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**SCHEDULE FOR
LECTORS AND
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

SCHEDULE RUNS FROM: October 3, 2026 through December 27, 2026

If for any reason you are unable to minister as you are scheduled, you are asked to find a substitute or switch with another minister. A roster is attached for your reference.

Prayer for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Loving Father, as we gather in your service, help us to fully understand the magnificence of your Son's sacrifice for us and the wonder of your presence in the Holy Eucharist.

Guide and instill in us perseverance and a willingness to do your will.

Open our hearts to others as we invite them to your table to share your precious gifts.

**We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit
God for ever and ever. Amen.**

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH—GREECE, NY (REVIEWED SEPTEMBER 2026)

Many thanks to those who are willing and able to minister at our church as we continue to observe protocols keeping us all safe. Please give the church office a call if there is any change to your status.

We will continue to provide you with this Communication Page as a guide as we carry on with our ministries, keeping the health and safety of everyone in mind. No matter your role, please be sure to review this entire document so you are well informed.

We continue to assign 3 Sacred Host EMOHCs (Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion) per Mass. We remind you that 3 EMOHCs may not always be needed at each Mass. 1 EMOHC is designated as an “alternate” and will serve if all 3 EMOHCs are required (for example, if a Deacon is not present). If all 3 EMOHCs are not needed, the “alternate” will stand down for that Mass. The “alternate” is designated by an (A) beside their name. Requirements depend upon Priest and/or Deacon participation in the distribution of Holy Communion. Each Mass Leader will know before Mass begins how many EMOHCs are needed. 1 EMOHC will serve as the “runner” to bring Holy Communion to parishioners who need to receive at their seats.

For the foreseeable future, we still will not utilize Precious Blood ministers.

We continue to ask for and appreciate your patience and understanding as we minister through these unique times.

NOTE: EMOHCs continue our practice of wearing crucifixes while performing their duties during Mass. Since there are no Precious Blood ministers at this time, the cords for these crucifixes are all white. Please be sure to return the crucifixes to the Robing Room at the end of Mass.

PLEASE NOTE:

**** As of the date of this schedule's preparation, ministers are not required to wear masks. Please use your own discretion and wear a mask while ministering if you wish to do so.**

HAND SANITIZATION IS STILL REQUIRED. **

In the absence of an altar server, it is the role of the Lector to ring the bells during consecration. Bells are rung 3 times: First time is when the priest lays his hands over both the Ciborium and Chalice (containing the bread and wine). The second time is when the priest elevates the Ciborium with the Sacred Body and the third and final time is when the priest elevates the Chalice with the Most Precious Blood.

The following is a guideline for the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMOHC) to assist you in performing your duties in this role:

1. Prior to the start of Mass, the leader will need to find out who is saying Mass, if there is a Deacon present for the Mass, if the people in the choir loft will receive communion, whether the “alternate” is required, and who will be the “runner.” The leader will then advise the assigned ministers as to how many ministers are needed, who is the “runner,” and if communion needs to be distributed to the choir/music leader. The leader must also make sure an Usher is ready to direct the “runner” to the parishioners that need to receive. The Usher needs to carry sanitizer in case someone receives the host on the tongue. If that happens, the minister must sanitize his/her hands after giving that person the host.
2. After the priest has given the sign of peace, the assigned EMOHCs should leave their seats and stand at the foot of the altar.
3. After Father has consumed the Most Precious Blood, proceed to the altar, stop and use the sanitizer, and then stand behind the altar and receive Holy Communion. If you choose to wear a mask, raise or lower your mask to receive the Body of Christ. Then, after you have received, return your mask to its position, being sure your nose and mouth are covered.
4. After you have received the Body of Christ, GO BACK TO SANITIZE YOUR HANDS AGAIN. There is a bottle of sanitizer on a small table behind the altar for you to use. Return to your place at the altar and receive the ciborium from Father, the Deacon, or a designated person. Remember, sanitize your hands twice before you start distributing communion.
5. If you are assigned to be the “runner,” please stand to Father’s left as you are facing the congregation. You will receive a small gold ciborium and then proceed down to the Usher designated to take you to the parishioners that need to receive. The “runner” should never have a large silver ciborium. The large silver ciborium remains with those at the altar.
6. After receiving their ciboria, the Eucharistic Ministers will proceed to their designated spots to distribute communion.

