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Igniting the Flame

Ambassador Training Stewardship

“For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required.”
Luke 12:48

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Helping people and parishes discover and live their stewardship callings so that they may have a good account before the awesome judgment seat of Christ

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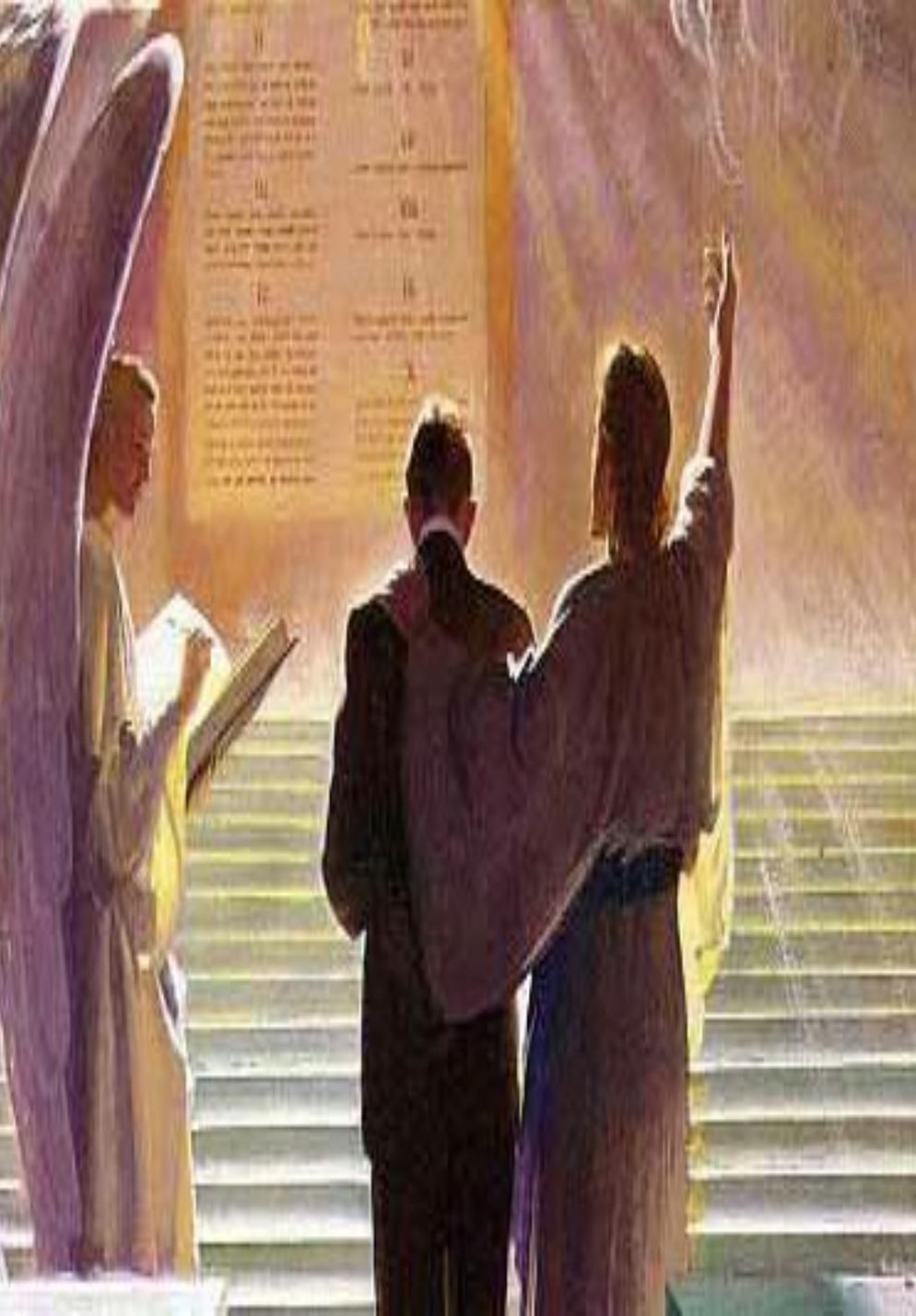
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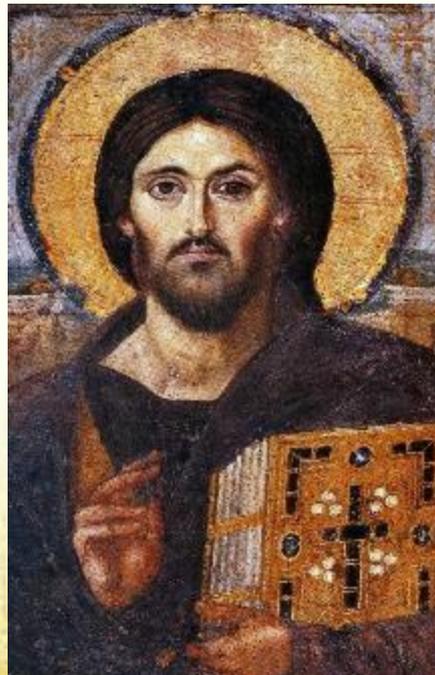


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and for a
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BEFORE THE
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OF CHRIST”**

**2 Corinthians 5:10
Orthodox Divine Liturgy**

Christ's Possible Question To You

“What did You do with MY Church under Your watch given all of the gifts I gave You?”



