

Saint Xenia Cemetery

at

Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Monastery

Kemp, TX

The founders set aside three acres of the monastery property as a cemetery for Orthodox Christians desiring burial according to the ancient traditions of the church. The cemetery is also available for burial of non-Orthodox Christians who wish to follow these ancient Christian customs. For guidance on the preparation of the body for burial see *A Christian Ending* by J. Mark and Elizabeth J. Barna (Divine Ascent Press, Manton, CA 2011). The body, clothed in a baptismal garment or Sunday best, is placed in a simple coffin, provided by the family or parish, and buried in the ground.

Cost of burial at St. Xenia's

Cemetery Plot	\$2,500.00
50% Land purchase	\$1,250.00
25% Perpetual Care	625.00
15% Equipment & Improvements	375.00
10% Administrative Costs	250.00
Burial	\$500.00
contractor fee to open and close the grave	
Grave Marker	
a simple wooden cross	\$125.00
Permanent cross	\$650.00

Arrangements can be made to purchase the cemetery plot over time. No one will be turned away for an inability to pay. Please remember that there are ongoing costs in maintaining the cemetery as a fitting place for their loved one, and it is hoped that the family will be able to contribute something over time. The burial and the grave marker fees represent costs to persons outside of the monastic community. The monastery asks that these be paid as soon as possible after the burial.

To date five adults, one infant and three unborn are buried at the monastery. They are regularly remembered by name in the prayer cycle of the monastery.

The cemetery is still under development. Costs in developing the cemetery to date have been underwritten by donations. The hope is that the sale of plots will finance future improvements to the cemetery as well as provide income to the monastic community.