



Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Rev. Protopresbyter Fr. John Angel

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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 2016 was \$16,549.35. Presently, St. Nicholas' stewardship commitments account for only 31% of the church's \$160,000 in yearly operating expenses. These expenses, if allocated equally among our 95 stewards, would equal almost \$1,700 per member. This does not include future costs associated with our planned renovations. 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 2017. 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.

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

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Stewardship Model:

My Stewardship commitment for 2017 will be \$ _____.

(Please make checks payable to: St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church)

-OR-

Dues Formula:

Single/Individual - \$550

Senior Single (65 and over) - \$350

Singles Ages 21-25 - \$375

Senior Couple (at least one person is over 65) - \$500

Family (includes children under 21) - \$750

My dues commitment for 2017 will be \$ _____.

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

___ weekly ___ monthly ___ quarterly ___ semi-annual ___ annual installments.

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

E-mail _____