February 5, 2019

Dear Parishioner,

We at St. Nicholas are truly thankful to have you and your family here in our Church. You are a vital part of our Church community.

Your stewardship provides the foundation for our Parish ministries and our efforts in meeting the challenge of spreading Christ's word and our Orthodox faith. Our church's loss for 2018 was $7,732.20. Presently, St. Nicholas' stewardship commitments account for only 30% of the church’s $158,000 in yearly operating expenses. These expenses, if allocated equally among our 83 paid stewards, would equal almost $1,900.00 per member. While revenue from the festivals, our weekly collection plate, and candle sales offset some of these expenses, we still need your support. The Bible suggests that the faithful contribute 10% of their income in support of the Church; we ask that you consider a contribution of just 1.5% of your annual income.

Stewardship also means more than just making a monetary donation. 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 your commitment and an investment in the future of your loved ones and your eternal soul; “By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit” (John 15:8).

Below please find a stewardship pledge form for 2019. For those who prefer the traditional dues-based formula for contributions, you will find space on the form below as well. Simply cut off the stub and mail it in the enclosed envelope, or simply bring it with you to Church. The Parish Council has decided to keep the suggested “dues” the same this year in consideration of the needs of our community. However, as is always the case with stewardship, we strongly encourage each of us to give what they can.

Please respond out of faith and love, and help keep our Church vibrant for many years to come. Through our collective efforts, St. Nicholas will continue its divine mission of granting life, peace and joy to all people, both here and in the kingdom to come.

Faithfully,

Fr. John Angel
Parish Priest

Richard Forbes
Parish Council President

Stewardship Model:
My Stewardship commitment for 2019 will be $_________.
(Please make checks payable to: St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church)

-OR-

Dues Formula:
Single/Individual - $550
Singles Ages 21-25 - $375
Family (includes children under 21) - $750
Senior Single (65 and over) - $350
Senior Couple (at least one person is over 65) - $500

My dues commitment for 2019 will be $_________.
(Please make checks payable to: St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church)

I will pay the dues or stewardship commitment listed above in:

___ weekly  ___monthly  ___quarterly  ___semi-annual  ___annual installments.

Name ___________________________ Phone ___________________________
Address ___________________________ E-mail ___________________________

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