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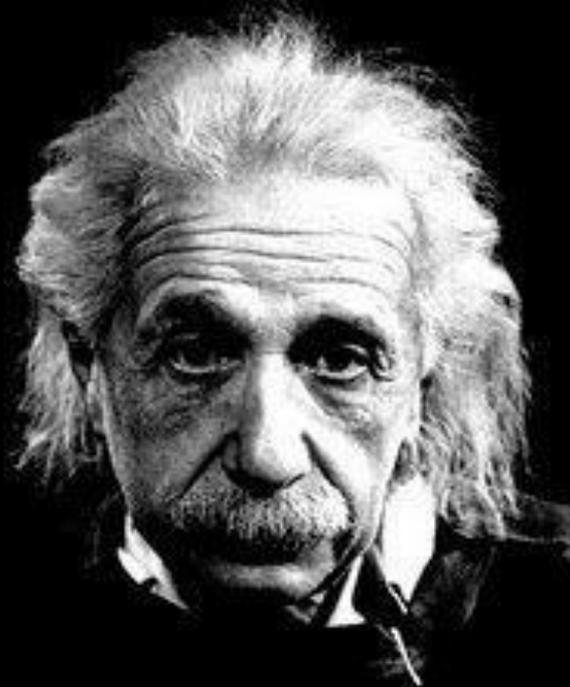
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Questions & Answers

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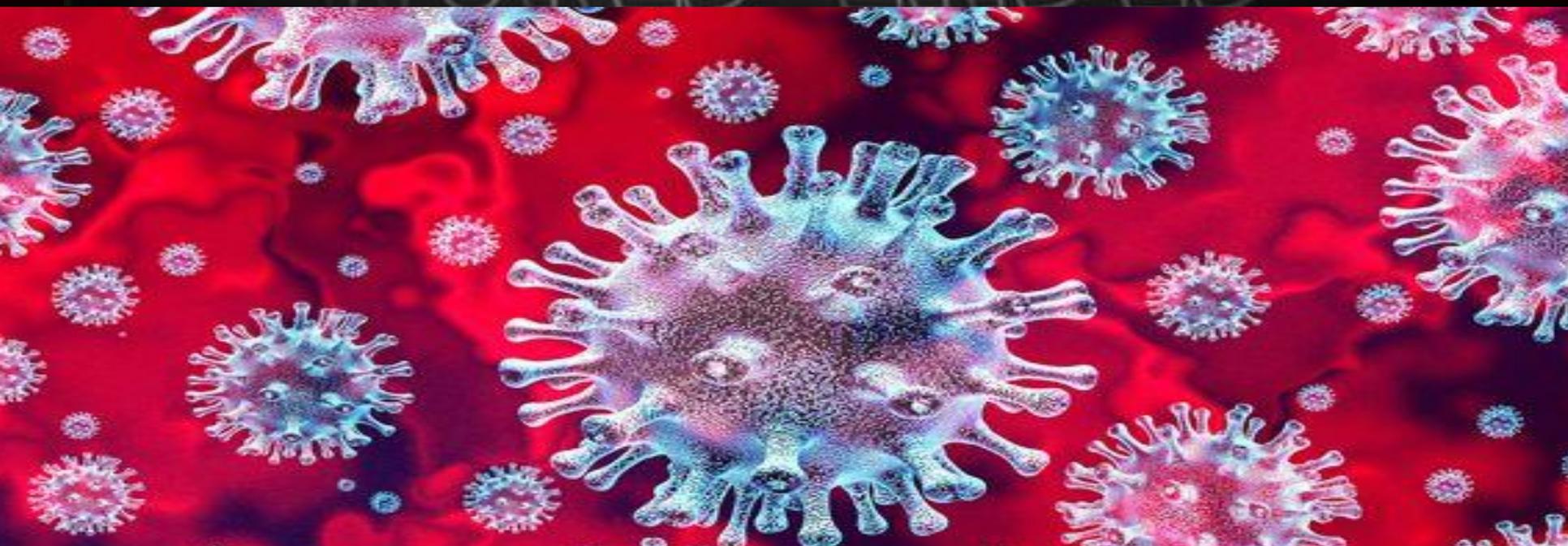
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“WE CANNOT
SOLVE OUR
PROBLEMS
WITH THE SAME
THINKING WE
USED WHEN WE
CREATED THEM”



