

## 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, circumstances change. Your stewardship is valued because it is made out of 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*



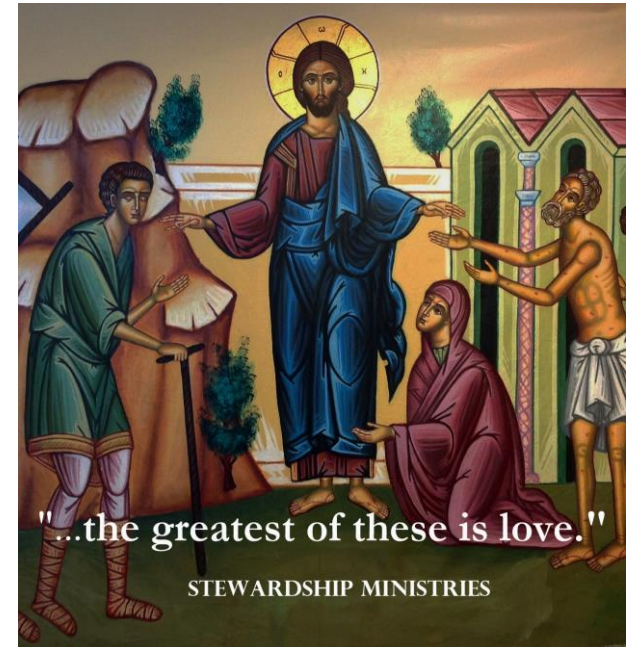
### STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES

DEPARTMENT OF STEWARDSHIP, OUTREACH & EVANGELISM

GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

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“...the greatest  
of these  
is love.”

Commitment Card

# Information

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 names and birthdates\*  
(birthdates optional):

\_\_\_\_\_

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May we include your contact information  
in the parish directory?

yes  no *If yes, please indicate any  
information you would like excluded:*

\_\_\_\_\_

May we add you to our parish email list?

yes  no

# Treasure

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

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ circle: each week, month, year

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Planned Giving

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



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).

# Time & Talent

Individual stewards should indicate areas of interest with a check (✓).

Families should mark "H" for husband, "W" for wife or "C" for children.

## EDUCATION

- \_\_ Bible Study
- \_\_ Adult Religious Education
- \_\_ Intro to Orthodoxy
- \_\_ Publications
- \_\_ Speakers
- \_\_ Bookstore

## YOUTH

- \_\_ Church School Teacher
- \_\_ Church School Administration
- \_\_ Youth Leader
- \_\_ Greek School
- \_\_ Vacation Church School
- \_\_ Camp Counselor
- \_\_ GOYA Advisor (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- \_\_ JOY Advisor (3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- \_\_ HOPE Advisor (kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)

## BUILDING & GROUNDS

- \_\_ Garden & Landscape
- \_\_ Plumbing
- \_\_ Electrical
- \_\_ Clean-up
- \_\_ Interior Repairs
- \_\_ Exterior Repairs
- \_\_ Roofing
- \_\_ Hall Rentals

## COMMUNICATIONS

- \_\_ Website
- \_\_ Newsletter

## LITURGICAL

- \_\_ Sanctuary & Altar Care
- \_\_ Altar boys / Acolytes
- \_\_ Baking Prosfora
- \_\_ Chanter
- \_\_ Choir
- \_\_ Reader
- \_\_ Greeter/Usher
- \_\_ Myrofores (youth girls)

## MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS

- \_\_ Campus Ministry/OCF
- \_\_ Stewardship
- \_\_ Sunday Fellowship / Coffee
- \_\_ Kitchen Ministry
- \_\_ Visitation - Hospital
- \_\_ Visitation - Shut-ins
- \_\_ Prison Ministry
- \_\_ Grief Bereavement Group
- \_\_ Philoptochos
- \_\_ Ladies Fellowship Group
- \_\_ Seniors (50+) Ministry
- \_\_ Family Ministry
- \_\_ Security
- \_\_ Thrift Store
- \_\_ Panathenian Dance Troupe (elementary - college)
- \_\_ Greek Festival

## ADMINISTRATION

- \_\_ Fiscal Mgt / Review
- \_\_ By-Laws
- \_\_ Development / Fundraising
- \_\_ Office help
- \_\_ Computer / Technical

Any other talents or information on items listed above:

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