

St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church

Parish Council Expectation Guidelines

- As Parish Council members, each of us will express and model our mission of sharing the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ in all of our ministries.
- Individually and as a group, we will evaluate our activities as well as the activities of our community to ensure they bring our faithful closer to God and to show the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This is a primary goal of all of St. Christopher's ministries and any activities or projects conducted as a part of these ministries.
- We as a parish council commit to meeting once every month.
- Every Parish Council member agrees to participate as fully as possible in the life of God's Holy Church.
- We strive to set and meet goals based on predetermined benchmarks.
- We agree to start and end meetings at specified times, even if some participants are delayed. We also agree that the meeting will not stop to catch up those who are late in joining the meeting, unless there is a compelling reason to do so. This determination will be at the discretion of the Parish Council President (or meeting chair).
- We commit to use our talents and to welcome and encourage others to assist and grow God's Holy Church and the community.
- We will strive to be responsible stewards of the treasure and talents of God's Holy Church as we minister in His behalf.
- We recognize the value of a team-centered approach to ministry and shall undertake our teamwork as a celebration of the Lord's fellowship in our midst. We are committed to mutual respect, to serve harmoniously and cooperatively, to continually grow and reevaluate our teamwork and fellowship.
- We commit to mutual respect and to honor other's contributions and views by making space for everyone's input. This includes no side conversations, respectfully listening, keeping remarks on point, no interruptions, and only one person speaking at a time as recognized by the chair of the meeting.
- To make the most efficient use of time, each member will request at least one week in advance from the Parish Council President any agenda items and/or invitations to guest participants.

- Each member will commit to meet at scheduled meeting times and take responsibility for managing our own schedules as well as our responsibilities to the group. We will respect each other's time.
- We will keep each other and the members of the General Parish Assembly well informed about our activities and decisions in a timely manner.
- We will exercise discretion with confidential information and discussions within the Parish Council. Our goal is to seek consensus and not make decisions or commitments without authorization.
- As Parish Council members, we each commit to encourage others to share in the Lord's work, and we will strive to empower others to contribute.