

ARCHANGEL GABRIEL ORTHODOX CHURCH



PATRON SAINT FORM

All Orthodox Christians are given Christian names by Christ through his priests. The Christian name is the name of the person's patron saint and serves as one's first name. The catechumen is required to read the paper "Christian Name and Patron Saint."

The catechumen is encouraged to propose to the priest a patron saint as soon as possible. If the catechumen already has a Christian name, that name may most certainly be retained. Devotion to this saint should begin, if not already in existence. Catechumens must obtain the blessing of the priest for their proposed patron saint.

Name: _____

What will your Christian name be when you are received into Orthodoxy?

Who is this Saint? (*Read the life story of the Saint and summarize it below*)

What is the date of your namesday? _____

What is the troparion to your patron saint? (*Write below*)

What is the prayer to your patron saint? (*See "Christian Name and Patron Saint," write below*)

How does an Orthodox Christian celebrate his/her namesday?