

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

*How do I become a member of the parish?*  
Membership in the Orthodox Church begins at baptism (Chrismation for some) and continues throughout our life. We are united with Christ through the sacraments, or mysteries, of the Church and through our faithful offering of our entire selves to Jesus Christ. Our Archdiocese requires each parish to distinguish between voting members and non-voting members. A voting member is over 18 years of age and turns in a signed stewardship commitment card, committing a portion of time, talent and treasure to the Church. The Archdiocese also requires the voting member to remain current through the year on their commitments. Keep in mind that true membership in the Body of Christ involves living according to His word and within His Church.

*Why must I commit to give a specific amount?*  
Please keep in mind that your stewardship of money is kept in the strictest of confidence. However, we do compile the amounts anticipated to better plan our budget.

*What if I cannot fulfill my stewardship commitment?*

During the course of a year, people's circumstances change. Your stewardship is valued because it is made out for your love for God and His Church. Please do not be concerned if you are unable to meet your stewardship commitment – we are glad you are a part of this parish.

## Christian Stewardship Is...

*...learning how to be a responsible and concerned caretaker of Christ's Church; it is learning how to enjoy Church life and be happy in Church work, for in Her dwells the fullness of the Spirit of God.*

*...our active commitment to use all our time, talent and treasure for the benefit of humankind in grateful acknowledgment of Christ's redeeming love.*

*...caring for the needs of others.*

*...offering one's self to God as He offered Himself to us.*

*...what a person does after saying "I believe..." , as proof of that belief.*

*...devotion and service to God and His Church as persons, as families, as diocese/metropolis, as national Church and as Church universal.*

*~Williams & McKibben in Oriented Leadership*



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## Stewardship Commitment Card

2019

# Information

TODAY'S DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SPOUSE (IF MARRIED) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

MOBILE PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS OF SPOUSE (IF MARRIED) \_\_\_\_\_

## Dependent Children's information:

CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

CELL \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

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*In the Gospel of Saint Matthew (6:19), Jesus instructs us, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal...." Often in life, we pursue and collect those things that do not last. We must ask, "One hundred years from now, where will our possessions be?" Our greatest blessing is our family. As Orthodox Christians, we are called to be stewards of this great gift. If we are faithful to this calling, perhaps our Lord will say to us as he did to the faithful steward, "Well done good and faithful servant" (Mt 25:23).*

## Treasure

In gratitude for God's blessings, I/We commit to Christ and His Church the following amount:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ weekly  
 \_\_\_\_\_ monthly  
 \_\_\_\_\_ annually



## E-Statements

\_\_\_ send my Bi-Annual Statement by Email

\_\_\_ send my End-of-Year Statement by Email

## Planned giving

\_\_\_ Please send me information on making a planned gift to the Church

# Time & Talent

Please indicate areas of interest with a check (✓).

### EDUCATION

- \_\_\_ Bible Study
- \_\_\_ Bookstore
- \_\_\_ Greek School
- \_\_\_ Intro to Orthodoxy

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

- \_\_\_ Sunday School Admin
- \_\_\_ Sunday School Teacher
- \_\_\_ GOYA Youth Leader
- \_\_\_ Vacation Bible School

### BUILDING & GROUNDS

- \_\_\_ Clean-up
- \_\_\_ Electrical
- \_\_\_ Exterior Repairs
- \_\_\_ Garden & Landscape
- \_\_\_ Plumbing
- \_\_\_ Interior Repairs
- \_\_\_ Roofing
- \_\_\_ Fiscal Mgt/Review By Laws
- \_\_\_ Development/ Fundraising
- \_\_\_ Office help
- \_\_\_ Computer / Technical

### LITURGICAL

- \_\_\_ Sanctuary & Altar Care
- \_\_\_ Altar boys / Acolytes
- \_\_\_ Baking Prosfora
- \_\_\_ Choir
- \_\_\_ Chanters

### MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS

- \_\_\_ Narthex Greeter/Usher
- \_\_\_ AHEPA Chapter 518
- \_\_\_ Capital Development
- \_\_\_ Daughters of Penelope
- \_\_\_ Greek Dance Groups
- \_\_\_ Greek Festival
- \_\_\_ Ladies Philoptochos
- \_\_\_ New Years Eve Celebration

### ADMINISTRATION

- \_\_\_ Parish Council
- \_\_\_ Stewardship
- \_\_\_ Sunday Coffee Hour

### COMMUNICATIONS

- \_\_\_ Website & E-mail
- \_\_\_ Bulletin & Newsletter
- \_\_\_ Public Relations/Marketing
- \_\_\_ Social Media

Any other talents or information on items listed above:

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