

Frequently asked questions

How do I become a member of the parish?

Membership in the Orthodox Church begins at baptism and continues throughout our life. We are united with Christ by partaking in the Sacraments and in the spiritual and liturgical life of the Church.

Our Archdiocese requires each parish to distinguish between voting members and non-voting members. A voting member is anyone who 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. True membership in the Body of Christ involves living according to His word and within His Church.

Must I commit to give a fixed amount?

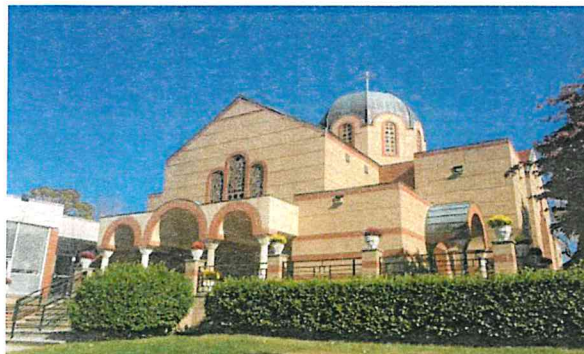
Our parish does not have a stewardship minimum. Each steward is asked to give according to their abilities and in thanksgiving for the many blessings that God has given them. Your stewardship pledge is confidential and is used to calculate our church's annual budget.

What if I can't fulfill my stewardship pledge?

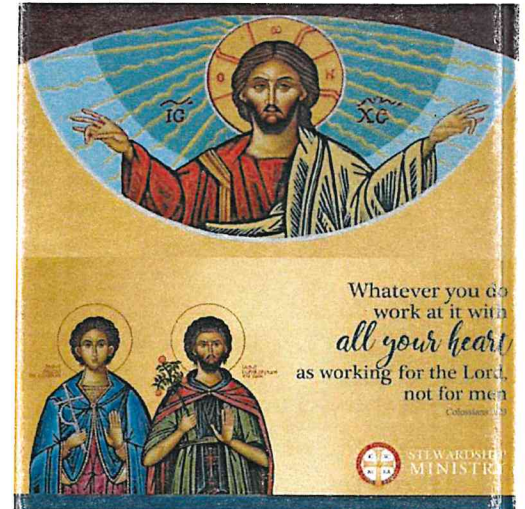
Your stewardship is respected because it is made out of your love for God and His church. It is also used to calculate our annual budget. We realize that financial circumstances may change. Please let us know if you are unable to meet your pledge and know that you are a valued member of our church community.

The meaning of Stewardship

Christian Stewardship is about becoming good caretakers of all that God has given us. Think about all that God has given you— your health, your family, your opportunities in life, your intelligence and your talents. God has given each of us special and unique gifts. And through Holy Scripture He teaches us that all that we have is a loan. God lends us everything and reminds us that one day He will ask us to give a detailed accounting of what we have done with the gifts He has given us. *How have you used your time, your talents, and your treasure?*



Stewardship 2019



“Let each of you give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

--2 Corinthians 9:7

In whatever work we do, we are called to give glory to God for the abilities, opportunities and the blessings that He provides us.

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Your 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)

INSTAGRAM, FACEBOOK OR TWITTER NAME

Your children's names and birthdates:

Your Treasure

I will commit a Stewardship pledge to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church the following amount for 2019.

One **Annual** stewardship donation in the amount of :

- \$5,000
- \$3,000
- \$1,200
- \$900
- \$720
- \$480
- Other \$ _____

A **Monthly** stewardship donation in the amount of:

- \$420
- \$250
- \$100
- \$75
- \$60
- \$40
- Other \$ _____
- I prefer to fulfill my pledge by credit card or by automatic debit from my checking account (Please complete authorization)
- I prefer to fulfill my pledge by donating securities. (you will be contacted with instructions)

Your Time and Talent

Without the time and talent of the many volunteers, our parish would not be the success that it is today. Please volunteer your time and talent. No effort is too small. You'll be honoring God and making a difference in your church community, while making lifelong friendships along the way. Below are the many parish ministries that could use your help. Please speak with Fr. Evan about how you feel you could best contribute. Thank you!

- Sunday School
- Greek School PTA
- Philoptochos (friend of the poor)
- Little Angels (toddlers' ministry)
- HOPE/JOY (kids' ministry)
- GOYA (teen's ministry)
- YAL (young adult ministry)
- Sunshine Club (seniors ministry)
- Youth Sports & Coaching
- Dance Troup
- Choir
- Bingo
- Maintenance
- Outreach
- Church office volunteer
- Sunday Bulletin
- "Good News" (monthly newsletter)
- Annual Festival
- Other _____