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

SCHEDULE RUNS FROM: April 2, 2026 through June 27/28, 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 MARCH 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. To those who are not yet able to minister, please know we respect and support your decision and look forward to the day you are ready to resume serving in your Ministry. 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. **(PLEASE NOTE: On this schedule, we are assigning additional Sacred Host EMOHCs for the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses on Easter Sunday.)** As always, 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!***

**MASS OF APRIL 2
EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**PASSION SERVICE OF APRIL 3
FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY)**

**MASS OF APRIL 4
EASTER VIGIL**

Mass leaders will look to fill positions for these services.

**MASSES OF APRIL 5
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Rick Paoletti

**EMOHC: Patty Borden, Alan Christodaro, Barb Gotham, Bob Gotham, Carolyn Kerhaert,
Debbie Smith (A)**

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Patricia Hoag

**EMOHC: Kathy Christodaro, Deb Colby (A), Karen Cottorone-Young, Tom Fien, Paul Parkman,
James Pellman**

**MASSES OF APRIL 11/12
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Jessica Wunsch

EMOHC: Chris Hoefler (A), Dan Kabasin, Melissa Kabasin

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Debbie Smith

EMOHC: Maria Baez, Maureen Beattie, Patty Borden (A)

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Paul Parkman

EMOHC: Maureen Gardner, Michael Kirchoff (A), Donna Schmidt

**MASSES OF APRIL 18/19
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Jill Finan

EMOHC: Kim Buda, Angela DiStefano (A), Susan Smith

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Maureen Beattie

EMOHC: Patty Borden, Ron Keiser, Debbie Smith (A)

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Richard Jacobs

EMOHC: Deb Colby, Karen Cottorone-Young (A), Pam Tofany-Kern

**MASSES OF APRIL 25/26
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Marianne Katz

EMOHC: Dan Kabasin, Melissa Kabasin (A), Jessica Wunsch

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Jonathan Verdun

EMOHC: Alan Christodaro, Barb Gotham, Bob Gotham (A)

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Amy Bishop

EMOHC: Tom Fien, Patricia Hoag, Paul Parkman (A)

**MASSES OF MAY 2/3
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Dominick Zarcone

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

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Rick Paoletti

EMOHC: Carolyn Kerhaert (A), Ron Keiser, Debbie Smith

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Joe Sansone

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

**MASSES OF MAY 9/10
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Susan Smith

EMOHC: Kim Buda (A), Dan Kabasin, Melissa Kabasin

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Debbie Smith

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

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Patricia Hoag

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

**MASSES OF MAY 14
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Mass leaders will look to fill positions for Masses on this day.

**MASSES OF MAY 16/17
7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Wayne Howard

EMOHC: Angela DiStefano, Chris Hoefler, Jessica Wunsch (A)

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Maureen Beattie

EMOHC: Barb Gotham (A), Bob Gotham, Ron Keiser

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Paul Parkman

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

**MASSES OF MAY 23/24
PENTECOST SUNDAY**

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Jessica Wunsch

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

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Jonathan Verdun

EMOHC: Patty Borden (A), Alan Christodaro, Debbie Smith

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Richard Jacobs

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

**MASSES OF MAY 30/31
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Jill Finan

EMOHC: Angela DiStefano, Chris Hoefler (A), Jessica Wunsch

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Rick Paoletti

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

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Amy Bishop

EMOHC: Deb Colby (A), Patricia Hoag, Michael Kirchoff

MASSES OF JUNE 6/7
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Marianne Katz

EMOHC: Kim Buda, Dan Kabasin (A), Melissa Kabasin

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Debbie Smith

EMOHC: Alan Christodaro, Barb Gotham, Bob Gotham (A)

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Joe Sansone

EMOHC: Karen Bessette, Paul Parkman, Cristyn Simone (A)

MASSES OF JUNE 13/14
11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Dominick Zarcone

EMOHC: Kim Buda, Angela DiStefano (A), Susan Smith

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Maureen Beattie

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

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Patricia Hoag

EMOHC: Kathy Christodaro, Karen Cottorone-Young, James Pellman (A)

**MASSES OF JUNE 20/21
12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Susan Smith

EMOHC: Chris Hoefler, Dan Kabasin (A), Melissa Kabasin

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Jonathan Verdun

EMOHC: Barb Gotham, Bob Gotham, Ron Keiser (A)

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Paul Parkman

EMOHC: Deb Colby, Patricia Hoag (A), Cristyn Simone

**MASSES OF JUNE 27/28
13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM MASS

LECTOR: Wayne Howard

EMOHC: Kim Buda (A), Angela DiStefano, Jessica Wunsch

SUNDAY, 8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Rick Paoletti

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

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM MASS

LECTOR: Richard Jacobs

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