

**Christ the Savior Holy Spirit Orthodox Church**  
**Pastoral Directives for Liturgical Etiquette**  
**NARTHEX EDITION**

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*Dear Parish Faithful,*

*This is a summary of some of the main points taken from the longer version of the "Pastoral Directives for Liturgical Etiquette" that I sent out to the parish last week. It is now posted in the narthex of the church.*

*- Fr Steven Kostoff*

**Welcome to Christ the Savior Holy Spirit Orthodox Church. We are glad you are here. Below are several pastoral directives for Liturgical Etiquette.**

1. No Food or Drinks are permitted in the church.
2. No gum chewing is permitted in the church.
3. Shorts, shirts with logos, or tank tops are not permitted in the church.

**Bodily Posture:**

*The whole person - spirit, soul, and body (1 Thess. 5:23) - is engaged in worship. Please respect that we are present and worshipping in the sacred space of the church.*

The following bodily postures are not appropriate in the sacred space of the church.

- Crossing of the legs while sitting
- Hands stuffed in one's pockets
- Arms stretched out over a pew while sitting

It is a privilege, a gift, and a joy to be in church for any liturgical service, and especially for the Divine Liturgy on the Lord's Day. Let us respond with love and respect within the sacred space of the consecrated temple of our worship.

Please direct any further questions, topics or concerns to Fr. Steven.