

READER GUIDE

“Always remember that by your lips
the prayers of all who are present are
uttered and raised up to the Throne of God”

GREAT VESPERS

1. Arrive by 5:30-5:40.
2. Press “Home” on the thermostat.
3. Turn on chapel lights (low,) iconostasis overhead light and panel lights.
4. If the altar boys aren’t there, light all the candles - replace as needed.
5. Take out the Great Vespers book, make sure the text for the day is there.
6. At the end of the service, press “Away” on the thermostat.

CONFESSIONS

1. If there are folk waiting for confession, the Reader (or someone he designates) should begin reading from the Psalter in a low voice, starting with Psalm 4, and continue as long as needed.
2. **THE READER, OR ANOTHER MALE, MUST BE PRESENT WHILE WOMEN ARE MAKING CONFESSION.**

DIVINE LITURGY

1. Arrive by 9:00.
2. Press “Home” on the thermostat.
3. If the altar boys aren’t there, light all the candles - replace as needed.
4. Check to ensure that the Apostol has been marked for the day’s reading(s) and has the card with the Prokeimenon.
5. At 9:30, enter the sanctuary to receive blessing from the Priest
6. Begin reading the 1st hour in a low-moderate voice. Read fairly slowly, so that each “hour” takes about 10 minutes. After the 6th hour, if the Priest isn’t ready, read the Inter-hour of the 6th Hour.
7. When the choir begins the Trisagion, take the Apostol, hold it before your face with the cover facing you and enter the Sanctuary.
8. Approach the Priest and bow. Kiss his hand when it is offered.
9. Reverse the book so the cross is facing outward. Go behind the altar, bowing before the mural of the Theotokos, and exit.
10. Hold the Apostol up before your face, walk to the center of the chapel, stand in front of the Analogion.
11. After reading, don’t forget to chant the post-Epistle verses from the calendar, in between the Alleluias.

12. Before communion, if one of the girls does not show up to read the Prayers Before Communion, you may designate one of the women to read.
13. As the Reader, you may approach for Communion immediately behind the children.
14. At the end of the service, you or someone you designate will stand before the right-hand candlestand and read the Prayers After Communion.
15. Press “Away” on the thermostat.
16. Make sure all the candles (except the Vigil Lamps) are blown out, and the lights turned off.