

2026 Ushering Schedule (July--December)

Team One: Jim Trakas*
Stephanie Ocker
Steve Lekas
Karissa Bansek
Andrew Wilson
Cynthia Daniels

Team Three: Jim Economou*
Thal Makroglou
George Anagnostou
David Brown
Alex Phillips
John Trihas

Team Two: Mike Dadas*
Andy Rokakis
Dennis Diamond
Jerod Downing
Stathi Papandropoulos

Team Four: Jason Ganim*
Charles Boden
Thalia Marakas
Nick Poulos
Michael Lignos
Jonathan Tartara

July 12: Team 1
July 19: Team 2
July 26: Team 3
August 2: Team 4
August 9: Team 1
August 16: Team 2
August 23: Team 3
August 30: Team 4
September 6: Team 1
September 13: Team 2
September 20: Team 3
September 27: Team 4
October 4: Team 1
October 11: Team 2

October 18: Team 3
October 25: Team 4
November 1: Team 1
November 8: Team 2
November 15: Team 3
November 22: Team 4
November 29: Team 1
December 6: Team 2
December 13: Team 3
December 20: Team 4
December 24 (evening):
All available ushers
December 27: Team 1

Summary of Usher's Responsibilities:

Organize and monitor the candle stand and candle distribution.

- Tend to the candle sandboxes.
- Restock the candles (from closet at front of sanctuary) as necessary.
- Pass collection baskets and usher parishioners for communion line and dismissal line.
- **Please take care not to overstock the candles in the exonarthex by the exterior doors.**

From Fr. Costa:

1. As a general rule, when the priest is facing the congregation, as he offers a blessing, reading the Gospel, offering the sermon, DO NOT enter the church to light candles, go back to the closet to get candle boxes, or any other movement that is seen as an interruption to the service. Please wait until the priest is facing the altar to continue these actions. REMEMBER, the less movement the better.
2. Let's all do our part to keep the candlestands clean and less cluttered. DO NOT over stock the seven-day or the individual candles.
3. Don't allow the candles to burn all the way down to the sand. If they go all the way down they cannot be recycled.
4. Before you leave your post on Sundays:
 - a. Make sure the sand boxes are cleaned. Shift sand with strainer and cleaned out. Use long wooden stick to smooth out the sand so that it is ready for the next service.
 - b. If the containers that hold the burned candles are getting full, empty them in boxes and take the box in the back closets where the candles are kept. Do not leave boxes of candles on the marble floor by the candle stands in the narthex.
 - c. If you need to bring more candles from the closet to the narthex, this is the time to do it, not during church services by using a dolly which is very disruptive. Again, we always try to leave everything ready for the next service.
4. Remember, as an usher on Sunday morning, you set the pace for those who come to church to follow. Remember to always be more reverend, respectful, prayerful, less talkative etc.
5. Please cooperate with the greeters, as they hand out the Sunday Bulletins and welcome our parishioners and those who are visiting our church.