



Children and Chapel Safety Rules and Decorum

At St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, we recognize that one of our most sacred duties is the safety and well-being of all our children, both those who reside on campus and those who visit. In our continuing effort to provide our young members with a safe, faith-based environment, we ask that everyone adhere to the following policies:

1. Children are not permitted in any seminary building at anytime unless accompanied by a parent. No children under any circumstances are permitted in any dormitory or student common room.
2. Children under 12 are not permitted to leave church services, to go outside or visit the bathroom, without adult supervision as designated by his/her parent or guardian; teenagers (ages 12 or over) must use the "buddy system" when outside without adult supervision.
3. Children under 12 are not to be left in the chapel without adult supervision, as designated by his/her parent or guardian.
4. The church nave is not to be used as a playground at any time. Children should not be left to run around in the chapel. Unruly children should be taken outside.
5. Running or horseplay are not permitted in the chapel basement or church.
6. All children must wear shoes/shirts at all times.
7. All parents are responsible for "cleaning up" after their children.
8. With the exception of infants, food and drink are not permitted in the church at any time.

These procedures have been designed/developed to comply with all Safe Sanctuary and OCA guidelines, to meet insurance requirements, and to conform to applicable federal/state laws. For more detailed guidelines that apply to the children of students see the Student Handbook Policies and Procedures