

POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL ALTAR SERVERS

These policies and requirements are established for all Altar Servers serving the Altars of the Western Region of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese. We require that all Altar Servers strictly comply with these policies and requirements and that the parents of the Altar Servers take the time to read these policies and requirements and to assure that your sons have a clear understanding and will comply with these policies and requirements.

ITEM	STANDARDS SET BY THE ARCHDIOCESE AND THE WESTERN REGION	MINIMUM STANDARDS ACCEPTABLE IN EACH PARISH
Time of Arrival and Performance	Altar Servers must be in the Altar with their robes in hand for the blessings of the Priest no less than 20 minutes before the scheduled start of the Liturgy.	Altar Servers must be in the Altar with their robes in hand for the blessings of the Priest no less than 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the Liturgy.
Condition of Hair and Face	Neatly combed hair and freshly shaven faces or neatly groomed facial hair (older Servers) are required. No spiked hair while serving the Altar.	Neatly combed hair and freshly shaven faces or neatly groomed facial hair (older Servers) are required. No spiked hair while serving the Altar.
Shirt	Dress Shirt and Tie	Clean, neatly pressed Shirt with Collar. No T-shirts or Golf-type Shirts allowed.
Pants	Dress Slacks	Clean, neatly pressed cotton pants or slacks. No jeans or jungle/military-type pants allowed.
Shoes & Socks	Polished dress shoes with laces tied and black socks. No tennis or athletic shoes allowed.	Polished dress shoes with laces tied and black socks. No tennis or athletic shoes allowed.