

Ministry Descriptions

Youth Ministry

Altar Servers: Coordination of altar servers activities - **Contact person is Fr. Stephen Vernak.**

Church School: Teachers, substitute teachers and volunteer guest speakers – **Contact person is Angie DiFlorio.**

Children's Choir: Assist the director in teaching and coordination of youth singers – **Contact person is Chet Lubecki.**

Young Adult/Campus Group: Volunteers outreach/minister to students and young adults – **Contact person is Fr. Stephen Vernak.**

Summer Bible School: Teachers, aides and volunteers prepare and teach classes

FOCA Juniors (Titan Teens): Junior arm of the Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America, the official fraternal organization of the Orthodox Church in America (youth ages 8-17)

Summer Camp/Winter Retreat: Volunteers are needed to transport participants to and from these activities

Charitable Ministry

Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets: Assist with collection, purchase and delivery of food to homes of individuals - **Contact person is Fr. Stephen Vernak.**

Food Bank/Channels: Take donations of food to these organizations, as well as pick up food and deliver to homes of individuals - **Contact person is Fr. Stephen Vernak.**

Seminary Christmas Family: Provides gifts to an Orthodox seminarian and his family at Christmas

Christmas Angels: Provide gift for a needy child as their Christmas Angel

Hospital/Shut-In Visits: Send cards, write and also visit the aged and infirm who cannot come to church or parish functions

Special Collections for Charitable Works: Special collections for local, national or international emergencies, disasters or relief - **Contact person is Fr. Stephen Vernak.**

Souper Bowl Sunday: Nationwide annual event occurs on the same day as the Super Bowl football championship, raising money and collect canned foods to feed the hungry - **Contact person is Fr. Stephen Vernak.**

Additional Charitable Giving: The parish, through its annual operating budget, makes significant monetary donations for charitable works, to seminaries, churches, local charities and national appeals. Donations are made for international appeals through International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). - **Contact person is Fr. Stephen Vernak.**

Fellowship through Service Ministry

FOCA: Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America is the official fraternal organization of the Orthodox Church in America supporting, encouraging and promoting the missionary growth of Orthodoxy; unity among all Orthodox people; providing educational, cultural, social and athletic activities. – **Contact person is John Dotsey.**

St. Alexis Toth Orthodox Men's Club: Organization of men from our parish devoted to service and fellowship through wide variety of activities – **Contact person is John Dotsey.**

St. Mary's Altar Guild: Organization of parish women devoted to fellowship and service in the parish through wide variety of activities – **Contact person is Jean Dotsey.**

Church Choir: Parishioners called to the high vocation and committed to singing in Divine Worship during Sunday Divine Liturgy, Vespers, Matins and Feast Days. – **Contact person is James Latimer.**

Sunday Service (Vestry Duty): Assist in the lighting of candles, ushering, service offering and extinguishing of candles, under the direction of parish council members. – **Contact person is Mark Rodak.**

Parish Greeters: Greet and warmly welcome visitors as they enter and leave church services – **Contact person is Joanne Wevodau.**

Feast Day Adornment: Place flowers for the Nativity and Pascha seasons, and greens for Pentecost. Clean and install the various colored votive glasses, and assist in the changing of the table coverings. - **Contact person is Fr. Stephen Vernak.**

Altar/Sanctuary Care: Cleaning of the brass candle stands and votive lights on a weekly basis, cleaning side rooms inside the altar, and religious articles. - **Contact person is Fr. Stephen Vernak.**

Parish Readers: Reading of the Hours before Sunday Liturgy, Sunday Epistle, and other reading during Vespers and Feast Days. – **Contact person is Chet Lubecki.**

Prospora Bakers: Prepare and bake the Prospora bread which is used for the Divine Liturgy – **Contact person is Chet Lubecki.**

Administrative Service Ministry

Parish Council: Attend the monthly parish council meetings, and take a lead role in the various administrative decisions and activities of the parish and serve on the various committees which oversee and coordinate annual parish functions or major initiatives – **Contact person is Joanne Wevodau.**

Property Maintenance/Improvement Committee: Oversees, coordinates and prioritizes the major property maintenance, repairs and improvements required for our parish community. – **Contact person is John Dotsey.**

Property/Grounds Care: Assist in the routine but important care and maintenance of the parish grounds – **Contact persons are Jason Zeppuhar and John Schilling.**

Religious Sales Desk: Track inventory, re-order additional items and serve as sales clerks after Sunday services. – **Contact person is Christine Tartamella.**

Adult Ministry

Bible Study Groups: Adult group study of the Bible - **Contact person is Fr. Stephen Vernak.**

Three Hierarchs Adult Sunday Class: Study covers a wide range of topics, and includes guest speakers and audio-visual presentations – **Contact person is Larry Smith.**

Parish Softball Team: Sponsored for men and older boys (ages 14 and older) of the parish. The team plays in the Capital Area Church Softball League. – **Contact person is Carl Hisiro.**

Special Projects Ministry

Slavic+ Food Fest: Help to prepare and serve Slavic and other ethnic foods for this annual event that occurs the first Saturday/Sunday in October. – **Contact persons are Paul Hadginske and Mike Mallick.**

Nut Roll Baking: Baking nut rolls for sales at special times of the year – **Contact person is Jean Dotsey.**

Gift Card Program: Sales of gift cards which return a percentage donation to our Church – **Contact person is Alice Mallick.**

St. Jerome's Book Club: Reading of selected book and group discussion - **Contact person is Fr. Stephen Vernak.**

St. Monica's Mother's Group: Support group of Orthodox Mothers – **Contact person is Christina Yerke.**