pleased that the following children are registered: Ekatarina, Konstantin and Yevdokiya Beaty, Mila and Nikola Bojanic, Aleksandra and Jelena Bojic, Kaija Cirkovic, Luka and Nikola Dozic, Marija, Pavle and Vanja Glisic, Ana, Aleksandra, and Elena Hrle, Sava & Zoran Milosavljevic, Stefan Milutinovich, Anya and Maya Nikolic, Nemanya and Tea Nikolic, Ivana, Lazar and Milena Orlovic, Nikola and Stella Plavsic, Vessna Radanovich, Mia Sekara, Simona and Stefan Sekara, Tamara Simanic, Sandra, Sinisa and Stefan Stankovic, Angela and Mila Stefanovic, Kristina and Jelena Stevanovic, Marko and Isidora Subotic, Danijel and Tajana Vujic, and Maria Yanez.

This year the children will be learning what they believe in by studying the Creed – The Symbol of Faith. Along with religious instruction many of them are also participating in folklore dancing led by Aleksandra Radojevic. Many fun activities are planned for this year so if you haven't had a chance to register your child please do so, so that they will not miss learning about their Faith and bonding to other children in the parish while preserving their Serbian heritage. All baptized boys are welcome to serve in the Altar during the Divine Liturgy. Remember, it is important that the children learn that it is respectful to God to be on time in church - that is before Divine Liturgy begins.

Our teachers for this year - Protinica Carole, Michelle Hrle, Svetlana Glisic and Aleksandra Stefanvic look forward to teaching your children.

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**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Adult Bible study, led by Fr. Ilija, began on September 19 with good participation after lunch. This class will be held every Sunday after lunch unless there is a meeting scheduled or other activity. See the monthly calendar. Everyone is welcome.

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**COLLEGE STUDENTS**

If your child has not connected yet with other Orthodox college students have them check out this website to find out how: [www.ocf.net](http://www.ocf.net). This organization’s purpose is to keep Orthodox youth connected through various activities.

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**CHURCH CHOIR**

Your St. Sava Choir would like to welcome one and all on Sunday October 17 to our Choir Slava for St. Romanus the Melodist and also help us celebrate our 10 year anniversary. We began as a small group of individuals coming from different parishes, different choirs, wanting to help enhance the Liturgy at St. Sava and to share with you our love for the richly dramatic music that is part of our heritage. As always, we welcome all who would like to join us in the choir, all voices are welcome.

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**ROSLYN SERBIAN CEMETERY**

For various reasons we haven’t been able to get to the Roslyn Cemetery for cleanup and parastos. We are planning to go the cemetery on October 2. Please meet at our church at 9 a.m. and we will car-pool. Bring any garden tools that you desire and lunch. After the cleanup we will hold a parastos at the cemetery. We need at least 10 people to make this trip worthwhile. Please contact Fr. Ilija as soon as possible. Thank you for your help!

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**SAVE THE DATE** FOR THE FOURTH ANNUAL IOCC PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS, DINNER AND PROGRAM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Do you want to meet Orthodox Christians in the Seattle area? Do you want to serve those in need around the world? Do you like eating food from around the world? If yes, then please plan to attend the Fourth Annual IOCC Vespers, Dinner and Program on Sunday, October 17, 2010, at the Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church located at 2100 Boyer Avenue East in Seattle, Washington (206 325-4347). Pan Orthodox Vespers begins at 5:00 p.m. with a dinner, program and folk dance performance to follow. The dinner will consist of a wide variety of Greek, Mediterranean, and Slavic specialties. All proceeds from this event will allow International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) to continue serving those in need around the world. For more information and to make prepaid reservations, please go to [www.iocc.org/seattle](http://www.iocc.org/seattle) or contact your local IOCC representatives: Mike and Cathy Jankovich or Mary Jane Vujovic.

Please plan to attend this special event to give thanks for all that has been bestowed upon us and to help our brothers and sisters in need. IOCC was founded in 1992 as the official humanitarian aid agency of the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in Americas (SCOBA) and has implemented over \$300 million in relief and development programs in 33 countries around the world. Approximately 92% of IOCC’s resources are spent on humanitarian relief and development programs with only 8% for fundraising and administrative costs.

