

## **2025-2026 Christ the Savior Holy Spirit Orthodox Church Ministries Summary Report**

**Church School (Director Terrie Sauer):** We have 62 students registered for the 2025-2026 school year. On average attendance is 40 students a week. This year our focus is the New Testament- The Life of Christ. Our staff consists of 13 teachers and 2 substitutes. Our St Nicholas Charity Dinner was a huge success. The HS class decided to donate the proceeds to Matthew 25 Ministries. The total collection was \$895.00. We will complete a service project on the Sunday of Orthodoxy to benefit the homeless in underserved urban communities.

**Burial (Shannon Grubb):** This is a new ministry launched in 2025. Members were added. Caskets were secured with the approval of the Parish Council. A ministry page will be developed by the Webservant and available on the parish website within the first fiscal quarter of 2026.

**Choir (Joe Kormos):** *See Appendix A: Choir Report 2026 Annual Parish Meeting*

**Communications (Ellyn Gillette):** *See Appendix B: Communications Ministry 2026 Annual Report* for data on points of contact including: Number of Welcome Packets Distributed per Year (Figure B.1); Number of Guests Registered per Year (Figure B.2); How Do Guests Find Our Church (Figure B.3).

### **Community Outreach:**

**Lydia's House (Laura Green):** Over the course of 2025, CTS has donated supplies to Lydia's House during the four fasting seasons of the year. Lydia's House, located in Norwood, has the mission of providing safe housing, holistic care, and supportive community, walking with families from crisis to stability. Lydia's House is continually grateful for the parish's steady and consistent generosity. Donations have supported current and former shelter guests, as well as Christ Light Day Nursery, the newly opened daycare operated by Lydia's House. During 2026, collection drives will again occur during the four fasting seasons.

**FOCUS (Charlene Myers)** FOCUS Cincinnati had an amazing year in 2025. We serve two meals per month at Christ the Savior including one on a Thursday evening and one on a Sunday afternoon. We saw an increase in guests last year and continue to see need in our community.

We doubled our impact from the previous year in our food pantry. Christ the Savior served 167 guests in the food pantry in 2024 but served 316 in 2025. The CTS Food Pantry is now open weekly on Friday mornings. We have food and serve sandwiches to our guests. In 2025, we also had three community events where food was served, and we had over 300 guests at those events. Our Warming and Cooling Centers served over 400 guests when they were open.

In 2025, FOCUS accrued 2,100 volunteer hours! Financially, we surpassed the 2025 fundraising goal of \$81,000. In 2026 the fundraising goal is \$100,000.

Charlene is retiring as Director of FOCUS on February 6, 2026. A new Director has not yet been named.

**Directory Report (Kathy Wynkoop):** All current members of the parish are invited to be a part of the parish photo directory. The directory is generally considered to be easy to access and provides a positive way to connect with others by “putting faces to names” in our growing and vibrant parish. The photo directory allows parishioners to easily contact other members of the parish as well as pray for one another.

Christ the Savior-Holy Spirit Orthodox Church partners with “Instant Church Directory” and provides the directory in three formats: 1) The Instant Church Directory App for mobile devices (most common), 2) Accessing the directory through a web browser from your computer, or 3) PDF which can be emailed to you from Kathy Wynkoop. When new members join our church, they are contacted and asked to fill out a directory form to collect the information to be added to the directory. Instructions on how to access the directory and a quick start guide are also sent.

Throughout the year, families are added or removed, as a result of people moving or other circumstances. A parishioner can update information in one’s listing at any time through the directory app, or an email can be sent to Kathy Wynkoop to request changes.

**Facility Maintenance Management (Philip Enzweiler):** In 2025, air conditioning units were added to the back of the church. For 2026, upcoming projects include repairing the interior double doors at the church hall rear exit and exploring refurbishing or replacing the church hall exterior double exit doors with the assistance of Rhett Harkins. Mortar tuckpointing is needed in several places on the outside church brickwork. Last spring a company was contacted with a quote of \$70 dollars per hour for the project. Attempts to follow up with the company about the project were unsuccessful so far, but we will continue to work on completing this project. Repairs for plaster damage inside the front church entrance is needed. The likely cause is improperly installed metal flashing outside the front church entrance.

