

# 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:

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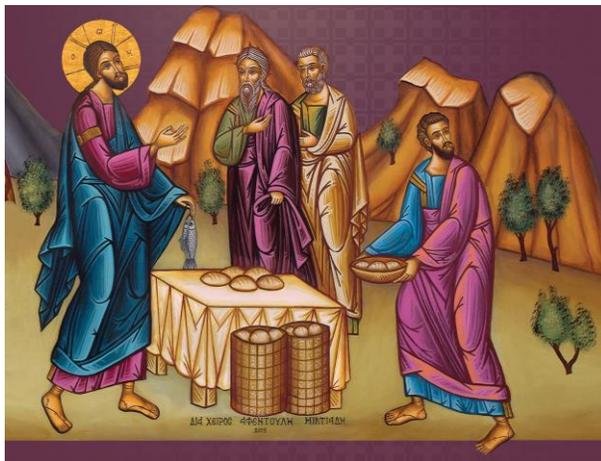
## E-statements

May we add the email above to our parish email list so we can contact you regarding stewardship needs and documents?

yes  no

# Why We Give

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 in 2017:

\$\_\_\_\_\_ each week/month/qtr/year

## Join the 1% Initiative

Yes, I would like to join the 1% Initiative and increase my giving by one percent of my gross income in 2017.

# Time and Talent

Individual stewards should indicate areas of interest with a check (✓). Families mark "H" for husband, "W" for wife or "C" for children.

### EDUCATION

- Education Administrator
- Teacher Training
- Adult Religious Education
- Intro to Orthodoxy (Catechism)
- Bible Study
- Speakers & Publications
- Library & Bookstore
- Vacation Church School

### YOUTH

- Leader/ Counselor
- Basketball Tournament
- Travel Coordinator
- Liaison with Metropolis

### BUILDING & GROUNDS

- Improvement & Repair
- Garden & Landscape
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Hall Rentals
- Clean-up

### ADMINISTRATION

- Fiscal Mgmt/Review
- Stewardship
- By-Laws
- Development/Fundraising
- Office Help
- Computer/Technical
- Data Entry

### EVANGELISM

- Mission Planning
- Orth. Christian Mission Ctr.

### LITURGICAL

- Sanctuary/Altar Care
- Acolytes/Altar Servers
- Readers/Chanters
- Choir
- Greeter/Usher
- Worship Guide Preparation
- Prayer Gatherings
- Special Services Preparation
- Candles & Supplies
- Kollyva and Prosfora

### MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS

- Welcome Team
- New Member Events
- Sunday Fellowship/Coffee
- Shut-in & Hospital Visits
- Feed the Hungry
- Int. Orthodox Charities (IOCC)
- Blood Drives
- Grief Bereavement Group
- Seniors Ministry
- Couples Ministry
- Singles Ministry
- Military Ministry
- Prison Ministry (OCPM)
- College Ministry (OCF)

### COMMUNICATIONS

- Website/Newsletter
- Church Directory
- Photography
- Emergency Tel./Text Chain

Any other talents or information on items listed above:

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## 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 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.

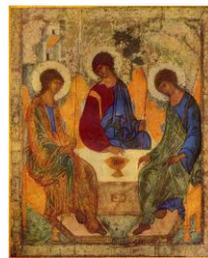
...caring for the needs of others.

...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.

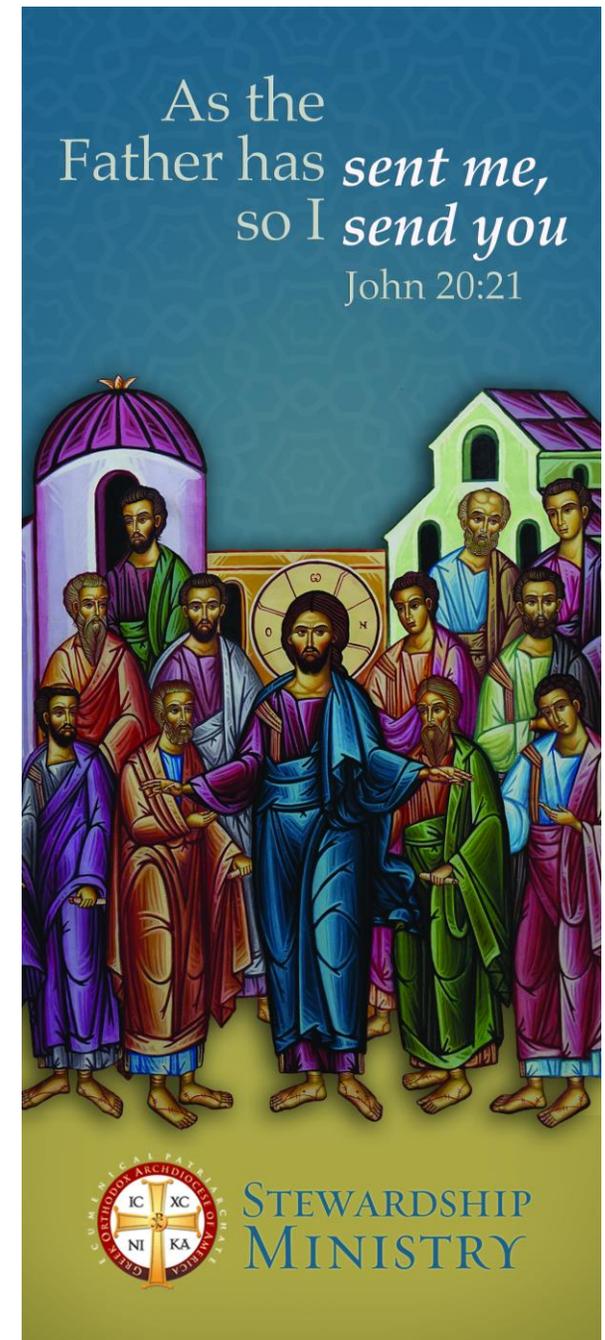
*Williams & McKibben in Oriented Leadership*



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# Commitment Card