Note: Only the priest or deacon gives communion to the Ministers on the altar (altar servers, Lector, Eucharistic Ministers, Cantor etc.).

7. Ministers should drop the host into the communicant's hand, thus avoiding hands touching between the minister and the communicant.
8. Although you may want to join another minister and help with their line once your line is completed, please do not do so in respect of our social distancing practices. The only exceptions are if assistance is requested with the line at the center aisle, or if a minister cannot complete their line (e.g., if they run out of consecrated Hosts).
9. If the choir is to receive communion, the “runner” should proceed to the choir loft and distribute communion. If the choir is busy, there is a pyx on the organ for you to place the host/s within.
10. Once the “runner” has completed distributing Holy Communion to the congregation and choir, proceed to stand behind the Priest/Deacon/EMOHC who is distributing in the center aisle. Stand behind them until their line is complete. The only time you may distribute communion in the center is if the person distributing communion in the center requests assistance with that line.
11. Once distribution is completed, take your ciborium back up to the Altar and the Deacon/or designated person will take it from you.
12. Sanitize your hands once again and be seated in the designated front row pew.
13. At the end of Mass, join the Recessional, leaving the pew to join the line and follow the altar servers.
14. Be sure to remove your crucifix and return it to the Robing Room (one of the EMOHCs may volunteer to do this for all serving).
15. If you are acting in place of the Deacon, before you go to the Tabernacle, you must first sanitize your hands, then go to the tabernacle and bring the ciboria up to the altar. Then take your place behind the priest and wait for the other EMOHCs to join you.
16. **IMPORTANT:** If, during the distribution of Communion, a recipient receives the host on their tongue, the EMOHC must immediately proceed to the small white table at the foot of the altar, place their ciborium on the table, sanitize their hands and then proceed back to the communion line to finish distributing communion. Note that Father carries a purificator used to cleanse his hands after distributing Communion on the tongue.

We continue to adapt according to circumstances and new regulations, so please continue to understand that these guidelines are subject to change and may be amended at a moment's notice. We will communicate to you any updates that may come about prior to the next schedule's release.

*THANK YOU, EVERYONE, FOR YOUR CARE, CONCERN AND DEDICATION TO SERVE.
GOD BLESS US ONE AND ALL!*

**MASSES OF OCTOBER 3/4
27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Jill Finan

EMOHC: Kim Buda, Susan Smith (A), Jessica Wunsch

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Maureen Beattie

EMOHC: Patty Borden (A), Barb Gotham, Bob Gotham

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Joe Sansone

EMOHC: Kathy Christodaro (A), Deb Colby, Paul Parkman

**MASSES OF OCTOBER 10/11
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Marianne Katz

EMOHC: Angela DiStefano (A), Dan Kabasin, Melissa Kabasin

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Rick Paoletti

EMOHC: Maria Baez, Alan Christodaro (A), Debbie Smith

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Patricia Hoag

EMOHC: Tom Fien, Michael Kirchoff (A), James Pellman

**MASSES OF OCTOBER 17/18
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Wayne Howard

EMOHC: Chris Hoefler, Susan Smith, Jessica Wunsch (A)

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Jonathan Verdun

EMOHC: Maureen Beattie, Barb Gotham, Bob Gotham (A)

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Paul Parkman

EMOHC: Karen Cottorone-Young, Maureen Gardner, Pam Tofany-Kern

**MASSES OF OCTOBER 24/25
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Jessica Wunsch

EMOHC: Kim Buda, Angela DiStefano, Chris Hoefler (A)