JAMES H. NICHOLSON and SAMUEL Z. ARKOFF
present

DAY THE WORLD ENDED





Pandemic Empirical Data^{1 2}



~ **By early March, 2020¹** (before the shut down)

(a) 59% of Christians typically attending church said they were going less often in person because of the virus

(b) 40% shifted to virtual attendance

¹ “Most Americans Say Coronavirus Outbreak Has Impacted Their Lives” – Pew Research Center **March 30, 2020** <https://www.pewsocialtrends.org/2020/03/30/most-americans-say-coronavirus-outbreak-has-impacted-their-lives/>

² Will the coronavirus permanently convert in-person worshippers to online streamers? They don't think so. - Pew Research Center **August 27, 2020** <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2020/08/17/will-the-coronavirus-permanently-convert-in-person-worshippers-to-online-streamers-they-dont-think-so/>



Pandemic Empirical Data⁴



- ~ **59%** of Christian virtual worshippers watched services at other churches
- ~ **29%** watched only other churches services
- ~ **30%** watched both other churches and their own

⁴ PEW Research Center: “Attending And Watching Religious Services In The Age Of The Coronavirus” –8-7-2020 <https://www.pewforum.org/2020/08/07/attending-and-watching-religious-services-in-the-age-of-the-coronavirus/>



Pandemic Empirical Data⁴



By late Summer, 2020¹ (well after the shut down):

~ 66% said they have NOT watched ANY services online in the last month

~ 85% of those who attended religious services only a few times a year, expected no change to their religious attendance or viewing habits after the pandemic has passed

⁴ PEW Research Center: “*Attending And Watching Religious Services In The Age Of The Coronavirus*” –8-7-2020 <https://www.pewforum.org/2020/08/07/attending-and-watching-religious-services-in-the-age-of-the-coronavirus/>



Pandemic Empirical Data Bottom Line



Don't take your faithful for granted. Treat ALL parishioners as if they were new to your parish.

1. Welcome back
2. Reach out
3. Invoke
4. Thank
5. Engage

“WRITE” a new chapter for your parish

**The Building
Might Be
Closed...**



**But the
Church is
open!**



The Comprehensive Solution to Most of Your Parish Challenges

ENGAGEMENT





The Empirical Data Shows¹



“...congregations with engaged members are:

- 1. spiritually healthier;**
- 2. better able to:**
 - (a) carry out their missions,**
 - (b) attract more new people,**
 - (c) fund new ventures; and**
- 3. have a higher percentage of spiritually committed individuals.”**

¹ Growing An Engaged Church: How To Stop “Doing Church” And Start Being The Church Again – By Al Winseman, Global Practice Leader for Faith-Based Organizations for the Gallup Organization



The Empirical Data Shows¹



**“~ How much money members give,
~ how many hours they volunteer
~ how often they invite others...**

**...are more dependent on their
engagement than on any other
factor.”**

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The Empirical Data Shows¹



“Each year, engaged members give a median of 5% of their annual income...”

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The Mob Was Wrong





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“Personal solicitation has an effect on both:

- 1. the decision to make a gift; and**
- 2. the average size of the gift...”**

“...individuals are more likely to donate when asked by those who are similar to them”¹

¹ *Brother, Can You Spare a Dime? Peer Effects in Charitable Solicitations (March, 2009)*
Jonathan Meer- Stanford University



The Mob Was Wrong



“...higher levels of contributions involve:

1. a personal contact;

2. by a previously known individual.”²

² Schervish, Paul and John Havens. “*Social Participation and Charitable Giving: A Multivariate Analysis.*” *Voluntas: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*. Vol. 8, No. 3. September 1997, p.235-260



The Mob Was Wrong



“...solicitations...are more often successful when they are made by a person with a stronger relationship to the potential donor or volunteer...

... because a refusal to contribute will endanger the relationship with the solicitor.”
3

³ Bekkers, René. *“Giving and Volunteering in the Netherlands: Sociological and Psychological Perspectives.”* Dissertation, Universiteit Utrecht, September 2004



Ingredients Of Effective Stewardship Ministry



- ~ Personal, in-home visitations are absolutely and unequivocally the most effective (nothing else is even close)**
- ~ To have a the most successful stewardship ministry you MUST visit with EVERY parishioner in a HOME**



How Did The Greatest Steward Solicit





THE BIG QUESTION



Why do clergy and laity have so much trouble asking people to contribute time, talent or treasures for their churches/ministries?



