

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:

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

Treasure

On average the cost to operate St. Nicholas and its many ministries is about \$45.00 per week, per family, or \$2,340 annually. In order to fully cover the 2018 operating budget it will take approximately 435 pledging stewards offering \$2,340 annually.

Stewardship is the means by which parishioners take ownership and move toward covering the parish budget by means of fare share giving. In 2018 we must strive to cover the annual parish budget through our stewardship program.

In gratitude for God's blessings, I/We commit to Christ and His Church the following amount:

\$ _____ weekly

\$ _____ annually

If donating by credit card, please choose:

Visa Mastercard AMEX Discover

Credit Card

Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Monthly Quarterly Semi-Annually
 Annually

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 (✓).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> AHEPA | <input type="checkbox"/> OML |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Servers | <input type="checkbox"/> Pan-Arcadian Org. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball League | <input type="checkbox"/> Pan-Cretan Org. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book & Gift Store | <input type="checkbox"/> Pennies n' Prayers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bowling League | <input type="checkbox"/> Philoptochos Society |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> Prosfora Baking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Docents | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Nicholas School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greek Dance Program | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Nicholas School Boosters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jr. GOYA | <input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship Com. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sr. GOYA | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IOCC | <input type="checkbox"/> Ushers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JOY | <input type="checkbox"/> Valley Greek Festival |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kids n' Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Visitation Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OPA | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oratorical Festival | <input type="checkbox"/> YAL |



STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL

You are the Voice of Christ in a Changing World

“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

John 20:21

Are you a good and faithful servant? As Orthodox Christians, we have been given a sacred trust. We have received the treasure of the Gospel – the Good News of Jesus Christ. With this sacred trust comes the great responsibility to share it.

If we compare ourselves to the stewards in the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30), do we multiply the treasure for which we are responsible and for which we will be held accountable when the master returns? Or do we bury our treasure in the ground, offering back only that which was given to us? Jesus said “As the Father has sent me, so I send you” (John 20:21). At the end of our life, will He say to us, “Well done good and faithful servant”?

As recipients and stewards of this great treasure, we are called to protect it, keeping its message pure. This is difficult to do in a time when knowledge of the faith is influenced so much by popular culture. Orthodox Christians in America may rely too heavily on our Greek culture to bind people to the faith, often at the expense of the Gospel message. As each generation becomes increasingly assimilated, these cultural ties become less effective in keeping people engaged in the life of the Church. For many, knowledge of the faith is insufficient to appreciate the unique teachings and traditions of Orthodox Christianity. Without a clear knowledge of our faith, we become less capable of sharing the message of salvation.

Since the first Orthodox Christians came to America, the local parish has served as a guardian of the faith and also the culture from which it was transplanted. Parishes must think carefully about

how they share the faith with others. Thoughtful and sensitive consideration must be given to our outreach efforts in order to identify what aspects of our parish life may be creating potential stumbling blocks for non-Orthodox visitors.

As we share the voice of Christ, the message we communicate is one of hope, truth, grace, divine power, life and invitation. In this busy, ever-changing world, His voice of wisdom is needed to guide us in discerning what is good, what is true, and what will bring us closer to Him and to one another.

The base from which we serve as the *Voice of Christ in a Changing World* is the parish. A strong parish provides opportunities for sharing the Good News of Christ and welcoming those who are searching for a spiritual home. The parish also provides a place for worship, fellowship and religious education. To be stewards of the Gospel, we need to first be stewards of our home parish.

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St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Stewardship Card 2018

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so I *send you*
John 20:21



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