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Debbie Smith

EMOHC: Maureen Beattie (A), Alan Christodaro, Carolyn Kerhaert

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Amy Bishop

EMOHC: Deb Colby, Patricia Hoag (A), Paul Parkman

**MASSES OF OCTOBER 31/NOVEMBER 1
ALL SAINTS**

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Dominick Zarcone

EMOHC: Dan Kabasin, Melissa Kabasin (A), Susan Smith

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Maureen Beattie

EMOHC: Barb Gotham, Bob Gotham, Debbie Smith (A)

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Joe Sansone

EMOHC: Karen Bessette, Cristyn Simone, Pam Tofany-Kern (A)

**MASSES OF NOVEMBER 7/8
32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Susan Smith

EMOHC: Angela DiStefano, Dan Kabasin (A), Melissa Kabasin

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Rick Paoletti

EMOHC: Patty Borden, Carolyn Kerhaert, Maureen Beattie (A)

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Patricia Hoag

EMOHC: Karen Cottorone-Young (A), Tom Fien, Maureen Gardner

MASSES OF NOVEMBER 14/15
33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Jill Finan

EMOHC: Kim Buda, Chris Hoefler, Jessica Wunsch (A)

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Jonathan Verdun

EMOHC: Maria Baez, Alan Christodaro (A), Debbie Smith

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Paul Parkman

EMOHC: Karen Bessette (A), Kathy Christodaro, Michael Kirchoff

MASSES OF NOVEMBER 21/22
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Marianne Katz

EMOHC: Angela DiStefano (A), Dan Kabasin, Melissa Kabasin

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Debbie Smith

EMOHC: Maureen Beattie, Barb Gotham (A), Bob Gotham

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Amy Bishop

EMOHC: Maureen Gardner, Donna Schmidt (A), Pam Tofany-Kern

MASSES OF NOVEMBER 28/29
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Wayne Howard

EMOHC: Kim Buda, Chris Hoefler, Susan Smith (A)

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Maureen Beattie

EMOHC: Alan Christodaro, Carolyn Kerhaert (A), Debbie Smith

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Joe Sansone

EMOHC: Tom Fien, Patricia Hoag, Cristyn Simone (A)

MASSES OF DECEMBER 5/6
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Jessica Wunsch

EMOHC: Angela DiStefano, Dan Kabasin, Melissa Kabasin (A)

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Rick Paoletti

EMOHC: Patty Borden, Barb Gotham, Bob Gotham (A)

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Patricia Hoag

EMOHC: Karen Bessette, Kathy Christodaro, Michael Kirchoff (A)

MASSES OF DECEMBER 8
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Mass leaders will look for ministers to fill positions on this Holy Day of Obligation.

MASSES OF DECEMBER 12/13
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Dominick Zarcone

EMOHC: Kim Buda, Chris Hoefler (A), Jessica Wunsch

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Jonathan Verdun

EMOHC: Maria Baez, Maureen Beattie (A), Alan Christodaro

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Paul Parkman

EMOHC: James Pellman (A), Donna Schmidt, Cristyn Simone

MASSES OF DECEMBER 19/20
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Susan Smith

EMOHC: Angela DiStefano, Dan Kabasin (A), Melissa Kabasin

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Debbie Smith

EMOHC: Maria Baez (A), Patty Borden, Carolyn Kerhaert

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Amy Bishop

EMOHC: Karen Cottorone-Young, Patricia Hoag, Paul Parkman (A)

MASSES OF DECEMBER 24/25

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

Mass leaders will look for ministers to serve at Masses on this Holy Day of Obligation.

MASSES OF DECEMBER 26/27

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Jill Finan

EMOHC: Kim Buda (A), Susan Smith, Jessica Wunsch

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Maureen Beattie

EMOHC: Maria Baez, Patty Borden, Debbie Smith (A)

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Joe Sansone

EMOHC: Deb Colby (A), James Pellman, Donna Schmidt