

Report of the Choir Director
Christ the Savior Annual Parish Meeting
January 26, 2025

Dear Christ the Savior Parish Family,
Glory to Jesus Christ!

It has been an absolute joy and honor to serve as the choir director again this year.
During 2024, the choir served for the following services:

- 69 Divine Liturgies
- 76 Vespers
- 9 Matins
- 5 Canon of St. Andrew
- 7 Presanctified Liturgies
- 2 Vesperal Liturgies
- 3 Baptisms
- 1 Funeral
- Unction, Nocturn, Matins and Paschal Liturgy

As well as choir attendance in some capacity for almost every other service held.

This year, the choir held 26 rehearsals and 1 reader's workshop. We were blessed to have 5 new choir members who are regularly joining us for services and 3 new readers on the schedule, as well as those who have learned to read during weekday and evening services.

In remaining humble, I must speak proudly of these choir members who have learned countless pieces of new music and have spent hours working on fine-tuning known music. We have seen tremendous growth and talent emerging from our choir with canonarchs, trios, duets, and cantors sharing their gifts with us, and doing this all with the goal of giving due praise to God and helping our parish commune in a prayerful service. My hope is to continue this passion and progress and watch our community continue to grow in numbers and musicality, while keeping our service to God always as our main priority. I want to thank our choir for all of your tireless efforts, and everyone in our church for your continued support.

Finally, on a personal note, I want to thank the other directors, the choir, and our entire parish, for your love and support after the falling asleep in the Lord of my mother, Matushka Annice. The willingness and help from our other directors to step in immediately after and since then has been a true blessing. The love and support of our choir to sing at her services will never be forgotten by my family. Our entire parish has gone out of their way to show us love and support, and continue to do so, including for our daughters. I am beyond grateful to have had 36 years being loved by and seeing what true Christian love looks like from Matushka Annice, not only for church music and prayer, but genuine love for Christ and others, and I will do my best to continue with her example. I am certain that she is grateful to have spent her last years here with you all at Christ the Savior, as am I. I know that she still joins us in the heavenly choirs and is smiling hearing our joyful noise. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

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