

Greek Orthodox Community
of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel



La Communauté Grecque Orthodoxe
des Archanges Michel et Gabriel

OUR BEHAVIOUR IN CHURCH

1. We come to Church **ON TIME**.
2. We enter the Church building **QUIETLY**, without the thumping or banging of feet. The use of mobile phones during Church services is **STRICTLY FORBIDDEN**.
3. We venerate in a **PIOUS** manner the holy icons. During a service, we only venerate those icons that are made available at the entrance so as not to disrupt the service.
4. We **NEVER** block the entrance of the Church or stand in a place that prevents others from entering the Church and finding their place.
5. As long as possible throughout the service, we remain **STANDING, STILL** and **SILENT**. And we pray.
6. During Church services, communication is allowed **ONLY** with God. Any other type of conversation is **SIN**.
7. It is necessary for **EVERYONE TO STAND** during the following parts: “Blessed is the Kingdom”, “Wisdom. Arise,” the Gospel reading, the Cherubic Hymn, the Symbol of Faith (“I believe”), from “Take, eat” up to the *Axion Estin* (“It is truly right”), the Lord’s Prayer (“Our Father”), “The Holy Gifts for the holy people,” “With fear of God,” the Dismissal and every time the Priest censes or gives a blessing.
8. We approach Holy Communion in a **PIOUS, QUIET** and **ORDERLY** manner, one after the other.
9. Regular parishioners should always set a **GOOD EXAMPLE** of piety, patience, prayer, silence and faith. All together we are to encourage the participation of children in the services. We never criticize or disparage families with children.
10. We do not leave the Divine Liturgy earlier than the *Di’ Efxon* (“Through the prayers of our holy fathers”). When the Divine Liturgy is completed, we receive in an **ORDERLY** and **PIOUS** manner the antidoron, **ALWAYS** from the hand of the liturgizing Priest.
11. After receiving the antidoron, we **VERY QUIETLY** exit from the Church Building, without engaging in disruptive greetings, embraces and discussions with friends and family.
12. We cooperate **FULLY** (without defiant grumbling) with the members of the Community Council in maintaining proper ecclesiastical order and decorum.