8 Reasons People Don't Want To Personally Solicit



- 1. Fear of Rejection**
- 2. Fear of Uncertainty (how/what to ask)**
- 3. Fear of Money talk**
- 4. Fear of Reciprocity**
- 5. Fear of Resentment**
- 6. Fear of Burdening**
- 7. Fear of Questions (they can't answer)**
- 8. Fear of being Disliked**



Ingredients Of Effective Stewardship Ministry



Plan A Personal In-Home Visitations

~ Each steward is personally visited in their home by an Ambassador

Plan B Small Group In-Home Gatherings

~ Each steward is invited to a small group gathering hosted by an Ambassador at the Ambassador's house

Plan C Personal Zooms/Calls

~ Each steward is personally Zoomed/called at home by an Ambassador



The wHoly-Engaged Personal Visitation Program





With Holy Engaged

9-Step Process





wHoly Engaged



9-Step Process



The Ambassador Steps

9 Follow Up

8 Home Visitations

7 Ambassadors Select Stewards

6 Train Ambassadors

5 Recruit Ambassadors

4 Ministry Handbook and Stewardship Materials

3 Council of Ministries

2 Mission-Vision-Strategic Objectives

1 P.P.S. Consensus

Interpersonal Steps

Foundational Steps



The wHoly-Engaged Personal Visitation Program



- STEP 1** Priest, Parish Board, Stewardship and Ministry Leaders reach consensus about your stewardship strategy (PPS)
- STEP 2** Reach consensus on the Parish's Mission, Vision and strategic goals and Strategic Plan
- STEP 3** Organize your Council of Ministries
- STEP 4** Prepare your Ministries Handbook and Stewardship materials and revised Stewardship Commitment Form



The wHoly-Engaged Personal Visitation Program



- STEP 5** Recruit your Stewardship **Ambassadors** (including all PPS and other leaders)
- STEP 6** Train your Stewardship **Ambassadors** using these Igniting The Flame of True Christian Stewardship materials, teach your mission, vision and ministries
- STEP 7** **Ambassadors** select the Stewards they will visit based on commonality
- STEP 8** **Ambassadors** call and schedule 15-30 minute in-home visitation focusing on engagement in ministries
- STEP 9** **Ambassadors** follow up every two weeks until stewardship commitment forms are submitted to the Parish administrator



Personal Visitation Program

In-home/ZOOM Ambassador visitation agenda

- 1. Opening prayer**
- 2. Ask about COVID impact on them and if the parish can do anything for them
(f/k/a areas of commonality)**
- 3. Thank them for their prayers and generosity**
- 4. Ask the top 3 things they like about parish**
- 5. Ask if they have comments and concerns**
- 6. Share parish vision**
- 7. Share Ministry handbook & stewardship commitment form**
- 8. Discuss next steps & follow-up (every 2 weeks)**
- 9. Thank them for past and future generosity**
- 10. Closing prayer**



The wHoly-Engaged Group Visitation Program





The wHoly-Engaged Group Visitation Program



- ~ **Opening prayer, welcome/ice breaker**
- ~ **Dinner and fellowship**
- ~ **Program**
 - **COVID impact discussion**
 - **Parish vision**
 - **2 testimonials**
 - **Ministry handbook and stewardship commitment form**
 - **Questions and answers**
 - **Next steps & follow-up (2-week follow-ups)**
 - **Closing prayer**

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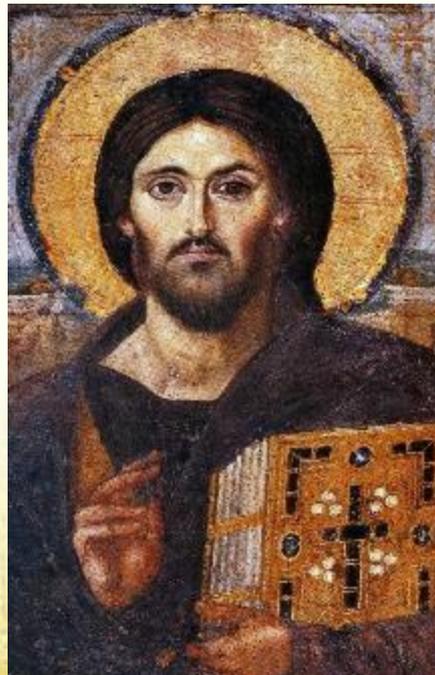
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APPENDIX:

Selected Parish Ministry Handbooks and Stewardship Commitment Cards



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Stewardship Calling

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WHY ARE YOU HERE? EFFECTIVE CHURCH MODEL STEWARDSHIP STRATEGIC PLANNING INTERNET RADIO / PODCASTS

KEYNOTES & LEADERSHIP BLOG **RESOURCES** UPCOMING PROGRAMS PERSONAL HAGIA SOPHIA

ARTICLES ("STEWARDSHIP
SOUND BITES")

BOOKS, VIDEOS, RESEARCH,
PODCASTS AND OTHER
EFFECTIVE CHURCH
RESOURCES

FACTS / STATS

**STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
HANDBOOKS**

WEB LINKS

Our Ministries

Stewardship Ministry Handbooks

I have provided some examples of excellent Ministry handbooks produced by some of the Parishes with which I have been blessed to work. These are just a few of the many examples of ways you can organize and promote your ministries so that when you visit with your stewards you can connect

