

# INFORMATION

NAME

BAPTISMAL NAME / FEAST DAY

NAME OF SPOUSE (IF MARRIED)

SPOUSE BAPTISMAL NAME / FEAST DAY

STREET ADDRESS

CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE

HOME PHONE

MOBILE PHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

EMAIL ADDRESS OF SPOUSE (IF MARRIED)

Dependent Children's names, birthdates & feast days:

Check here if you would like to receive your stewardship statements by e-mail.

Check here if you would like to be taken off our email list.

Check here if you prefer all correspondence via USPS.

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:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per

Week  Month  Quarter  Year

## PLANNED GIVING

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

# 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 NEXT TO EACH APPLICABLE LINE.

We have already signed up for our preferred groups on WISDOM

### ADMINISTRATION

- Computer / Technical
- Fiscal – Fundraising
- Fiscal – Stewardship
- Office Volunteer

### BUILDING & GROUNDS

- Building Maintenance
- Grounds Maintenance
- Hall Rentals
- Set-up & Clean-up Crew

### COMMUNICATIONS

- Website & Email
- Bulletin & Newsletter
- Public Relations

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- Biblical Dialogue Forum
- Adult Christian Education
- Orthodox Inquirer's Class
- Parish Retreats & Speakers
- Library and Bookstore
- Sunday Church School
- Vacation Church School

### LITURGICAL

- Altar Guild
- Altar Servers
- Baking Prosfora & Artos
- Chanters / Byzantine Music
- Readers
- Greeter / Open & Close

### OUTREACH

- CAM
- Couple's Ministry
- Feeding the Hungry
- Fellowship & Hospitality
- Grief Support Group
- Helping Hands Ministry
- IOCC
- Men's Breakfast Group
- Military Ministry
- Orthodox Christian Fellowship
- OC Prison Ministry
- Prayer Warriors
- Seniors' Ministry
- Visitations Group
- Welcome Team
- Young Adult League

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

- JOY (Junior Orthodox Youth)
- GOYA
- Hellenic Dance Troupe

Any other talents or information on items not 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.

### MUST I MAKE AND FULFILL A PLEDGE EACH YEAR TO BE A "PARISHIONER IN GOOD STANDING"?

From the Archdiocesan *Uniform Parish Regulations (UPR)* – Chapter One, Article 18: "At a minimum, a parishioner in good standing must: be 18 years of age or over; be current in his or her stewardship and other financial obligations to the Parish; abide by all the regulations as stated, and cooperate in every way towards the welfare and well-being of the Parish."

### 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 a year, circumstances change. Your stewardship is valued because it is made 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.

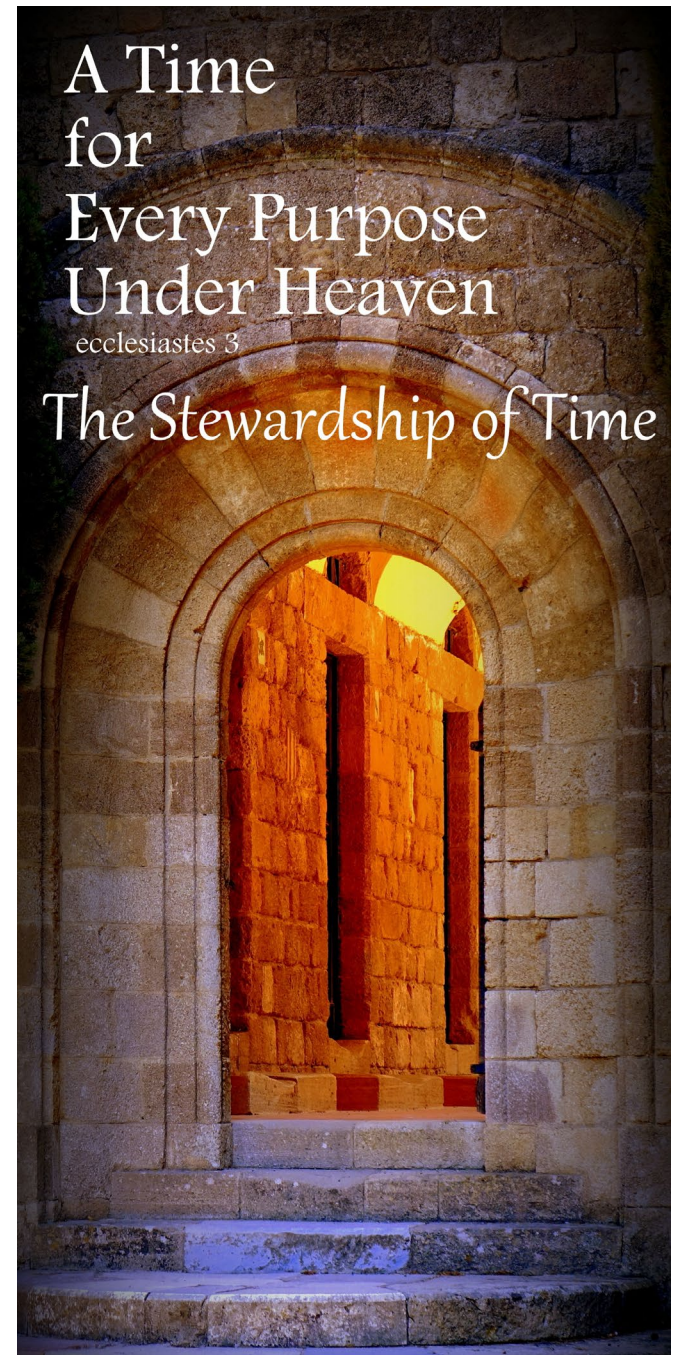
...what a person does after saying "I believe...", as proof of that belief.

...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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