**Family Ministry (Eleni Towner, Courtney Flick, Laura Green):** During 2025, the young family ministry focused on serving families with children under the age of 6 through family prayer events, parent socials, and coordinated support for expecting and postpartum mothers. Two family prayer events occurred in conjunction with TORCH including praying together the Akathist to the Mother of God, Nurturer of Children, with a family potluck afterwards. Parent socials included a Lenten crafting evening and Parenting Towards the Kingdom book discussion group. Care and support for expecting and postpartum mothers (7 new babies during 2025!) included: birth care packages, Meal Train coordination, postpartum care packages, and regular brunches. 2026 happenings will include family prayer, parent socials, and expectant/postpartum care, as well as several family socials.

**Feast Day (Debbie Guentz):** Overall the ministry is going very well. The parish uses Benken Florist & Garden Center (since 1988). The vendor offers a 25% discount on all purchases. Additionally, Benken provides free delivery if receiving flowers at the parish. The fresh flowers and plants are high quality and last the duration of a given feast.

To help with the flower expenses, in the Spring and Summer 2026, we plan to coordinate an effort for flower donations from parishioners who grow their own flowers.

**Fellowship Hour Coordinator (Alexis Callender):** *See Appendix C: Fellowship Hour Ministry 2026 Annual Report*

**Historian/Archivist (Scott Kenworthy):** Nothing to report this time for 2025. In 2026, the ministry will meet with Fr. Steven to develop a plan for this ministry.

**Inreach: (Cincinnati: Kasia Leara)** Information is available in the 2025 Minutes of the St. Katherine's Ministry Meetings **(NKY: Jennifer Haynes)** Fr. Steven sent out a notice to the parish to assist a new family moving into the area. **(Fairfield/Mason: Judy Flick)** Nothing to report for area. **(Snow Removal: Mark Phillips)** - Nothing to report. Plans for 2026 include connecting with Mickey Callender to develop a volunteer team.

**Lending Library & Bookstore (Jeff Crawford):** After a closing sale and final 'give-away,' the Bookstore was closed in August. Final sales tax was paid and the state sales tax account was inactivated on September 20, 2025. Proceeds from the Venmo account were transferred to Huntington Bank Account; current balance is \$2456.25. The library's holdings are 90% cataloged and physically processed. Our online catalog is published and available through a link on the Parish Corner of the CTS website. We continue to work on instructional and promotional materials. A process for requesting a library account is established; requested cards are being prepared. Circulation of items is increasing. There are 1013 unique items, with 1124 total copies. The projected cost for the Libib Pro account with 4 managers is approximately \$150.00. Any additional monies in the budget line will be allocated to book purchases or additional shelving when needed.

**Livestream (Dn. Paul):** *See Appendix D: Livestream 2026 Annual Report*

**Men's Ministry (Florin Stanescu, Facilitator):** This is a new ministry approved by the Parish Council on January 10, 2026. This year the ministry will focus on organizational and process development, including selecting officers. Our mission is to reach all men in the parish for participation.

**Oaks of Mamre (Adam Hendizadeh):** We had a successful church tour and light fellowship dinner following the Vespers service on June 21, 2025 after the spring catechumen class concluded. The ministry continues to support the Parish Greeters Ministry by greeting visitors and connecting with regular inquirers and catechumens.

In 2026, sometime after a Vespers service in the summer, we plan to host a church walkthrough for inquirers, catechumens, and new members to explain the layout and meaning of the icons and practices involved in Orthodox services.

Adam and Bailey plan to step down from their leadership role in the Oaks of Mamre this year, and the ministry is looking for a new chair and individuals to join the team. *Please see Adam or Bailey if you are interested in joining this ministry.*

**Parish Greeters (Jim Jennings):** Jim Jennings plans to step down from his leadership role, but he will still be part of the ministry. The ministry is looking for several individuals to rotate the position to help fill the role. *Please see Jim Jennings if you are interested in joining this ministry.*

**Prospora (Elena Drach):** We have 11 Prospora Bakers who are on a rotation to bake multiple loaves of Prospora for the Divine Liturgy on Sundays. Additionally, we bake Prospora for the weekday Divine Liturgies and the 5 loaves for the occasional Litiya.

