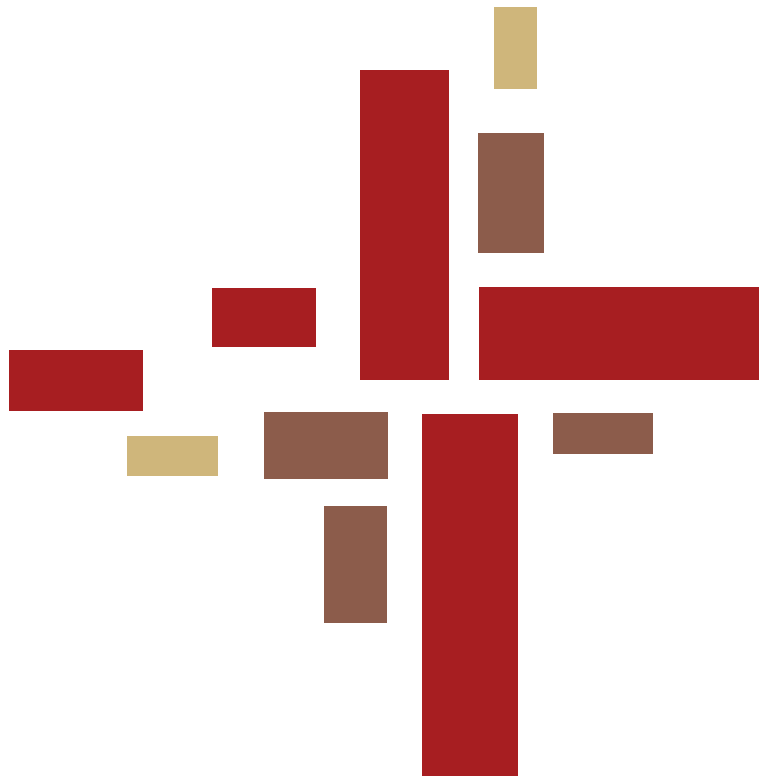


Cherub Choir

The Church of St. John the Divine



2025-2026

RSOM AMERICA



"I will sing with the spirit and with the understanding also."

1 Corinthians 14:15

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Mission Statement

At St. John the Divine we are striving to foster and strengthen a lifelong appreciation for music in children and adults - cradle to grave. SJD Choristers will apply the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) *Voice for Life* Curriculum, beginning with ages 3-18 with the goals:

- to teach and guide children and youth in sacred, choral and worship music to sing for JOY and all to God's Glory,
- to encompass pedagogy, theory, and liturgy into the program for age appropriateness,
- to work in conjunction with Children, Youth and Family Ministries,
- to pass on a love and appreciation of Anglican worship and to sing intergenerationally with the SJD Chorale in the Anglican Cathedral tradition in addition to other styles of sacred music.

Guidelines

Attendance

Commitment to regular attendance is essential and expected for the success and formation of our Choristers. Please email Ms. Anna or Dr. Hayden at least one week in advance for any absence. For a last-minute unexpected absence, please email or text as soon as possible.

Drop-off/Pick-up and Safety

To ensure the safety of each chorister, please drop off and pick up your chorister promptly before and after each rehearsal. Punctual pick up is especially important as other rehearsals follow. In accordance with church policy, a second adult is present at all rehearsals. If your child arrives more than 10 minutes before the start of rehearsal, an adult from their family must supervise them.

While there is no childcare on Tuesdays, parents and guardians are welcome to supervise children at the church. Room L20 is available during rehearsals as a "quiet room" for homework and other activities. The play pit in the Atrium and First Steps play-ground are also available for children under the supervision of a parent or guardian.

Dress Code

For all services, Choristers should wear black, flat shoes. Long hair should be tied back.

Weekly Schedule

Tuesday Rehearsals:

The Cherub Choir: age 3- Kindergarten

Choir A

3:15 - 3:45 PM

Choir B

4:00 - 4:30 PM

The Preparatory Choir: 1st- 3rd Grade

4:45 - 5:30 PM

Wednesday Rehearsals:

SJD Choristers: 4th- 12th Grade

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Important Dates - Fall 2025

Tuesday, September 2	Back to Choir! Rehearsals begin! 3:15 - 3:45 PM - Choir A 4:00 - 4:30 PM - Choir B
Tuesday, October 28	Combined Rehearsal: Costume Parade! 3:45 PM Choir A and B drop off 4:00 PM Parade begins
Sunday, November 16	Cherub Choir sings in AWESOME 9:15 AM service <u>8:30 AM Call</u>
Week of November 24	<i>No Rehearsal for Thanksgiving Break</i>
Sunday, December 21	Cherubs Choir sings in the Church 11:15 AM service <u>10:40 Call</u>
Saturday, December 24	Christmas Eve 3:00 PM service <u>2:30 PM call</u>

River Oaks Chamber Orchestra (ROCO) Concerts

ROCO is proud to offer ROCOrooters during and after performances at SJD! This program offers engaging music lessons and activities with our teachers, a trip into the concert hall to hear one piece live, and pizza and movies with 5 hours of childcare under the supervision of certified and bonded childcare professionals. We encourage you to take advantage of this incredible musical resource in our community!

Cost is \$65 per child, and you can register at www.rococo.org/rocorooters.

Saturday, September 27	Concert: "Feels Like Home" 4:30 - 5:00 Child Drop-off @ SJD Reception Desk 5:00 Concert @ SJD 10:00 Child Pick-up @ SJD Parlor
Saturday, November 1	Concert: "Fragrant Memories" 4:30 - 5:00 Child Drop-off @ SJD Reception Desk 5:00 Concert @ SJD 10:00 Child Pick-up @ SJD Parlor

Important Dates - Winter and Spring 2026

Tuesday, January 13	Rehearsals Resume at 3:15 & 4:00 PM
Sunday, February 15	Cherub Choir sings in the Church 11:15 AM service <u>10:40 AM call</u>
Week of March 9	<i>No Rehearsal for Spring Break!</i>
Sunday, March 29	9:00 AM and 11:15 AM Palm Sunday Services <u>8:30 AM call</u>
Tuesday, March 31	<i>Holy Week - No Cherub rehearsal</i>
Tuesday, April 28	Final Cherub Rehearsal and Celebration
Sunday, May 3	Cherub Choir sings in the Church 9:00 AM service <u>8:15 AM call</u>

River Oaks Chamber Orchestra (ROCO) Concerts

Saturday, February 7	Concert: "Do You Hear What I Hear?" 4:30 - 5:00 Child Drop-off @ SJD Reception Desk 5:00 Concert @ SJD 10:00 Child Pick-up @ SJD Parlor
Saturday, April 18	Concert: "Seeing is Believing" 4:30 - 5:00 Child Drop-off @ SJD Reception Desk 5:00 Concert @ SJD 10:00 Child Pick-up @ SJD Parlor

Choristers' Prayer

Bless, O Lord, us Thy servants
who minister in Thy temple.
Grant that what we sing with our lips
we may believe in our hearts,
and what we believe in our hearts
we may show forth in our lives.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