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SAINT ANTHONY MINISTRIES HANDBOOK



St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church
778 South Rosemead Boulevard
Pasadena, California 91107-5615
(626) 449-6943 - Fax (626) 449-6974
Rev. Fr. Peter Stratos
saint-anthonys.org

**Parish
Ministry
Handbooks
Examples**

Philotheos

To provide assistance to those in need in the church community, the Pasarth County community (The Ploas), the USA, and internationally, and to make in-home visitations to members of our parish who are ill, homebound, or unable to get out; women and men of our parish are invited to join this organization.
Marie Chapman • 678-513-9593 • philotheos@stmi.org

Westarling Crew 805 (Scouting Ministry)

Coed youth development program of Boy Scouts of America providing opportunities to experience high adventure, leadership, group dynamics, learn a variety of skills while having fun; open to young men and women who are 17 and have completed the eighth grade or ages 14-20
Harald Hagen • 678-334-1438 • mhahagen@yahoo.com

Gift Shop Ministry

To encourage and enhance the Orthodox experience in our parish by offering items that aid in the development and awareness of our faith—books, icons, home altar, and accessories
Mary Milam, Altan Romancaux • 770-885-1324 • giftshop@stmi.org

Greek Festival Ministry

The annual celebration of our faith and heritage and our largest community outreach ministry of the year
Johnny Melts • 770-843-7713 • jmelts@stmi.org

Project Comfort Ministry

To provide handmade items to those who have just given birth, to those who have recently lost a loved one, and to those in need during the colder months of the year
Emily Christie • 678-447-3918 • singcookwrite@gmail.com

Saint John the Wonder Worker: Loaves and Fishes Ministry

To provide nonperishable foods (canned and boxed) for the needy in the surrounding Atlanta communities year round and especially at Thanksgiving and Christmas
Renée Brookes • 770-351-6157 • reneebrookes123@gmail.com

PARISH SUPPORT SERVICES MINISTRY



The Ministries of St. Luke's 2010-2011



Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, your time and talents are welcome—and needed—at St. Luke's.

Capital Development and Fundraising Ministry

Assist our parish in prioritizing major projects to enable us to fulfill our vision as a parish.
David Chapman • 678-510-2308 • dchapman@comcast.net

Election and By-Laws Ministry

Assists our parish by providing orderly structure to the governance to our community.
(Vacant)

Audit Ministry

Assist our community in regularly taking account of the material blessings God has granted us.
(Vacant)

COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY

Webmaster Ministry

Assist our parish in the use of technology to communicate, educate, and inform
Bill Manos • 770-622-5304 • bmanos@gmail.com

Newsletter Ministry

Assists our parish in communicating with parish members events of our parish life
Emily Christie • 678-447-3918 • communications@stmi.org

Archivist Ministry

To provide a systematic documentation of parish events and history
Stamatia Hagen • 770-315-4530 • mstamatia@aol.com

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND GROWTH MINISTRY

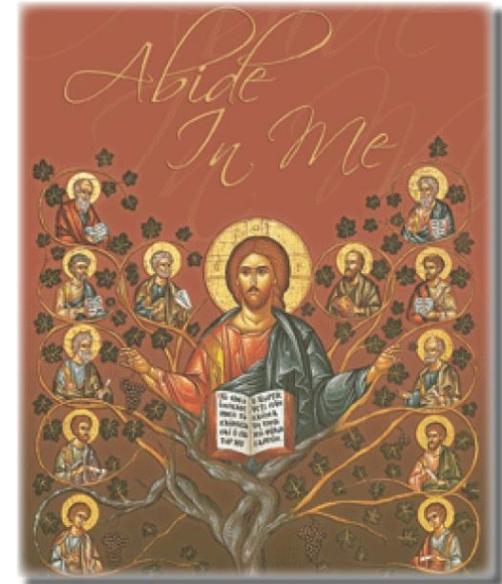
Building Maintenance and Property Volunteers Ministry
Assist our parish in the maintenance and care of the facilities and grounds
God has given us
John Patrick • 401-784-2315 • jopatra@stmi.org

Sanctification Ministry

Provide plants and flowers for the entrance to the church and The Blue House
Carol Tadros • 770-639-3555 • ct22@comcast.net

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ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS 2011-2012 PARISH MINISTRIES



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Orthros	8:15 am
Divine Liturgy	9:30 am

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Effective Online Talents Form



**Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation,
2500 Clairmont Rd NE, Atlanta GA 30329**

Time & Talents

Please consider offering your time and talents to one of our many ministries, committees and Strategic Planning Goals. We are a large parish with many needs; there are many ways to help! "...give and it will be given to you...for with the same measure that you use it will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38

Your Contact Information

Name *
First Name
Last Name
Email Address *

Phone *
(###)

####

Ministry and Committee Opportunities

I would like to volunteer my time and talents to the following ministries and/or committees

Parish Council Committees

I would like to serve on the following committee(s):

- Activities
- Outreach
- Cemetery
- EHCYD - Education, Hellenic Culture & Youth Diakonia
- Hellenic Community Center
- History & Archives
- Real Estate
- Spiritual Life
- Cathedral Office

I would like to help with...