**Parish Lay Ministries Coordinator Report (Jennifer Haynes):** An updated Ministry Brochure was created with the help of a parishioner. *See Appendix E: 2025-2026 Koinonia Ministry Brochure Overview.* A print-ready file was sent to our Administrator for copies. Updates to the Ministry List were made throughout the year and sent to the Webservant to post at the Parish Corner. The ministry met with the Oaks of Mamre, Parish Greeters, Communications and with Fr. Steven to discuss the Visitor process. Goals for 2026 include revisiting the processes for the Ministry Display Table, Ministry Charters, and continuing it's mission to increase ministry participation by 1%. The ministry recommends verifying charters at the same time as collecting the Annual Summary Reports for the Annual Parish Meeting to create a seamless process for all. Several vacant leadership roles and ministries are available to join for 2026. Members of the parish are encouraged to share their gifts and talents in one of our ministries by contacting Fr. Steven and the Lay Ministries Coordinator for more information about joining a ministry and/or creating a new ministry. The complete list of ministries can be found on the CTS website under the Parish Corner.

**Prayer Chain (Anne Taylor):** The mission of the Prayer Chain Ministry is to bring a group of believers who commit to praying for one another and for the needs that are shared within the group. When a prayer request is received, it is passed along the prayer chain so that many people are lifting that request up to God. This allows us to support each other spiritually, knowing that no one is praying alone—we are all praying for and with one another.

If you would like to be added to the Prayer Chain Ministry, please contact Anne Taylor. If you have a prayer request for yourself, your family, friends, or any other need, you are welcome to share it. All requests will be prayed over with care, love, and confidentiality.

**Sacristan Sewing (Debbie Guentz):** Alternations were completed on existing vestments and clergy apparel. New baptismal gowns for infants and toddlers are currently being sewn.

**St. Katherine Sisterhood (Kasia Leara):** St. Katherine is an integral part of Christ the Savior; our statement mission is as follows: "St. Katherine is a parish ministry with the purpose of supporting spiritual growth and fellowship among the women of the parish and engage in fundraising to support parish needs, charitable, and In-reach activities as decided by the Sisterhood."

In 2025 we accomplished 2 fundraising events in the church: Soup to Go Fundraiser during Great Lent that raised \$1,850, and the Christmas Bake Sale that raised \$1,904.61. **Total funds raised: \$3,754.61**

In 2025, funds raised were for the following purposes:

1. Founders Dinner Catering \$1,500,
2. FOCUS \$1850,
3. Purchase of children's books for church use \$198.89

**Total: \$3,648.89**

In 2025 we also organized the following events:

- 12 Students care packages were mailed to parish college students
- 4 Book Club Meetings
- 4 collections for Lydia's House
- Pascha Basket for 6 elderly
- Tea Social event
- Pancake Breakfast for Meatfare Sunday

On behalf of St. Katherine's Sisterhood, I would like to thank you for supporting our ministry and fundraisers!

**Child Safety Committee / Sexual Misconduct Risk Management Committee (Laura Green):** During 2025, a new chair took over this committee and received necessary training. Necessary background and reference checks were completed, along with required reporting to support child safety and ensure compliance with diocese requirements. During 2026, continued compliance will be maintained. Note: The ministry will now be referred to as “Child Safety Committee.”

**Stewardship (Steve Korach):** To support the Parish Treasurer, the Stewardship Ministry plans, conducts, and summarizes the results of the annual Parish Pledge Campaign. This includes: updating and revising all materials mailed or posted on the Parish website related to the Pledge Campaign, scheduling an October post-Liturgy discussion for Fr Steven to give his annual Stewardship message, mailing Pledge packets to Parishioners, tabulating all data that is received from pledges that are made online and via paper submissions, sending Thank You cards to individuals/ families who pledged, sending follow-up reminders to parishioners who do not meet the pledge submission deadline, and finalizing all pledge data and submitting it to the Parish Treasurer for use in planning the next calendar year’s Parish Budget.

**Webservant (Mitch Oliver):** *See Appendix F: Webservant 2026 Annual Report*

#### **Ministries that did not submit a report for the 2026 Annual Report**

- Catechetical Instructors (Dn. Johnothon)
- City Gospel Mission (Anastasia Kostoff)
- Communion Cloth Assistants (Maurie Hanauer)
- City Gospel Mission (Anastasia Kostoff)
- Readers (Dn. Paul)
- Sacristan/Candles (Sbdn. John)
- TORCH Youth Group (Jennifer and Rhett Harkins)

## APPENDIX A: CHOIR REPORT 2026 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

### Joe Kormos, Choir Director

Assistant Directors: Brian Jonson, Brianna Drach and Presv.. Deborah Kostoff

We have over thirty singers that participate to various degrees in liturgical singing with our choir. A few others contribute in special situations. **Thank you to all our singers, and assistant directors for their hard work throughout the year.** We thank the entire parish for its support.

