



Three Hierarchs Chapel Handbook

1. General Chapel Schedule

Unless otherwise noted, the service schedule for Monday–Friday is as follows:

Daily Matins will be served Monday–Thursday at 7:30 a.m.

Lectio divina is offered on Fridays at 7:30 a.m., instead of Daily Matins.

Daily Divine Liturgies are celebrated at 7:00 a.m.

Sunday and *Festal Divine Liturgies* are celebrated at 9:00 a.m.

Daily Vespers and *Great Vespers*, when appointed, will be served Monday–Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday evening services, either *Great Vespers* or *Vigil*, begin at 6:00 p.m. *Festal Vigils* begin at 6:00 p.m.

Little Compline will be served during lenten periods Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings at 9:30 p.m.

2. Chapel Expectations by Degree Programs

Degree Program	Weekly Services (Mon–Thurs)	Weekend and Festal Services
MA & MDiv	Daily Matins & Vespers	Vigil & Liturgy
ThM	Daily Matins and/or Vespers	Vigil & Liturgy
DMin	Services Encouraged	Vigil & Liturgy

Seminarians are expected to attend all services, arrive on time, and not leave early. Seminarians are also expected to read, serve, and sing as assigned. Seminarians should follow appropriate Chapel deportment: offer to help where needed, follow directions, and in no way be disrespectful. Seminarians are strongly encouraged to attend *Lectio divina* and *Little Compline*.

If appropriate reasons arise that prevent the fulfillment of these expectations, then seminarians should consult with the appropriate figures at the seminary. Seminarians assigned to meal crews should leave together at a fixed time in the services.

When seminarians are to be absent from Three Hierarchs' Chapel, or any of the Chapels on campus:

- A. If he is a priest or deacon, he must seek a blessing from the rector of the Chapel and inform the Director of Spiritual Formation (by email).
- B. All other seminarians should seek a blessing from Director of Spiritual Formation, by email.
- C. If a seminarian will be absent when his or her assigned choir is scheduled to sing, he or she should also contact the Director of Music, by email.
- D. If a seminarian will be absent when he is scheduled to serve, he should also contact the student sacristan.
- E. If a seminarian will be absent when he or she is scheduled to read, he or also she should contact the student ecclesiarch.
- F. If a seminarian who attends the Malankara Chapel will be absent, he or she should also contact the student sacristan of the Malankara Chapel.

If a seminarian falls short on any of these expectations, the Director of Spiritual Formation will make every attempt to first meet and discuss the issue with the seminarian. In such a meeting (or if need be, meetings), goals and expectation can simply be renewed; or new and modified goals can be agreed on in consultation with the Director of Spiritual Formation, the Seminary Ecclesiarch, and the seminarian. If the seminarian continues to fall short of what is expected, then further consideration of the matter and possible action will be taken by the Student Formation Committee, and perhaps the Faculty Council.

3. Chapel Attire

- A. *Men* are to wear black cassocks in the chapel. They must be aware that clothing worn underneath their cassock also ought to be appropriate. This means that students who are serving in the altar or reading during liturgical services must wear *black slacks, black socks, and black shoes*. Khakis and corduroy pants are allowed when not serving in official capacities, but these items should not be ripped or frayed. Jeans, shorts, sneakers, and flip-flops are unacceptable. Sandals worn with socks are allowed for monastics only.
- B. Appropriate attire for *women* in chapel and during events that require chapel attire includes dresses, skirts, dress pants with blouses, or sweaters. Dresses and skirts must fall either *below or just above* the knee. Sweatshirts, tank tops, bare midriffs, plunging necklines, and spaghetti straps are not appropriate. Any blouse which is see-through or sheer is prohibited unless worn with an appropriate shirt or blouse underneath. Jeans, as well as anything unusually distracting, excessively tight, tie-dyed, ripped, or frayed are prohibited. Shoes are limited to dress shoes and sandals.