

If you are planning a visit to our monastery, please know that an appointment is needed as our hours of visitation are limited. There are some other things that you should know if this is your first time visiting or coming to Divine Liturgy.

- Please dress modestly. Even though you are coming to a home, you are coming to a place of prayer.
- In respect of our tradition, women should wear a head covering but it is not required
- Our doors are opened 30 minutes before a scheduled service. Please consult the [online calendar](#) to see the current schedule of services.
- If you need to go to Confession before liturgy, please make arrangements beforehand so that all the time and attention you need to make a good confession is available to you.
- The use of incense is regular and frequent during our liturgical services. We keep the airflow constant during services but be aware in case you may still have issues.
- Communion is open only to those who are properly disposed and truly accept the real presence of the Precious Body and Sacred Blood. If this is your first time to visit the monastery, Communion consists of real bread and wine served to the recipient on a golden spoon. If you are receiving Communion, take up the bottom edges of the red napkin and hold it under your chin. Be sure to open your mouth fully so that communion can be given without you touching the spoon. If you would just like to receive a blessing, place your hands palms down, crossed over your chest and then bow your head when you reach the priest.
- To assist in the proper celebration of the services, we sometimes use recorded sound tracks of some of the responses. Please wait for the recorded response before you proceed even if you know the responses.
- We have a temple cat. While he usually spends liturgy time in his tree, he may want to come and see you and check you out. He is gentle and loving so if you don't have an issue with him, all will be well. If you do have an issue with him, let us know ahead of time.

We thank you for choosing to visit us. While God has not yet found us worthy to have a more open and more developed home we know He soon will; until then, we look forward to greeting you and praying with you. Please enjoy our humble hospitality. My God bless you and your family.