Parishes have many ministries, but few are as constantly 'on display' as a choir. A choir director from St. Tikhon's Seminary once said, "*The only time when liturgical singing is important is when it's bad!*" Given that formula, hopefully our choir is *consistently unimportant!* Nonetheless we encourage you to take a moment to occasionally '*thank a singer*' and indicate your appreciation of their efforts.

The following are a few aspects of the choir that may be less known to parishioners.

### Purpose and Roles

We see **our purpose** as providing a confident, consistent, musical framework to lead and engage the congregation in beautiful, active worship. *Joyful • Holy • Peaceful • Participative.*

We try to make choir participation an **enjoyable and meaningful ministry** opportunity while building a sense of **consistent commitment and duty to continually improve** our singing abilities.



Our choir often also serves as an **entry point** for new parishioners to find an area in which to contribute and as a "**small group**"— in which to build personal/multi-generational connections, and friendships.

*"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord".*

### Our Efforts

Among the efforts associated with our choir are:

- Singing at: Saturday Vespers and Sunday Liturgy; Major Feasts - Vespers and Liturgy, many Great feasts, Great Lent (Forgiveness Vespers, Great Canon, Presanctified Liturgies) Holy Week/Pascha (~14 services). In all we once counted over 250 hours of singing in ~ 140 services. Additionally, many singers are present for additional weekly services (Vespers, Compline, Akathist) Baptisms or lesser seasonal feasts throughout the year.
- Weddings (~six in the past year!) and Funerals (happily none recently)
- Rehearsals (37) including a few brief pre-service practices.
- Diocesan choir workshop in Dayton.
- FOCUS Concert at St. James Church, Loveland.

Administrative tasks include:

- Maintaining our (hardcopy) music library of 18 (!) music binders (some used every weekend; others once or twice a year) and four file cabinets of daily hymns.
- Maintaining a google drive online library.
- Weekly reminder emails.
- Scheduling a rotation of singers for Saturday Great Vespers and more.
- Recruiting new singers (see below)

## FOCUS Concert

Our choir has participated the past two years in the FOCUS Nativity Choir Concert at St James Orthodox Church. While enjoyable, this is a significant amount of *extra effort* for the 23 or so singers who participated each year. The effort provides the impetus to extend our abilities in new and more difficult music, builds new vocal skills and improved choral habits.

The concert also presents our parish in a positive light and exhibits a standard of participation for other local parishes.



## Fresh Music

We try to slowly renew our music, and consequently retire some older music, to keep our liturgies fresh and energetic. We've emphasized music written explicitly for the English language and by contemporary composers including Nazzo Zakkak (Nativity troparion; Hymn to Theotokos and Beatitudes -1800's plantation motif), Maia Aprahamian and Vlad Morosan.

## 50th Anniversary

It has been a number of years since we've had a full hierarchical liturgy in our parish. With multiple bishops concelebrating for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in June, reviewing hierarchical music will be an important goal for 2026.

## New Voices: Welcome and Encouraged

With the passage of time several experienced singers will likely be stepping back from their singing roles in coming years. Others may become unavailable due to moving their residence or the maturation of the NKY chapel/mission.

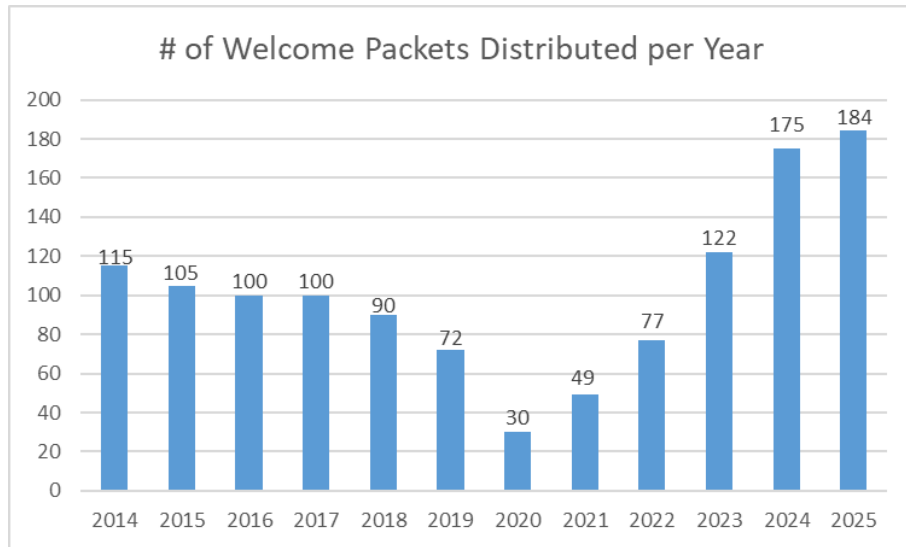
Now is an excellent time to **build experience and competence for future** liturgical singing. *We need a modest crop of new singers to step forward* to participate in this music ministry. While challenging, it is joyful, holy and fulfilling. If you have been gifted with a decent singing voice, please explore putting that to good use in our choir. Please see Joe Kormos for further information.

