



We, at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Columbia, South Carolina, would like to welcome you to our website and our Christian community! The Columbia community, established over 75 years ago, is a group of vibrant and enthusiastic people working together to fulfill the ministries of Christ and the Church. Although our church was established only 75 years ago, the Orthodox Christian faith was founded in year 33 by Jesus Christ, Son of God, and the Apostles. The Orthodox religion is the first religion; all others split off so that they could make changes to their practices.

Don't let our name fool you! While we do indeed have many parishioners of Greek decent, we are open to all and have parishioners of many nationalities! What is important is that we are Orthodox, practicing our faith just as it was done in the ancient church. Orthodoxy is the last of the Christian faiths to preserve the tradition and continuity of the ancient church in its fullness, and we will continue to do so, regardless of how the world around us changes. No matter where you are globally, you can enter an Orthodox church and expect to see the same liturgical services and practices.

Our beautiful new cathedral displays magnificent iconography that tells the story of Christianity. It is truly an enlightening experience to learn the relevance of these works of art as they relate to the Christian way of life we want to live today. Are we worshiping idols, some may inquire? No. We use iconography to help give us mental images of mankind's history, just as you might have pictures of your family in your household.

If you would like to learn more about our cathedral, religion, history, ministries or events, please continue to peruse our website. In addition, you may call our cathedral office. You can make an appointment we our Cathedral Priest, Father Michael, for a discussion. You may also bring a group to visit the Cathedral during services or make an appointment to visit the Cathedral after services.

We look forward to welcoming you and your family to our community!

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Parish Council President, 2018