

Sunday School

EXCITING NEWS: On January 24th we are starting IN PERSON SUNDAY SCHOOL for our Toddler 2's - 6th Grade. These classes will be conducted right AFTER Holy Communion, every Sunday, for the remainder of the School Year!! Of course we understand that you may not be ready to return to church quite yet. For that reason we will continue to send out our VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL lessons every week.

We will not have classes for our 7th - High School students, but we do expect them to attend church in person or virtually, complete the weekly lesson on the Gospel Reading provided by Fr. Stavros, and attend GOYA meetings.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY:

Sunday, January 24th:Worship/The Divine Liturgy/ Holy Communion +++WE WILL HAVE IN PERSON Sunday School EVERY SUNDAY for Toddler 2's - 6th GRADE

Sunday, January 31st: Sacramental Life of the Orthodox Church



St. John's Greek Orthodox

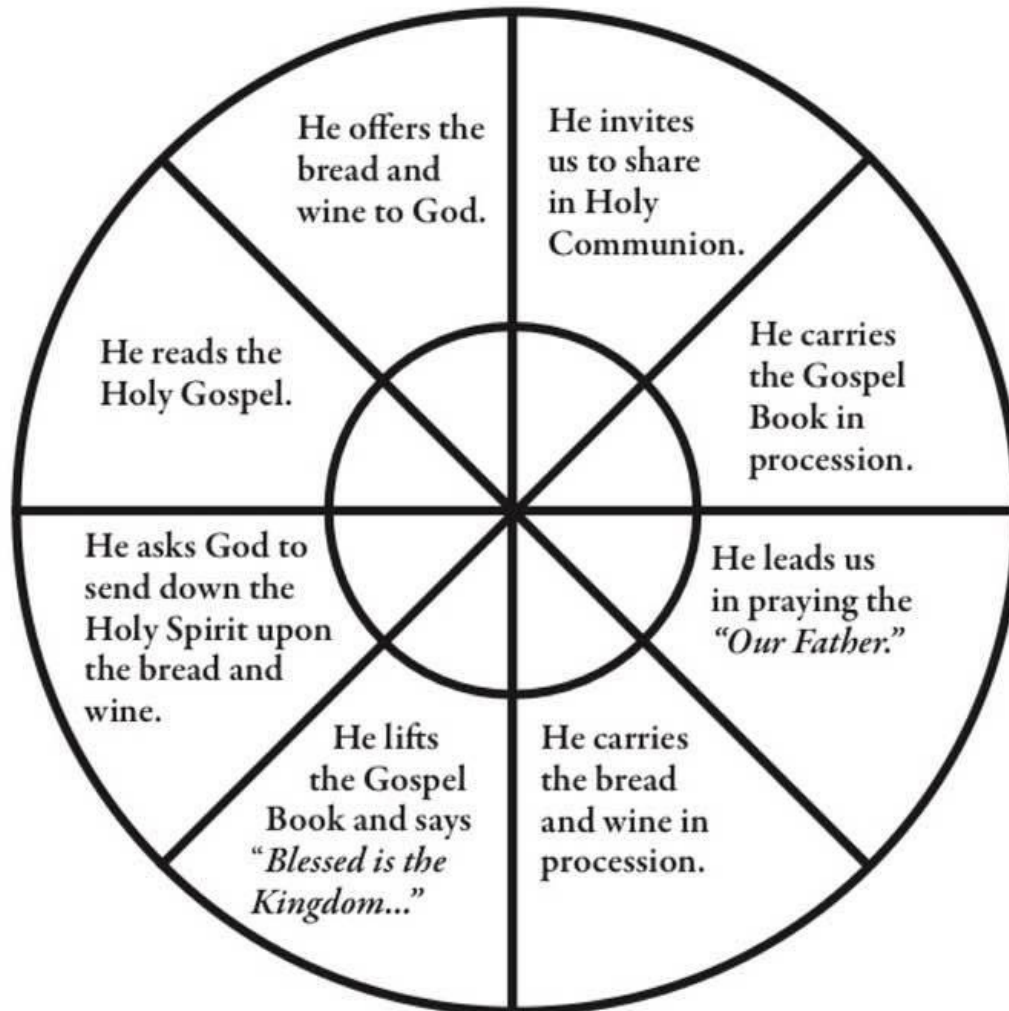


SUNDAY SCHOOL

WORSHIP, THE DIVINE LITURGY & HOLY COMMUNION

The Priest Celebrates the Divine Liturgy

In the wheel below, number in the correct order (1-8) the different things the Priest will do as he celebrates the Liturgy. Write your numbers in the spaces in the center of the wheel.



Do you know that the Divine Liturgy is the greatest prayer an Orthodox Christian can pray?

When we enter the Church, we try to leave behind the cares of the world. School, Homework, Chores, Football, What's for dinner...etc. Beginning in the Nave (like a boat in the "Navy") we travel closer and closer to God during the service, and each week, we worship the same way and celebrate the Divine Liturgy.

The word "liturgia" literally means "work of the people." By attending the Divine Liturgy, we are choosing to give back this time to God. This is our "work." We offer our gifts to Him - our time, our attention, our prayers, our voices.

In the Orthodox Church, the Holy Eucharist or Holy Communion is considered the "Sacrament of Sacraments". The Holy Eucharist (Efcharistia, thanksgiving) is the central event and highest form of Orthodox worship and the culmination of the service of the Divine Liturgy.