

STEWARDSHIP



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:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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

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" (Matthew 25:23).

treasure

In adherence with Deuteronomy 12:11 and 1 Corinthians 16:2, we at St. Stefanos, as a community, are committed to reaching a true tithe (10%) over time. Last year, St. Stefanos proudly shared 5% of our total budget with numerous worthwhile Orthodox and non-Orthodox charities. This year, we are committed again to sharing 5% of our total budget with Orthodox and non-Orthodox charities. Brothers and Sisters, because it is just and right and what is required of us by our faith and Our Lord, we ask that you, as Stewards of St. Stefanos, join our commitment of eventually reaching a tithe (10%) over time. This year, we ask that you join us in spiritual growth by meeting St. Stefanos halfway by pledging 2.5% of your annual gross income as your commitment to St. Stefanos and our Faith. Please see attached chart for suggested weekly commitments based on incomes. Over time, and only within your desire, comfort zone and financial abilities, we ask that you increase your spiritual growth by eventually reaching a true tithe (10%) in gratitude for God's many blessings.

I/We commit to Christ and His Church the following amount:

\$_____ each week

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 (P).

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
- Library

YOUTH

- Church School Teacher
- Advisor or helper for:
 - Hope
 - JOY
 - GOYA
- Vacation Church School
- Camp Counselor

BUILDING & GROUNDS

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

ADMINISTRATION

- Fiscal Mgt / Review
- By-Laws
- Development / Fundraising
- Office help
- Computer / Technical
- Data Entry

LITURGICAL

- Sanctuary & Altar Care
- Altar boys / Acolytes
- Baking Prosfora
- Choir
- Reader
- Greeter/Usher

MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS

- Campus Ministry
- Welcome Team
- New Member Events
- Outreach
- Stewardship
- Sunday Fellowship / Coffee
- Visitation – Hospital
- Visitation – Shut-ins
- Food Pantry
- Project Mexico
- Int'l Orth Christian Charities
- OCMC Mission Center
- AGAPE - Seniors Ministry
- Parea - Couples Ministry
- Y2AM - Singles Ministry
- Festival
 - Food Preparation
 - Serving Food
 - Set Up / Break Down

COMMUNICATIONS

- Web site & E-mail
- Bulletin & Newsletter
- Graphic Artist
- Marketing
- Public Relations
- Phone Outreach

Any other talents or information on items listed above:

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 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.

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