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# St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

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## Stewardship 2021

***“Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.” (Ps. 145:3)***

Beloved Parishioners,

It is a great privilege to be an Orthodox Christian. We are blessed to be the inheritors of a revelation to the world that is as old as human civilization, an Abrahamic faith rooted in and watered over the millennia with an understanding that God is a loving God; that He desires good things for His people; that He is generous and patient and kind.

But the apex of our faith is none other than the very Incarnation of the **Son of God**. He who is love **becomes a man** for us so that we could encounter God, not only through thought and prayer and sacrifice, but through touch and sight and hearing.

All of this and more is our precious inheritance. We live, through our Liturgy, in the very ocean of God’s love, washed by wave after wave of grace, cleansed, healed, restored, liberated and sanctified by a love so deep it embraced the Cross and Death in order to accomplish ALL good for humanity.

Our **Stewardship gift** to St. Nicholas Church, and through her to our Metropolis, our Archdiocese and to the world is our **thank you** to our gracious, infinitely loving God:

“We cannot repay you, Lord, for all the good you have done for us, and all that you have planned for us. You hope for only one thing in response, that we love you! And that we show that love in our care and love for others and for all.

Receive then this gift offered with joy and thanksgiving, O Lord. Transform it to meet all the needs of your faithful flock and to help transfigure us so that we, too, can be bearers of Your Light and Love and Truth in the world.

Bless our Hierarchs, our Priests, our Deacons. Bless our Monastics, Monks and Nuns. Bless our Young; bless our Old. Bless our rich and bless our poor. Soften our hearts and open our ears to hear the cries of those in need. Fulfill our good intentions and grant to us your Perfect Peace,

For You alone are Holy and to you we ascribe all Glory, Honor and Worship, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Now and Ever and to the Ages of Ages. Amen.”

Wishing you every blessing of health, safety, and salvation, for you and all whom you love,

Yours in the Infant Christ,

+ Fr. Paul A. Patitsas, *Protopresvyteros*

Presiding Priest