## Questions/Comments

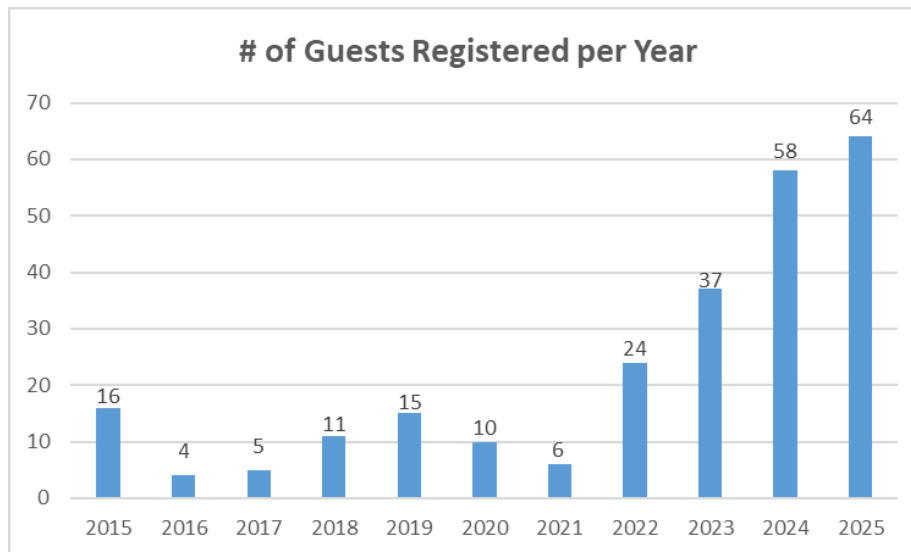
Likewise, if you have questions or suggestions about our music ministry, please see Joe Kormos or others in our choir.

Thank you for your support!

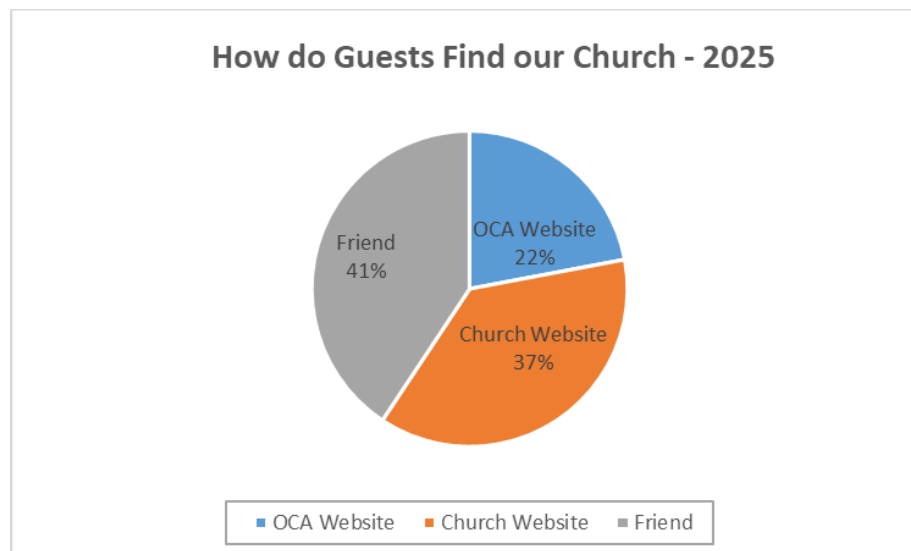
**Appendix B: Communications Ministry 2026 Annual Report**  
**2025 Points of Contact**



