

CORE VALUES

26 – TRADITIONAL - APOSTOLIC - historic tradition; preserving the fundamental beliefs of the Church; provide a framework for others to properly worship; visible and articulated unbroken continuity with the Church of Jesus Christ and His Apostles; the fullness for which non-Orthodox Christians, ex-Christians, non-Christians, agnostics, atheists, and the broken-hearted hunger and yearn for; knowledge of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit; worship of God; beautiful worship; commune with Christ; uphold the teachings/traditions of the Orthodox Church; Apostolic tradition of Christ-centered life, liturgy and service; beautiful choir; services and sacraments; Bible-based- faithful to Christ's Holy Church; committed to Orthodox theology; ancient Faith is wise not old or outdated; traditions of the Church; unchanging faith; Remaining true to our Reformation Orthodox Heritage; Joyful doctrinal clarity.

23 – SERVICE-ORIENTED - engaging in outreach to the local community; how to help people and approach them to help others; help financially in the community; give time to community projects; communicate priority of serving Christ through the poor and suffering in our local community; connect first-hand to Christ through the poor and suffering; comfort the poor and suffering by meeting immediate physical and spiritual needs; community profile through acts of kindness; community presence and engagement; engaged in our greater community - care for thy neighbor; charity to those outside our parish; giving back to community; Servant leadership.

21 - WELCOMING - welcome the stranger; acceptance; family friendly - hospitality; inclusivity; open-mindedness; communication to visitors; safe, nurturing, caring community; build a greater sense of connection within our parishioners; invigorate the welcoming spirit and approach of our church; all are welcome; Orthodoxy is for everyone; being open to all people; tolerance; we are stronger with inclusion; The Kingdom is for everyone.

21 - CHRIST-CENTERED - spreading and teaching the Gospel; provide an environment that supports Christians and Christian families; Christ, understanding Him and being like Him; Christ-centered; becoming more like Christ; Kerygma (the Gospel message here and now); Jesus is alive and in our midst; Be icons of Christ; "Christ is Risen, my Joy!"; Provide a witness to the love of Christ; Hope in Christ's resurrection; Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

19 - UNIFIED - FELLOWSHIP - reconciliation and peace; internal harmony; parish unity; congenial, we work together for the good of the parish even when we disagree; close knit community of faith and love; breaking of bread; Church family; Ministering to the spiritual life of our parishioners.

17 - LOVING - love for one another; charitable Agape love; embracing all of God's people; unconditional love; No compromise on Love; Forming loving, authentic relationships with God and parishioners; Non-judgmental of others; Forgiving; Supportive; Tolerance.

16 – EDUCATION-FOCUSED - commitment to building a strong Sunday school; continuous learning; education of old and young; awareness of Orthodoxy.

15 - GENEROUS - STEWARDSHIP - get people involved in a church project; family centered involvement; ministry; sacrificial giving of time, talent and treasure; minister to ill and homebound; Economia/stewardship of resources; financial stewardship; Generosity; Charity; Living out our faith with gratitude and generosity for the sake of our neighbors and world; Take part and do your duty.

12 - EVANGELISM & OUTREACH - help others learn about Christ; help others become members of the Orthodox Church; seek and incorporate people for the sole purpose of bringing them into the Wedding Feast of the Kingdom; catechize with a charismatic focus on missional character of the Church.

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10 - FAITH IN GOD - faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord, God and Saviour; walk by faith, not by sight; faith over fear; Where God Guides, He Provides; God comes first, and the rest will follow; What does God want us to do.

9 - DIVERSE - pan-Orthodox liturgical life & culture; understanding and acceptance of differences; embracing of diversity - broad range of skills of the members are utilized ; multi-cultural community.

8 – HONEST / TRUTHFUL - ability to state and adhere to the truth; Integrity; No compromise on Truth; Ever-fresh, timeless Truth expressed with integrity for OUR time and place; Explanation and accountability to all; authenticity; True, genuine deep relationships.

5 - RESOURCEFUL & DETERMINED – resourceful; Determined, Commitment.

4 - DISCIPLESHIP- discipling strong/engaged Christians.

3 - HUMBLE – humble; vulnerability.

3 - HOPEFUL – hope.

2 - RESPECTFUL - respect of local culture.

3 - COMPASSIONATE - compassionate, Grace.

2 - CREATIVE – adaptive.

2 – YOUTH-ORIENTED - Youth; Future in the hands of younger gens.

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- A beacon, a lighthouse: strong, positive visibility
- Transformation, healing, divinization, and intimate communion with God happen here
- Freedom around non-essentials, little-t tradition
- Visible, clear entry ramp into full membership
- Priesthood of all believers
- Free will
- Sanctuary from earthly cares
- Communication
- Correct the larger root causes of injustice towards the poor and suffering
- Quality, not quantity
- Patriotism
- Access to needs (bathroom/parking...)
- Foundation of prayer
- Growing membership/distance to travel
- Who are we
- What do we want the church to look like
- Where do we want to be in 5-10 years from now
- Visualize the church future
- Church is a "hospital"
- Fishers of men
- Impact
- Accessibility
- Moral compass
- Good neighbor
- Apolitical
- Local
- Stand out
- Physically accommodate all