

"But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

Matthew 6:3-4 "And Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites (small coins). So He said, "Truly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all: for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had.

Luke 21:2-4. "And many more scriptural references to giving."

THE BUILDING FUND PLEDGE: It supports any major capital expenditures and building expansion.

Enclosed is a stewardship card for your convenience. Again, thank you for your support of our church through your time, talents, and treasures!

You may pay by check or credit card!

FYI: Daily expenses are approximately \$1900.

Any questions, please contact a parish council member.

2020 SAINT NICHOLAS STEWARDSHIP

"Let everyone give as his heart tells him, neither grudgingly, nor under compulsion, for God loves the man that gives cheerfully..." II Corinthians 9:7

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

THANK YOU for your love and support of our Saint Nicholas Church and Family!!!

Today, we are beginning our 2020 Stewardship Drive. Your love, support, and generosity are vital to the ongoing mission and welfare of our parish and community.

Our mission is to propagate our Orthodox Faith, our Hellenic Heritage, promote Orthodox Christian fellowship, provide programming and ministries to enhance our life in the Church, and provide a spiritual atmosphere to grow in our Life in Christ. Listed below are a number of questions and answers concerning Christian Stewardship.

WHO IS THE CHURCH?

Our Church is the body of believing Orthodox Christians throughout the world, and at the same time, it is our local parish, Saint Nicholas, under the auspices of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit, our Holy Archdiocese, and the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Our local church is comprised of you, your family, and our fellow brothers and sisters, Orthodox Christians, joined in prayer and worship of the Holy Trinity.

WHAT IS CHURCH MEMBERSHIP/ STEWARDSHIP?

Active membership are those individuals and families who are Baptized/Chrismated in the Orthodox Faith, participate in the Holy Sacraments of the Church, and share their time, talents, and resources for our church. family. It is essential that everyone (adults) offer an annual stewardship pledge for the support of our church.

One's pledge is confidential, and if you need to modify, either increase or decrease, please contact the church office or Father Stratton. Please consider an increase in your 2020 pledge as we continue to grow and improve our facilities and ministries.

We encourage you to make your stewardship contribution on a weekly basis (offering envelopes are available) or quarterly, semi-annually, or annually whichever is most convenient for you.

For example:

Weekly	Annually	Weekly	Annually
\$5.00	\$260.00	\$40.00	\$2080.00
\$10.00	\$520.00	\$50.00	\$2600.00
\$20.00	\$1040.00	\$75.00	\$3900.00
\$25.00	\$1300.00	\$100.00	\$5200.00
\$30.00	\$1560.00	\$200.00	\$10,400.00

WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES STATE ABOUT STEWARDSHIP?

There are many scripture quotes concerning stewardship/giving. Here are a few:

Now on the first day of the week, let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper..." 1 Corinthians 16:2

"But this I say: He who sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully..." II Corinthians 9:6