

# Frequently Asked Questions

*How do I become a steward of the parish?*

Stewardship in the Orthodox Church begins at baptism (Chrismation for some) and continues throughout our life. We are united with Christ through the sacraments, or mysteries, of the Church and through our faithful offering of our entire selves to Jesus Christ. Our Archdiocese requires each parish to distinguish between voting stewards and non-voting stewards. A voting steward is over 18 years of age and turns in a signed stewardship commitment card, committing a portion of time, talent and treasure to the Church. The Archdiocese also requires the voting steward to remain current through the year on their commitments. Keep in mind that true stewardship in the Body of Christ involves living according to His word and within His Church.

*Why must I commit to give a specific amount?*

Please keep in mind that your stewardship of treasure is kept in the strictest of confidence. Your commitment keeps your parish home and ministries all-embracing for service in God's Vineyard.

*What if I cannot fulfill my stewardship commitment?*

During the course of a year, circumstances change. Your stewardship is valued because it is made out of your love for God and His Church. Please do not be concerned if you are unable to meet your stewardship commitment – we are glad you are a part of this parish.

## Christian Stewardship is...

...learning how to be a responsible and concerned caretaker of Christ's Church; it is learning how to enjoy Church life and be happy in Church work, for in Her dwells the fullness of the Spirit of God.

...our active commitment to use all our time, talent and treasure for the benefit of humankind in grateful acknowledgment of Christ's redeeming love.

...caring for the needs of others.

...offering one's self to God as He offered Himself to us.

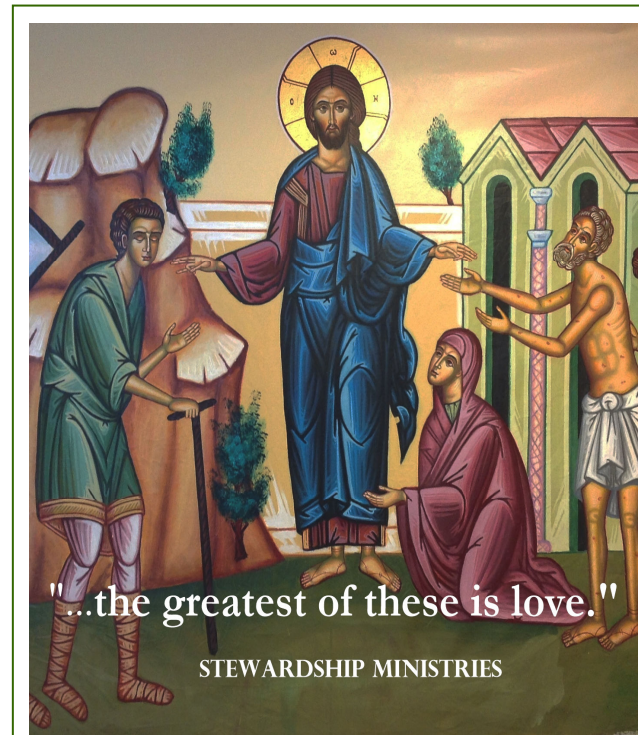
...what a person does after saying "I believe...", as proof of that belief.

...devotion and service to God and His Church as persons, as families, as diocese/metropolis, as national Church and as Church universal.

*Williams & McKibben in Oriented Leadership*



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**“THE GREATEST  
OF THESE  
IS LOVE”**

*The Greek Orthodox  
Church of  
St. Demetrios  
Elmhurst, IL*

**2021**

# Personal Information

NAME

NAME OF SPOUSE (IF MARRIED)

STREET ADDRESS

CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE

CONTACT PHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

SPOUSE CONTACT PHONE

SPOUSE EMAIL ADDRESS

Dependent Children's Baptismal names & birthdates:

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## Office Use Only

Date:  
Steward No:  
Receipt No:

When we believe,  
stewardship follows.  
Stewardship is faith in action;  
action motivated by humble  
gratitude to God for  
His love & blessings in our life.



It is by offering our blessings back  
to God that He will be able to  
continue His forgiving, healing,  
liberating, empowering,  
transfiguring, loving ministry  
through the Church.

For God, Infinite though He is,  
has chosen to work through our  
gifts, to continue His saving work in  
the world today.

*Fr. Anthony M. Coniaris*



In order to meet the growing needs of our parish,  
the Parish Council prayerfully encourages all  
returning Stewards to increase last year's Time,  
Talent and Treasure commitment by 3%.

# Time & Talent

Please indicate your areas of interest with a  
check (✓)

## “Stimulate Faithfulness” Romans 8:13

- Welcome Ministry
- Stewardship Committee
- Festival Committee
- Parish Fellowship/Functions & Fund Raisers
- Outreach Programs
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## “Teach” Romans 12:6-7

- Religious Education/Sunday School
- School Substitute
- Teacher Nursery School
- Youth Ministries
- Vacation Church School

## “Minister to Sick and Needy” Romans 12:8

- Visit the Sick
- Visit Shut-Ins
- Offer Assistance to Elderly and Sick
- Meals on Wheels
- Grace Café

## “Think of the High Responsibility of a Church Office” Romans 12:8

- Parish Council
- Choir
- Philoptochos
- Parish Development
- Buildings & Grounds
- Ushering
- Office Assistance

# Treasure

In gratitude for God's blessings,

\_\_\_ I/We commit to Christ and His Church the  
following total amount for 2021: \$ \_\_\_\_\_