- Office Volunteer
- Mailing/Bulletin/Newsletter (Mail Crew)

Strategic Planning Goal: Campus Improvements

- 1.1 Accessibility, Renovation, Athletic & Storage Improvements

Strategic Planning Goal: Church Life Experience

- 2.1 Welcoming & Newcomer Ministries
- 2.2 Worship & Sacramental Engagement

Strategic Planning Goal: Communications & Technology

- 3.1 Communications and Technology Platform

Strategic Planning Goal: Education

- 4.1 Adult Education

- 4.2 Youth Education

Strategic Planning Goal: Leadership, Management & Operations

- 5.1 Orthodox Servant Leadership Program

- 5.2 Operational Excellence

Strategic Planning Goal: Life Stage Ministries

- 6.1 Small Groups

- 6.2 Life Stage Ministries

Strategic Planning Goal: Philanthropy, Outreach & Evangelism

- 7.1 Philanthropy, Outreach & Evangelism

Strategic Planning Goal: Stewardship

- 8.1 Comprehensive Stewardship Program

Ongoing Educational Programs

I would like to assist with...

- I'm not sure and would like to discuss first

Youth Education

I would like to assist with...

- Sunday Catechetical School
- St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival
- Annunciation Day School
- Annunciation Afternoon Greek School
- Joining Greek School PTA

ARK - Adult Religious Knowledge

- Wednesday Morning Life
- Wednesday NITE Life
- "Road to Orthodoxy" Inquirer/Convert Class
- "Road to Oneness" Premarital Seminar

Senior Ministry

- Join G.O.O.F.S.
- Join Golden Group (G.G.)
- Serve on the G.G. Planning Committee
- Seniors at Play

Philanthropy and Social Services

- Joining the Ladies Philoptochos Society
- Assisting with the Soup Kitchen
- Assisting with Bags of Love
- Assisting with Witness to Christ's Love (Help/V)
- Drive others to Church
- Joining Velonaki Knitting Group

Church Cultural Programs

- Atlanta Greek Festival
- Cathedral Orchestra
- Cathedral Dance Ministry
- Church Service Groups
- I would like to assist in Divine Services by...
- Serving as an Altar Boy
- Serving as a Handmaiden
- Chanting
- Joining the Annunciation Choir
- Joining the Youth Choir
- Joining the Men's Choir
- Serve as an Epistle Readers (6-12th Grade)

Liturgical Needs

- Prosfora Baking (Liturgical Bread for Divine Lit)
- Dusting Church Furnishings
- Polishing Altar Vessels
- Flower and Icon Decorating
- Holy Week Set-up/Clean-up

Building Maintenance

- Carpentry

- Electrical Work
- Painting
- Plumbing
- Grounds Maintenance

Athletics & Summer Programs

- Apply to assist with Youth Basketball
- Apply to assist with Summer Day Camp
- Assist with Cathedral Basketball Camp
- Apply to be a Counselor at St. Stephens Summer Camp

Youth Ministry

- Assisting with H.O.P.E. & I.O.Y.
- Assisting with G.O.Y.A.
- Assisting with Y.A.Y.P.
- Joining Orthodox Christian Fellowship (O.C.F.)
- Joining College Outreach

Kitchen Crew & Events

- Set-up & Decorate for Events
- Serve Food for Events
- Assist in Cooking for Parish Events
- Clean-up After Events

Religious and Spiritual Resources

- Annunciation Cathedral Bookstore & Gift Shop
- Multimedia Ministry
- I would like to assist with...

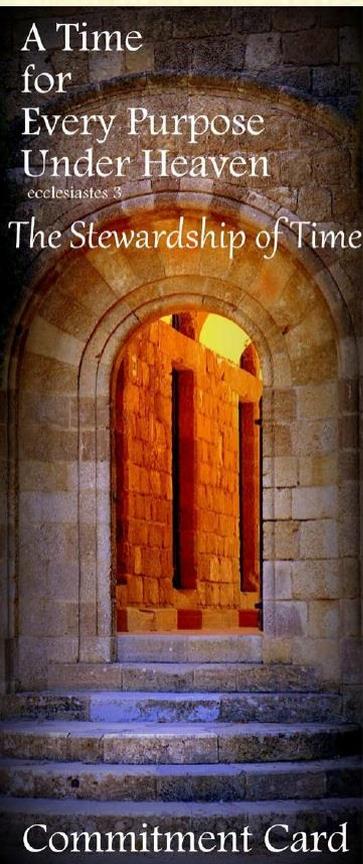
- Photos and Videos for Church Services
- Photos and Videos for Events
- Web Streaming
- Multimedia Operator
- Digital Content organization

Other

Please enter additional areas of assistance you wish to provide if not listed within this checklist...



