



ST. LUKE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Rev. Father Christ Kontos, Protopresbyter

Dear Co-workers at our Lord's Holy Altar:

It brings me great joy to have you join me in serving in the Altar. You and I have been blessed with a great honor and opportunity to serve at the Altar of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We serve the Altar of Jesus and at the same time, assist in the worship experience of your family and friends. To assist us in doing that ministry properly, I have prepared some guidelines. Please learn them and help one another in executing them.

GUIDELINES

- Arrive at 10 am reverently. Please bring your "Zoni" to the Priest to bless. When you hold out the Zoni to be blessed, say "Father, Bless"
- Keep your Zoni tight during the service and help other Altar boys with their robes and belts when necessary. When going to stand at the Holy Altar Table or when leaving it, Cross yourself.
- If you are tired or dizzy at any time, please step away from the Holy Altar Table and have a seat.
- If you have the need to pass behind the Altar Table, please remember to do your Cross out of reverence.
- When processions end and you are ready to enter Altar again, turn and bow toward Altar.
- You are expected to stay in the Altar until after Holy Communion and can leave to attend Sunday School, otherwise please stay until the very end.
- Always follow the direction of your Captain. Ask for help when needed and look to assist other Altar Boys on your team always.
- When **giving/taking** something to/from a Priest or Bishop, kiss their hand. We do this out of respect as the Priest/Bishop hold Jesus Christ in their hand.
- When giving censer to Priest, be sure you place incense in it first.
- Always follow the direction of your Captain.
- Captains & Parent Leaders: Should you need to be absent on your designated Sunday, please contact another Captain or Parent Leader to cover for you.
- Familiarize yourself with the Divine Liturgy books. This will help you learn the Liturgy, recognize what is happening and coming up next. Feel free to take one home to study.
- Cell phones are to be turned off during the Liturgy and remain in your pocket. No chewing gum.
- Be reverent always.



Recommended Attire: Black/Dark dress shoes. Collar shirt (tie is optional) Dress pants. Dress respectfully.

Key terms: Antidoron=bread: Zeon=warm water for communion: Zoni=Robe belt

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the Holy Altar. May our Lord bless you for all that you do and keep you under His tender loving care always. You are gentlemen and it is my honor to have you as co-workers at the Holy Altar of Jesus Christ. Reach out to me at any time with any questions: 610-550-9156 / fatherck@gmail.com.

With respect, your priest, friend and co-worker at our Lord Holy Altar,

Fr. Christ