



ST. THEODOSIUS ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CEMETERY

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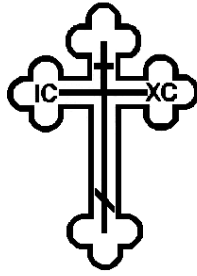
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Cemetery Hours:
Every day

Gates Open at 7:30 AM
Close at Dark

RULES & REGULATIONS

Rev. 5/08 – Rev. 01/19 – Rev. 1/24



St. Theodosius Orthodox Christian Cemetery is an Orthodox Christian maintained and owned cemetery. This land has been sanctified and consecrated by a bishop of the Holy Orthodox Church. As such, behavior, dress, language, etc. should be the same manner as used in the Holy Temple itself. Any act that desecrates the cemetery is a felony in the State of Ohio. Penalties of law will be strictly enforced.

The following rules and regulations are published for the safety and protection of all visitors, lot/plot owners, and are necessary for the operation of the Cemetery. The management is authorized to:

- Enforce the rules and regulations to maintain order.
- Refuse admission to or remove any person or articles necessary to protect the tranquility and decorum of the cemetery.
- Enforce opening and closing times.

CEMETERY GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1) Soliciting of any manner is prohibited without the written permission of the Cathedral Rector/Dean or St. Theodosius Parish Council.
- 2) Motor vehicles must observe the 10-mph speed limit.
- 3) Engines **must** be turned off and doors should be locked in any unattended vehicles.
- 4) Passing a funeral procession going in the same direction is prohibited.
- 5) Parked vehicles must not block the passage of other vehicles.
- 6) Driving or parking on any grave is prohibited.
- 7) Operation of motor vehicle by an unlicensed person is prohibited.
- 8) Backing up/turning around is permitted only at intersections.
- 9) Cemetery personnel may require you to move your parked car for the orderly procession of a funeral.
- 10) Bicycles, motorbikes, motorcycles, etc. are not to be driven within the Cemetery.
- 11) Littering is prohibited. Please use available containers. Dirt should **not** be placed in the refuse containers. Place beside container for removal.
- 12) No signs or commercial advertisements may be placed on the Cemetery grounds.
- 13) Pets cannot be walked in the Cemetery. Any pet must be kept inside of your auto.
- 14) Firearms are prohibited except for official military ceremonies, funerals, etc.
- 15) No person shall remove or damage any item on the Cemetery property (candles, benches, flowers, vases, etc.).
- 16) Cemetery is not responsible for physical or mental damage from normal operations, Acts of God, assailants, vandals, thieves, unavoidable accidents,

or Government actions.

- 17) St Theodosius has the right to amend these rules without notice.

The following conduct is **strictly prohibited** and cause for removal from the Cemetery grounds: drunkenness, cursing, blasphemous comments, boisterous demonstrations, and immodest attire.

BURIAL RIGHTS

- St. Theodosius Orthodox Christian Cemetery is a private and non-profit and specifically reserves the right to sell burial rights to lots/plots to members in good standing of a canonical Orthodox Christian parish.
- Discounts are available for voting eligible members (known as parishioners) of St. Theodosius Orthodox Christian Cathedral. Only the burial plot for the “parishioner” is eligible for a discount. Discounts for non-parishioner spouses or other family members are not allowed, unless they too, are voting eligible members of St. Theodosius Orthodox Christian Cathedral. Gratis/indigent plots do not include spouses or family members. Gratis/Indigent plots cannot be sold back, for cash, to the cemetery, nor can any other person be buried in the gratis/indigent plot except the person named on the certificate.
- Upon payment in full for the grave(s), the purchaser(s) will be issued a Certificate of Burial Rights to a named individual.
- Certificates convey burial rights only. There are no burial rights to an “unknown” person. Plots cannot be purchased for speculative investment. Burial rights do not convey the right to sell, transfer or assign. Title to

the land remains in the name of St Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral.

- The owners of burial rights are responsible for notifying the church of any change of address.
- Burial rights to lots/plots in St. Theodosius Cemetery are exempt by law from taxation and cannot be seized for debt or attached by any process of law; nor can they be mortgaged or used as collateral for loans.



INTERMENT – Burial Service

- Burial in St. Theodosius Orthodox Cemetery is for baptized Orthodox Christians and non-Orthodox spouses if they have been baptized in the Name of the Holy Trinity.
 - Burials will **not** be made on Sundays, religious or legal holidays.
- 1) A canonical bishop or priest of the Orthodox Faith must perform interment rites of any kind. Non-Orthodox clergy may NOT perform burial rites or rituals.
 - 2) Internment cannot be made until the burial rights to the grave are paid in full.
 - 3) Forty-eight-hour advance notice is required for burial(does not include Saturday or Sunday)
 - 4) Burial is prohibited without the proper burial permits.
 - 5) **Cremins will not be interred or distributed on the Cemetery Property.**
 - 6) Only concrete or metal vaults approved by law are permitted.
 - 7) Fees for burial (Opening/Closing Fees) are made payable to St. Theodosius Orthodox Cemetery. Any checks returned NSF, will result in a \$35.00 charge to purchaser.
 - 8) All funerals, when entering the Cemetery, will be under the control of the Cemetery staff.
 - 9) The Cemetery, with the approval of the Rector/Dean of the Cathedral, will have the right to correct any errors.

