

Holy Spirit Orthodox Church
2026 Annual Meeting
Usher Ministry Report

1. Increased Participation We are grateful to share that several new members have joined the Usher Ministry this year, strengthening our team and enhancing our ability to serve the parish.

2. Improved Communion Flow Our Communion lines have become more orderly and efficient, contributing to a more prayerful and reverent experience for everyone.

3. Enhanced Quiet in the Narthex The bulletin reminders have been effective in helping maintain a reverent atmosphere in the Narthex when needed.

4. Improved Visibility and Assistance The new glass doors have made it easier to see who is entering and to offer timely assistance, especially to our elderly parishioners and visitors.

5. Usher Identification We created usher badges to ensure that team members are easily identifiable and approachable.

6. QR Code for Tithely A QR code linked directly to Tithely has been added near the candles. Parishioners have expressed appreciation for this convenient option, particularly when they do not have cash available.

7. Streamlined Scheduling We are actively using the scheduling Usher app to coordinate assignments, track sign-ups (including visitors through the parish website), and communicate attendance. This helps us prepare more effectively and provide appropriate assistance.

8. Hospitality After Services Following the Divine Liturgy, ushers remain in the narthex to greet visitors and personally invite them to coffee hour. We also make a point to mingle with them during coffee hour to help them feel welcomed.

9. Area for Improvement We are working to ensure that only children enrolled in Sunday School line up with the group, rather than all children present in church.

Chuck Roberts

Head Usher