**Figure B.1**



**Figure B.2**



**Figure B.3**

## Appendix C: Fellowship Hour Ministry 2026 Annual Report

**Prepared by:** Alexis A. Callender – Ministry Chair

**Submitted on:** January 13, 2026

The **Fellowship Hour Ministry** has continued to flourish this past year and remains an essential expression of parish life here at Christ The Savior ~ Holy Spirit Orthodox Church. Rooted in the life of the Church and the joy of Christian *koinonia* (fellowship), it provides a vital space where we gather in the spirit of Christ's love, welcome inquirers and newcomers, and help our catechumens and faithful alike connect more deeply with one another. This calling to gather, to share, and to love as the Body of Christ is at the heart of what we seek to embody each Sunday after Divine Liturgy — fellowship that strengthens souls, builds community, and reflects the human experience of the Church as Family in Christ.

### **Highlights of the past year include:**

- **Sign-Up System:** The new volunteer sign-up board in the Fellowship Hall has been a very successful improvement. This visible, accessible system has helped more parishioners participate in hosting Fellowship Hour and ensured smoother scheduling for us all.
- **Lenten Friendly Snacks:** Offering Lenten-appropriate options during our four fasting seasons has been well received by both hosts and attendees. This approach honors the liturgical seasons and has lightened the practical burden of setup and cleanup for volunteers.
- **Increased Reimbursement:** Increasing the maximum reimbursement to \$100 for those who host has been a helpful adjustment, reflecting current costs of food and supplies and encouraging broader involvement. This change has supported our stewards of hospitality and made hosting more sustainable.

### **Looking forward to the coming year, we plan to:**

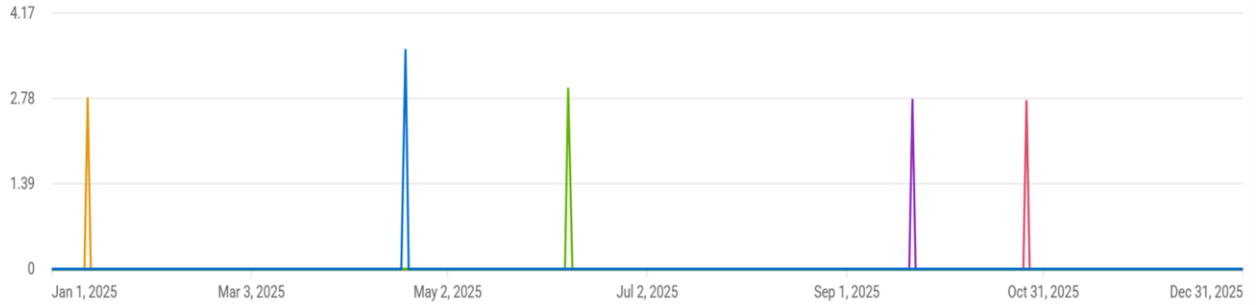
- **Republish the basic guidelines** for hosting Fellowship Hour, offering a clear outline of recommendations for hosting, as well as instructions for set up and clean up responsibilities.
- **Provide step-by-step instructions** for submitting reimbursement requests so all volunteers feel confident and supported.
- **Encourage deeper parish participation** in this important ministry of fellowship, and joyful community building.

Fellowship Hour continues to be a cherished ministry that not only nourishes us physically but also nurtures our spiritual bonds as the faithful of our Parish Community. We give thanks to God for all who serve and participate, and we pray that this ministry will continue to draw us closer in Christ — *breaking bread with glad and generous hearts (Acts 2:46)*, growing in love, and building up the Body of Christ in our midst.

# Appendix D: Livestream 2026 Annual Report

## Hours streamed by Content

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## Appendix E: 2025-2026 Koinonia Ministry Brochure Overview

### CHRIST THE SAVIOR HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

#### KOINONIA

... Unity, fellowship, participation, sharing, and a common purpose across our parish ministries. That common purpose is based on the unity in the body of Christ described in Ephesians 4, "according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love" (v16).

#### PARISH MINISTRIES:

**Oaks of Mamre & Parish Greeters** - Warmly welcomes visitors & newcomers to our Parish. Connects newcomers into the life of the Parish by offering information on our upcoming inquirer classes and/or Catechism classes.

