

UNITED STATES ARMY CHAPLAINCY



ORTHODOX PRIESTS



For God and Country

The Army is ready to assist qualified Orthodox priests in the process of becoming Army chaplains. In this role, the priest is able to serve the Orthodox military community and his nation. Commissioned as officers, Army chaplains serve as religious leaders and staff officers. They minister to their community and the command to which they are assigned. They provide counsel to their commander in matters related to religion, ethics and morale.

Selfless Service

The monastic communities of the Orthodox Catholic Church best demonstrate the life and spirit of the church. Committed to the life of prayer and self-denial, they are emblematic of the call of Christ to serve rather than be served. The life of an Orthodox priest who serves as an Army chaplain is similar in nature.

U.S. Army Chaplains serve both God and country by bringing their unique gifts with which they are endowed by God to the Soldiers of our nation in the broad, challenging, diverse and ever-changing environment of the Army. While the benefits and pay of an Army chaplain are often much better than what a minister normally receives, the requirements and stakes are much higher. Army chaplains are officers who minister to our nation's sons and daughters and their families. Like any member of the Army, they must endure the hardships, separations and deprivations of those whom they serve. And as a minister, they must provide dynamic and genuine ministry with a shepherd's heart.

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An Orthodox Tradition

The Orthodox Catholic Church is the manifestation of God's presence in the history of mankind. Faithful to the teachings of the ancient church, the Orthodox community's deep roots and holy traditions serve as earthly reminders of humanity's divine origins.

The beauty and grandeur of the Orthodox divine liturgy make the presence of heaven on earth live and intensive. Orthodox icons are means through which we experience the reality of the heavenly kingdom on earth. The holy icons enshrine the immeasurable depth of the mystery of Christ's incarnation in defense of which thousands of martyrs sacrificed their lives.

Why be an Orthodox Chaplain?

Although there are more than 300 million Orthodox Christians throughout the world today, Orthodoxy is a small faith group within the United States and even smaller in the Army. Without an Orthodox priest, Soldiers and family members will often find it difficult to enjoy the divine ordained worship for which they long and search for an alternative service.