GOA Talents Pledge Form



information

NAME _____

NAME OF SPOUSE (IF MARRIED) _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE _____

HOME PHONE _____

MOBILE PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS OF SPOUSE (IF MARRIED) _____

Dependent Children's names and birthdates:

May we include your contact information in the parish directory?

yes no *If yes, please indicate any information you would like excluded:*

May we add you to our parish email list?
 yes no

In the Gospel of Saint Matthew (6:19), Jesus instructs us, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal...." Often in life, we pursue and collect those things that do not last. We must ask, "One hundred years from now, where will our possessions be?" Our greatest blessing is our family. As Orthodox Christians, we are called to be stewards of this great gift. If we are faithful to this calling, perhaps our Lord will say to us as he did to the faithful steward, "Well done good and faithful servant" (Mt 25:23).



treasure

In gratitude for God's blessings, I/We commit to Christ and His Church the following amount:

\$ _____ each week

planned giving

Please send me information on making a planned gift to the Church

time & talent

Individual stewards should indicate areas of interest with a check (✓).

Families should mark "H" for husband, "W" for wife or "C" for children.

EDUCATION

- Bible Study
- Adult Religious Education
- Intro to Orthodoxy
- Publications
- Speakers
- Bookstore
- Library

LITURGICAL

- Sanctuary & Altar Care
- Altar boys / Acolytes
- Baking Proskida
- Choir
- Reader
- Greeter/Usher

MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS

- YOUTH**
- Campus Ministry
- Church School Teacher
- Church School Administration
- Youth Leader
- Vacation Church School
- Camp Counselor
- BUILDING & GROUNDS**
- Garden & Landscape
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Clean-up
- Interior Repairs
- Exterior Repairs
- Roofing
- Hall Rentals
- ADMINISTRATION**
- Fiscal Mgt / Review
- By-Laws
- Development / Fundraising
- Office help
- Computer / Technical
- Data Entry
- Welcome Team
- New Member Events
- Outreach
- Stewardship
- Sunday Fellowship / Coffee
- Visitation - Hospital
- Visitation - Shut-ins
- Feed the Hungry
- Prison Ministry
- Grief Bereavement Group
- Disaster Relief Projects
- Blood Drives
- Project Mexico
- Int'l Orth Christian Charities
- OCMC Mission Center
- Seniors Ministry
- Couples Ministry
- Singles Ministry
- Military Ministry
- COMMUNICATIONS**
- Web site & E-mail
- Bulletin & Newsletter
- Public Relations

Any other talents or information on items listed above:

<https://www.goarch.org/-/2020-stewardship-campaign-resources?inheritRedirect=true>

Adult Stewardship Serbian Orthodox Trifold - Inside

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

We are called to live life in continuous thanksgiving for Christ. Thus, our entire perspective on the world is transformed. No longer can we look at the things in our life as anything but a Gift from God. We are being prepared by God to enter into Eternal Communion with Him. The joys we experience are recognized as the fruit of this Communion. Even the very suffering we endure becomes a Gift which prepares us for the "weight of Glory" which is to come!

Our very thanksgiving for this Gift of Christ becomes a life of Stewardship—of caring for this Gift that is not our own. We care for this Gift of Communion with Him by living a life in which we dedicate all that we are—our Time, our Talents, and our Treasures—to God in thanksgiving for all that He has done for us. Thus, when we offer ourselves to the Church, our offering is no longer considered to be "in support" of our local parish, but as an offering of Thanksgiving to God. Our offer-



Church Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone number

Website

***JUST A REMINDER:**

Your commitment is between you and God. Your privacy is very important to us. Only the Priest and Financial Secretary have access to the information on this card.

2021 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARD



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**DIFFERENT WORKS ALL
IN THE SAME LORD!**

Adult Stewardship Serbian Orthodox Trifold - Outside

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP: OFFERING TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES



INFORMATION

NAME _____

NAME OF SPOUSE (IF APPLICABLE) _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE _____

CELLULAR TELEPHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

SPOUSE'S E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

CHILD(REN) NAME(S) (UNDER 18 ONLY) _____

Are you a Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christian? Y/N

Would you like information about online giving? Y/N

TIME

God has graciously bestowed upon us the entirety of our lives. He has blessed us with 168 hours per week (or roughly a little more than 10,000 minutes/week).

How many of these 168 hours do we offer to Him? Take some time now to consider what you are willing to offer to God in thanks for all He has given you. Remember, time also includes your time in

I commit to offering:

_____ hours/week

_____ hours/month

to God in thanksgiving for what He has done for me.

