

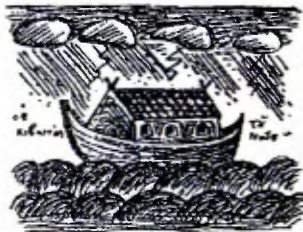
Our Heritage:

The Holy Orthodox Church, with her history that dates back to the very origin of Christianity, is rich in the tradition and beauty of her ritual. But even more important than these outward expressions is her strict adherence to the teachings of Our Savior Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. The Orthodox Church alone has preserved the True Faith of the early Church.

During the fifth century, Christians began to call themselves Orthodox. This description is derived from two Greek words, "orthos" (right or correct) and "doxa" (belief/worship).

In maintaining the true Christian Faith, the Orthodox Church blesses, praises and glorifies God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Christian Gospel that is read in our Churches has the same power and meaning as the preaching of Christ Himself; and in the Divine Liturgy, Orthodox Christians fully participate in the Lord's Supper and enter into Communion with God.

The Orthodox Christian Church opens wide her doors and welcomes all who come there in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord.



ANONYMOUS

How Old Is The Orthodox Church ?

If you are a Lutheran, your religion was founded by Martin Luther, an ex-monk of the Roman Catholic Church, in the year 1517.

If you belong to the Church of England, your religion was established by King Henry VIII in the year 1534 because the Pope would not grant him a divorce with the right to remarry.

If you are a Presbyterian, your religion was founded by John Knox in Scotland in the year 1550.

If you are a Protestant Episcopalian, your religion is derived from the Church of England, and founded by Samuel Seabury in the American colonies in the 17th century.

If you are a Congregationalist, your religion was originated by Robert Brown in Holland in 1582.

If you are a Roman Catholic, your Church shared the same rich apostolic and doctrinal heritage as the Orthodox Church for the first thousand years of its history; since

during the first millenium they were one and the same Church.

Lamentably, in 1054, the Pope of Rome broke away from the other four Apostolic Patriarchates (Constantinople, Alexandria, Antioch, and Jerusalem) by tampering with the original Creed of the Church and considering himself to be the universal head of the Church. Thus, your church is slightly over 900 years old.

If you are a Methodist, your religion was founded by John and Charles Wesley, ministers of the Church of England, in England in 1774.

If you are a Unitarian, Theopolis Lindley founded your church in London in 1774.

If you are a Mormon (Latter Day Saints), Joseph Smith started your religion in Palmyra, New York, in 1829

If you are a Baptist, you owe the tenets of your religion to John Smyth, who launched it in Amsterdam in 1606.

If you are of the Dutch Reformed Church, you recognize Michelis Jones as founder, because he originated your religion in New York in 1628.

If you worship with the Salvation Army, your denomination began with William Booth in London in 1865.

If you are a Christian Scientist, you look to 1879 as the year your religion was born and to Mrs Mary Baker Eddy as its founder.

If you belong to one of the religious organizations known as "Church of the Nazarene", "Pentcostal Gospel", "Holiness Church", or "Jehovah's Witness", your religion is one of the hundreds of new denominations founded by men within the past hundred years.

If you are an ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN, your religion was founded in the year 33 by Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It has not changed since that time. That Church is now nearly 2000 years old.