DISINTERMENT - Exhumation

Disinterment (*Exhumation*) must be arranged through the office of the Cemetery, with the approval of the Rector/Dean. Permits will be issued only with the written consent of the deceased's surviving spouse or the person who was financially responsible for the funeral expense. Cost of disinterment does not include the cost of opening/closing a new grave at St Theodosius Cemetery.

A waiver must be signed prior to disinterment indicating that St. Theodosius Orthodox Christian Cemetery is NOT responsible for any (and/all) damages done to a vault during time of its removal

HEADSTONE, MONUMENTS & MARKERS

No marker or memorial may be brought into the Cemetery until the material, design, size and the Rector/Dean of St. Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral approves inscription.

- 1) Graves must be paid before monuments are ordered or placed in the Cemetery. All stones are set on foundations made by the Cemetery staff.
- 2) Payments must be made before foundations are poured. Any checks returned NSF, will result in a charge to purchaser.
- 3) Markers/memorials other than granite are not permitted. Exception is made for the bronze markers provided by the Veterans Administration.

Applications for Veterans Markers can be obtained from the VA Office, funeral director, or the Cemetery Office. Completed VA applications must be submitted to the Cemetery Office for processing. (The setting fee and foundation for VA markers is payable to St. Theodosius Cemetery.)

- 4) In certain areas of the Cemetery, markers are regulated as to size and style. These regulations are mailed to all local dealers and can be obtained in the office. To preserve these areas and Cemetery design, exceptions cannot and will not be made. Inscription must include a Christian symbol that is the focal point of the overall design. Personally authorized sayings must use decorum appropriate for an Orthodox Cemetery.

- Approval by Rector required.
- 5) Wooden Crosses, and only wooden Crosses, are permitted on the grave in place of the stone marker until a stone marker is purchased. Planting rules apply to the wooden Crosses as stone markers.
 - 6) All monuments **MUST** have the last name in English somewhere on the stone.

PLANTING FLOWERS AND SHRUBS

- 1) Annual flowers are permitted in a bed **one-foot in front of the headstone and the length** of the marker. Bulbs may also be planted. **Plantings cannot be placed behind stones.** If a family owns several graves in a row, they may plant between the stones or make one large bed in front of several markers if the bed does not exceed the 12-inch bed.
- 2) Perennial plants may also be used, but rose bushes or other spreading shrubs are not permitted.
- 3) As of May 1, 2008, no shrubs are permitted. Shrubs that have been planted in the past are permitted but must meet the following requirements:
 - Any shrub over three (3) feet high or that infringes on neighboring graves are prohibited and must be trimmed or removed. All shrubs and plants must be trimmed to sizes and maintained.
 - The Cemetery staff will remove shrubs that are not properly trimmed.
- 4) It shall be the obligation of the person planting to prune/trim shrubs and to maintain the flowerbeds. Seriously neglected flowerbeds will be cleaned, and plants removed by Cemetery staff.
- 5) Fences, plastic edging, brickwork, etc., which constitute borders are **prohibited**. These are hazardous to Cemetery workers and visitors. **The Cemetery staff**

will remove all such items.

Vigil lights are permitted. The Cemetery and staff are not responsible for any damage or breakage that may occur.

- 6) Seasonal wreaths and artificial floral decorations should be removed in a timely manner. Decorative items which are gaudy, distracting, or have a non-religious nature are prohibited. This includes and is not limited to:
 - Sports team pennants, windsocks, etc.
 - Windmills, etc.
- 7) The Cemetery provides benches. Private benches are not permitted and should not be placed at the graves.
- 8) The cemetery and staff are not responsible for damage to decorations or any grave enhancements regardless of cause. Some items may be removed for an interment or maintenance.

A Memorial Tree Planting program is available. Donations can be made to the Cemetery for the purchase or planting of a tree. The Cemetery, in concert with the landscaper, reserves the right to select the type of tree and location where planting will take place. The Cemetery Staff or their contracted agents **only** may plant trees. Contact the Cemetery Office for additional information.



With the Saints give rest, O Christ, to the souls of Your servants. Where there is neither sickness nor sorrow nor sighing, but only life everlasting.