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**Blessings and Prayers**

**Birth prayers** – Zorica & Sofia Trbic

**Baptism** – Natalija Kablar, Nina Popovich

**Home Blessing** - Ilija Rasic Family

**Parastos** - Radomirka Dedovic, Radomir Jeftic, Danilo (Robert Covach) Kovach, Sonja Protic

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**Thank You**

**Lunches:** Sonja Orlovic and Olivera Djurdjevic, Rada Marusic, Mariyana Spiridova and Milica Kablar.

**Church Service Books:** The existing service books needed to be recovered and we are thankful to Mike and Cathy Jankovich for paying for recovering the books. Please handle the books respectfully so that they will not get damaged and do not remove them from the church without consulting Fr. Ilija. Thank you for your understanding.

**Donation of Books:** Vesna Marjanovic

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**Scripture Readings for October**

Friday: Philippians 1:27-2:4 • Luke 6:17-23  
Saturday: 1 Corinthians 15:58-16:3 • Luke 5:17-26

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Oct. 3**

Sunday: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 • Luke 6:31-36  
Monday: Philippians 2:12-16 • Luke 6:24-30  
Tuesday: Philippians 2:17-23 • Luke 6:37-45  
Wednesday: Philippians 2:24-30 • Luke 6:46-7:1  
Thursday: Philippians 3:1-8 • Luke 7:17-30  
Friday: Philippians 3:8-19 • Luke 7:31-35  
Saturday: 2 Corinthians 1:8-11 • Luke 5:27-32

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost – Oct. 10**

Sunday: Galatians 1:11-19 • Luke 7:11-16  
Monday: Philippians 4:10-23 • Luke 7:36-50

Tuesday: Colossians 1:1-2,7-11 • Luke 8:1-3  
Wednesday: Colossians 1:18-23 • Luke 8:22-25  
Thursday: Colossians 1:24-29 • Luke 9:7-11  
Friday: Colossians 2:1-7 • Luke 9:12-18  
Saturday: 2 Corinthians 3:12-18 • Luke 6:1-10

**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost – Oct. 17**

Sunday: Galatians 2:16-20 • Luke 8:5-15  
Monday: Colossians 2:13-20 • Luke 9:18-22  
Tuesday: Colossians 2:20-3:3 • Luke 9:23-27  
Wednesday: Colossians 3:17-4:1 • Luke 9:44-50  
Thursday: Colossians 4:2-9 • Luke 9:49-56  
Friday: Colossians 4:10-18 • Luke 10:1-15  
Saturday: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 • Luke 7:1-10

**Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost – Oct. 24**

Sunday: Galatians 6:11-18 • Luke 16:19-31  
Monday: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 • Luke 10:22-24  
Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 1:6-10 • Luke 11:1-10  
Wednesday: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 • Luke 11:9-13  
Thursday: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-14 • Luke 11:14-23  
Friday: 1 Thessalonians 2:14-19 • Luke 11:23-26  
Saturday: 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 • Luke 8:16-21

**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost – Oct. 31**

Sunday: Ephesians 2:4-10 • Luke 8:26-39

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**Calendar**

- October 2, 9:00 am Roslyn Serbian Cemetery Cleanup and Parastos
- October 2, 6:00 pm Vespers
- October 3, 9:30 am Hours, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School
- October 5, 5:00 pm Vespers, Matins, Divine Liturgy – St. Thomas Church, 1309 Bonneville Ave., #D, Snohomish, WA, 98290

- October 6, 7:00 pm     Choir Practice
  
- October 9, 5:00 pm     Parastos – Soul Saturday
- October 9, 6:00 pm     Vespers, Holy Confession
  
- October 10, 9:30 am    Hours, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School, Adult Bible Study, Choir Practice
  
- October 13, 6:15 pm    Virgil – Pokrov Church, 564 Ravenna Blvd., Seattle, WA, 98115
  
- October 14, 7:00 am    Divine Liturgy - Pokrov Church, 564 Ravenna Blvd., Seattle, WA, 98115
  
- October 16, 6:00 pm    Vespers, Holy Confession
  
- October 17, 9:30 am    Hours, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School, Choir Slava, Church Board Meeting
  
- October 20, 7:00 pm    Choir Practice
  
- October 23, 6:00 pm    Vespers, Holy Confession
  
- October 24, 9:30 am    Hours, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School, Choir Practice
  
- October 27, 7:00 pm    Choir Practice
  
- October 30, 6:00 pm    Vespers, Holy Confession
  
- October 30, 7:00 pm    Fall Dance & Dinner
  
- October 31, 9:30 am    Hours, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School, Adult Bible Study

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