

Svyatogor



The Knight of the Far Mountains

Demigod

Symbol: A shield with Svyatogor's arms emblazoned on it.

Blazon: On a round Shield, Or, a Horse's head couped Proper, surrounded by a Bordure, Azure.

Home Plane: Prime Material

Alignment: Lawful Neutral

Portfolio: The law, courage, bravery in battle, loyalty, generosity, protection, hospitality, humility, piety, and caregiving.

Worshippers: Knights, Paladins, honorable Fighters and Warriors, Dwarves, Storm Giants, horsemen, horse husbandry practitioners, healers, midwives, and other caregivers, especially those who tend to the sick at extreme risk to themselves, e.g., tending to victims of the plague, or to lepers.

Cleric Alignments: LN, LG

Domains: Animal, Healing, Law, Protection, and Strength.

Favored Weapons: Greatsword and Tower Shield in combination. Svyatogor wields a Gargantuan Greatsword in one hand, and a Gargantuan Tower Shield in the other, in the manner that a normal man would wield a longsword and a large shield.



Svyatogor is said to be massive in size, dwarfing even Titans; he rides a massive, Torassian Dire Horse of gargantuan size, and when he is on this mount, their combined weight is so great, that the horse's hooves sink deep into the Earth, slowing its movement by half! The only terrain upon which Svyatogor can ride his mount without this penalty is mountains and areas of rocky wastelands. He is friendly, and will talk to anyone who approaches him, but he will not suffer the company of fools, cowards, or lazy people. He is quick to protect the weak, care for the sick, give money to the poor, or to enforce the law. Discipline, Duty, Honor, and Courage are the four tenets by which his followers live.

From Wikipedia: *"Ilya Muromets, a great Bogatyr, rides off to challenge Svyatogor, despite being forewarned not to do so by pilgrims who had miraculously healed him. On the road, Ilya sees a giant asleep on a giant horse. Ilya strikes him three times with his mace, with the only result that the giant, still asleep, grabs and puts Ilya into his pocket. Eventually, the giant awakes, Ilya introduces himself and learns that the giant is Svyatogor, and they become friends and journey together."*