**Bookstore & Lending Library** - An in-Parish resource for purchasing Orthodox publications & gift items, as well as provide an in-Parish resource to lend books on Orthodox topics to further self-education.

**Photography** - Captures images of Parish life such as baptisms, weddings, major feasts, & events for the website.

**Community Outreach** - Serves neighbors in need in collaboration with existing community programs and services.

**Inreach** - Provides assistance to Parishioners who are elderly, chronically ill, shut-in, and/or facing temporary challenges.

**Desktop Publishing** - Manages posters, fliers, handouts, and reports for classes, retreats, & events to support the life of the Parish.

**Facility Maintenance Management** - Provides proper care & protection of our building, grounds, and equipment to beautify our house of worship.

**Prison Ministry** - Provides opportunities to those willing to serve Christ inside area prisons.

**Men's Ministry** - A brotherhood that supports & facilitates the spiritual growth of men in the Parish.

**St. Katherine's Sisterhood** - Supports spiritual growth & fellowship among the women of the Parish. Engages in fundraising to support Parish needs & charitable activity.

**Family Ministry** - Provides support, social events, and faith opportunities for families who are pregnant or adopting, as well as those with children.

**TORCH Youth Group** - Equipping the teenage youth of our parish with growing faith, knowledge, & understanding of their Christian faith in fellowship with one another.

**Prophora** - Parish volunteers prayerfully prepare & bake the Offering for the Divine Liturgy.

**Choir** - Provides an assembly of adults and children who sing the responses in a cappella harmony. The choir is needed at all Orthodox services and leads the congregational singing.

**Readers** - Parish volunteers read the Hours, pre and post-Communion prayers, and the Epistle each Sunday. Readers at additional services are scheduled as needed based on attendance.

**Sacristan Sewing** - Cares for the vestments worn by the Clergy and Acolytes.

**Prayer Team** - Stewards committed to intercessory prayer requests.

**Feast Day** - Decorates the church on major feast days in honor of the designated commemoration.

**Retreat Ministry** - Coordinates special events for the Parish that contribute to educational and spiritual growth.

#### QUESTIONS?

Consider also asking about our general ministry categories: Administration, Education, Hospitality, Liturgical Outreach, Stewardship...Or just ask how you can "get connected!"

for more information please contact:

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Arch Priest Fr. Steven Kostoff  
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"AND HE HIMSELF gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ... from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love."

- St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, 4:11-16

What  
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Bookstore Photography  
Youth Facilities Choir  
Prayer Decoration  
Sewing Website Hospitality  
Media Children  
Outreach Administration  
Prophora Liturgical



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## **Appendix F: Webservant Report for 2026 Annual Meeting**

**Prepared by:** Mitch Oliver

**Submitted on:** January 15, 2026

1. Continuing Increase in Traffic
  - A. In 2025, total annual, unique visitors increase 67% year-over-year, while total visits increased 47%.
  - B. 2025 monthly views increased with a widely varying range, from 7% in April to 187% in November.
  - C. Our website continues to rank #1 or #2 in search engine results for “Orthodox Churches in Cincinnati Ohio”
    1. Prefixing the search with “Russian” or “Greek” sends us farther down the list
    2. Note that results may vary by browser and location.
  - D. The lion’s share of traffic continues to come from the United States, however we do receive a fair amount of international traffic. The next most common countries of origin are China, Japan, and Canada.
2. Legal Threats
  - A. We received a predatory copyright claim in 2025 that unfortunately had to be paid out. The wording around our safe-harbor claim protects us against claims for user-generated content — that is, if we operated similar to a social network or message board and allowed individuals to upload images.
  - B. As a result, Ralph volunteered to undertake an initiative to remove images from archive pages. While the archives are not navigable from the website, they were still able to be found by search engines.
  - C. Going forward only images that we know are permissible will be used: icons, public domain images, and images generated for the purpose of posting to our website.
3. Observations
  - A. Site statistics indicate that our website is used as a devotional and educational resource by many. Top downloads include Fr. Thomas Hopko’s 55 Maxims, the morning prayer of the Optina elders, an Akathist to St. Herman, a reading list of Orthodox classics, and glossary of Orthodox anthropology.
  - B. The page with daily readings from the lectionary and lives of saints continues to among the most read pages, along with several pages dedicated to specific saints.
  - C. In addition to search engine references, AI chatbots are referring traffic to our website.