TALENTS

God bestows upon each of us unique and wonderful abilities. Below are listed only a handful of potential talents. Please take some time to consider with what abilities God has blessed you as you fill out this section of the commitment card: Individual Stewards should use a ✓ Families should use (H) Husband, (W) Wife, (B) Both, (C) Child

EDUCATION

- Bible Study
- Adult Religious Education
- Intro to Orthodoxy
- Publications
- Speakers
- Bookstore
- Library
- Serbian School

YOUTH

- Church School Teacher
- Church School Administration
- Youth Chanting Instructor
- Youth Choir
- Youth Leader
- Vacation Church School
- Camp Counselor
- Kolo (Teacher or student)
- Tambura (teacher or student)

LITURGICAL

- Sanctuary & Altar Care
- Altar boys / Acolytes
- Baking Proskofora
- Choir
- Reader/Chanter/Stetz
- Greeter/Usher
- Candles

BUILDING & GROUNDS

- Garden & Landscape
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Clean-up
- Kitchen
- Interior Repairs
- Exterior Repairs
- Roofing
- Energy Resources
- Resource Consumption

COMMUNICATIONS

- Web site & E-mail
- Bulletin & Newsletter
- Public Relations

ADMINISTRATION

- By-Laws
- Computer / Technical
- Data Entry
- Development / Fundraising
- Endowment Committee
- Financial Advisor
- Fiscal Mgt / Review
- Legal Advisor
- Office help

MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS

- Campus Ministry
- Greeters Team
- Annual Taste of Serbia
- Liturgical Text Team
- Outreach
- Stewardship
- Sunday Fellowship / Coffee
- Visitation - Hospital
- Visitation - Shut-ins
- Feed the Hungry
- Prison Ministry
- Grief Bereavement Group
- Disaster Relief Projects
- Seminary Pilgrimage
- Seniors Ministry
- Couples Ministry
- Singles Ministry
- Men's Ministry
- Women's Ministry
- Ride Sharing Ministry

God has blessed me/us with these additional talents:

TREASURES

Everything that we have is a blessing from God—all of our abilities, our time, and our treasures. Please take some time to pray about your relationship with God, and consider what you are able to offer in thanksgiving for all He has given you:

I commit to offering:

\$ _____ / week / month/year

to God in thanksgiving for all He has done for me.

What if I/we cannot fulfill our commitment?

If circumstances change and you cannot fulfill your commitment, fear not! We are a loving community, not a tax office. The most important thing is to give from the heart. We are thankful to God for you being a part of this community!



Steward Information & Pledge Form



PERSONAL INFORMATION

BAPTIZED OR CHRISMATED ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN?

NAME (First/Last) _____ YES ___ NO ___

NAME DAY (or Baptismal Name) _____

SPOUSE (First/Last) _____ YES ___ NO ___

NAME DAY (or Baptismal Name) _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER: _____ (_____) _____

SELF

SPOUSE

BUSINESS PHONE: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

BIRTHDATE: _____

EMAIL _____

Names, Birthdates, and Name Days of Dependent Children:

COMMITMENT OF RESOURCES

I/We commit to Christ and His Church through this pledge;
I/We expect to give the following amount:

Weekly: \$ _____

“Every Sunday let each of you put aside your offering for the work of the Lord.” (See: 1 Cor 16:2)



Steward Information & Pledge Form



COMMITMENT OF TIME AND TALENT

NAME(S): _____

(For married couples: please indicate "H" for husband and "W" for wife.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Assistant for Altar Boys | <input type="checkbox"/> Host Coffee Hour |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Annual Festival</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Host Neighborhood Gatherings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Assist in Bookstore</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape/Maintenance of Grounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist in Library | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist in Office | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Luncheons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist w/ Parish Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Philoptochos Auction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with Stewardship Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning/Organizing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bake for Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Play Organ/Piano |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget and Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Food |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Prosforon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building New Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Promote Church Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Serve Food |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catechism School Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Set Up for Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catechism School Assist./Substitute | <input type="checkbox"/> Sew/Alter Dancers' Costumes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chanter | <input type="checkbox"/> Soup Kitchen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> Teach Greek Cooking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean Up After Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport Sick/Aged |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contact/Entertain Newcomers | <input type="checkbox"/> Visit Others |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cook for Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Time if Called |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate Church Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Leader/Assistant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorate for Events | <input type="checkbox"/> GOYA (6 th and Up) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drive Others | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Leader/Assistant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Night | <input type="checkbox"/> HOPE (Birth - 1 st Grade) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Leader/Assistant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greek Dance PTA | <input type="checkbox"/> JOY (2 nd - 5 th Grades) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greek Dance Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Leader/Assistant-- |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greek School Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Camp Staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greek School Assist./Substitute | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greet Parishioners/Newcomers | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help Sick/Shut ins | |

Other Talents: _____



Role Play





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“For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required.”
Luke 12:48

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