

MISSION STATEMENT

OCCM connects college students in faith, practice, community, and values with the ancient faith of the Orthodox Christian Church throughout their collegiate journey through community life, prayer, service to others, and study of the Faith.

WHAT DO WE DO?

OCCM supports students as they aim to develop and maintain a relationship with Christ throughout their college years. We pray together, reach out to the community through service and evangelism, and grow in the bond of love through fellowship with each other in the Holy Spirit.

WHO WE ARE



OUR BELIEF

Our church is a sacramental church based on the seven sacraments: Baptism, Chrismation, Eucharist, Confession and Repentance, Priesthood, Marriage, Unction of the Sick. We believe God is a Trinity of one God in three Persons: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They are equal in divinity, perfection, greatness, power, and glory. Salvation cannot be acquired except through faith in the Blood of Jesus Christ. Living faith can only be demonstrated by good works. The core beliefs of the Orthodox Church date back to the inception of Christianity by Christ Himself. These beliefs are best summarized by the Nicene Creed.

CHURCH TRADITION

As a preserver of the ancient faith, our church deeply values the importance of traditions. These include the interpretations of the Holy Scriptures and the structure of liturgical services, which have been founded by Christ.





“If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

1 JOHN 1:7

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MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH HISTORY

In the first Century, St. Mark the Apostle established the first church in Egypt, called the Church of Alexandria. The faith was spread across many parts of the world through the Apostles. Today, we are known as the Coptic Orthodox Church, which is part of the Oriental Orthodox Churches. These churches include the Coptic Orthodox Church, Syriac Orthodox Church, Armenian Coptic Church, Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church, and Eritrean Orthodox Tewahedo Church. Our church has preserved the original teachings of our Lord as taught by the Apostles and practiced in the early Church; hence, our faith has remained constant for centuries.



UNIQUENESS

Our beliefs and traditions have remained unchanged since the time of Christ. Our Church has endured persecution for many centuries. Through the thousands of martyrs offered to God, our Faith remains unshaken and grows even stronger. Even in modern times, persecution is met with fearless resolve and a desire to carry the cross of Christ.

