



ST. ANDREW'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Celebrating 91 years in the service of Our Lord

Stewardship 2018

**"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart,
as working for the Lord, not for men..." Colossians 3:23**

November 2017

Beloved Steward of St. Andrew's,

As we approach Christmas, we at St. Andrew's are truly thankful for you and your family here in our Church. You are a vital part of our Church Community.

On **Stewardship Sunday, December 3, 2017**, we encourage you to bring the enclosed commitment card indicating the time, talent, and treasure that you are able to offer, enabling our Church to continue to enhance the spiritual growth of the Orthodox Christians entrusted to our care. Before completing the enclosed Commitment Card and Information Form, please give prayerful consideration to the commitment you are making. The fundamental premise of Stewardship is free-will giving with each individual giving as he or she is able in order to advance Church ministries.

Recently, several stewards have asked for guidance on what amount their annual financial commitment should be. While there is no "right" answer, we suggest Family Giving in an amount of \$1,000 and up per year; Single (anyone over 21 years of age/working) – \$500 per year; and for those over 65 years old – Give from your heart!

Please note many corporate employers will match your charitable Stewardship giving. For a matching gift, employers often request verification of our status as a Section 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The Church office can provide this information to you. Also, please see the enclosed special pamphlet regarding Planned Giving. Many stewards generously include St. Andrew's in their wills or estate plans. Please consider a bequest and visit the Church office for more information.

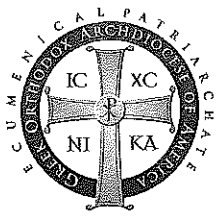
With all stewards, a check mailed to the Church is most meaningful when accompanied by your presence, by your willingness to serve, by your prayers, and by your commitment. Please remember that Stewardship is an opportunity to examine our priorities and values, to express our thankfulness, to give of ourselves and to grow in grace. It allows us to participate in the work of God. *Giving is not a substitute for commitment – it is an expression of our commitment.* May the grace of our Lord bless you and your loved ones to experience the joy of Christ's Birth through the joy of giving.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. John N. Kalomas, Ekonomos
Proistamenos

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(Please complete and return the information form on the back of this letter)



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CONFIDENTIAL FAMILY INFORMATION FORM

Please complete both sections and return this form in the enclosed envelope or to the Church Office

Family Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone: _____

	Husband	Wife	Children / Birth Date
Name:	_____	_____	_____
Mobile Tel:	_____	_____	_____
E-mail:	_____	_____	_____
Occupation:	_____	_____	_____
Work Tel:	_____	_____	_____
Birth Date:	____/____/____	____/____/____	_____

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Please check ✓ those items in which you or a member of your family has some expertise or interest.

If not listed, please add on the line labeled "Other"

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Philoptochos |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greek Language School Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Church Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> Church Camp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visitation of Elderly/Infirm | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking for Events or Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ushering/Welcome | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal | <input type="checkbox"/> Reader (in liturgy) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer – website | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical/Plumbing/Electrical | <input type="checkbox"/> Scouting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

STEWARDSHIP

EASY METHODS OF PAYMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS

- **Parish Pay** - Automatic giving option via credit card/ automatic bank withdrawal
- **Bank Draft** - Automatic payment directly from one's bank-(no fees for the church)
- **Credit Card (Visa or M/C)** - Stewardship giving through credit card
- **Personal Check/Weekly envelopes**

Stewardship Giving Suggested:

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Stewardship 2018 Commitment Card

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**In gratitude for God's blessings I/we commit to Christ and His Church through this pledge;
I/We expect to give the following amount:**

Weekly: \$ _____ Monthly: \$ _____ Yearly: \$ _____

Name _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

Address _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Email Address: _____

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