

## Information

NAME BIRTHDAY

NAME OF SPOUSE BIRTHDAY

STREET ADDRESS

CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE

HOME PHONE

MOBILE PHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

EMAIL ADDRESS OF SPOUSE (IF MARRIED)

Dependent Children's names and birthdates:

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May we add you to our parish email list?

yes  no

May we add you to our parish directory?

yes  no

## Treasure

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

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Annual Stewardship

My stewardship commitment will be donated:

weekly  monthly  quarterly  annually

## Thanking God

The question is not, "How much do I give to stay in the club?" or "What are the dues?" The real question we need to ask ourselves is "How do I thank God for my many blessings?"

As Orthodox Christians, we are called to a new way of seeing things – a new way of life. Stewardship is obedience to the greatest commandment to "love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind and strength." We are called to bring ourselves and others to commit our lives to Jesus Christ in such a way that leads us to the joy of knowing him personally and profoundly.

## Grace

The true motivation for giving is grace. Giving is an act of worship in response to the generosity of God. "You are to give," says Saint Paul, "as God has prospered you." His Second Letter to the Corinthians teaches us clearly, "He who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." God blesses those who give with generosity.



## 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

- Sunday School
- Youth Greek School
- Adult Greek School

### YOUTH

- Sunday School Teacher
- Sunday School Administration
- Youth Leader
- GOYA
- HOPE/JOY

### 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

### LITURGICAL

- Sanctuary & Altar Care
- Altar boys
- Baking Prosfora
- Chanters
- Readers
- Greeters/Ushers

### MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS

- Stewardship
- Sunday Coffee Hour
- Festival
- Visitation – Hospital
- Visitation – Shut-ins
- Feed the Hungry
- Grief Bereavement Group
- Seniors Ministry
- Couples Ministry
- Singles Ministry
- Military Ministry

Any other talents or information on items listed above:

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## Stewards of the Gospel

You are the Voice of Christ in a changing world  
“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”  
(John 20:21)

Are you a good and faithful servant? As Orthodox Christians, we have been given a sacred trust. We have received the treasure of the Gospel – the Good News of Jesus Christ. With this sacred trust comes the great responsibility to share it.

If we compare ourselves to the stewards in the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30), do we multiply the treasure for which we are responsible and for which we will be held accountable when the master returns? Or do we bury our treasure in the ground, offering back only that which was given to us? Jesus said “As the Father has sent me, so I send you” (John 20:21). At the end of our life, will He say **to us, “Well done good and faithful servant”?**

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As recipients and stewards of this great treasure, we are called to protect it, keeping its message pure. This is difficult to do in a time when knowledge of the faith is informed so much by popular culture. Orthodox Christians in America may rely too heavily on our culture to bind people to the faith, often at the expense of knowledge of the Gospel message and the faith. As each generation becomes increasingly assimilated, these cultural ties become less effective in keeping people engaged in the life of the Church. For many, knowledge of the faith is insufficient to appreciate the unique teachings and traditions of Orthodox Christianity. Without a clear knowledge of our faith, we have become less able to share it as we have been called to do.

We are called to guard the Gospel message, but not to hoard it. We are instructed not to hide our light under a bushel (Matthew 5:15). As Jesus Christ

send us to be the voice in a changing world, we must also remove impediments or perceived impediments to non-Orthodox inquirers that seek His Truth. What messages do we send out intentionally or unintentionally? What might cause the Gospel message to be ignored or misunderstood?

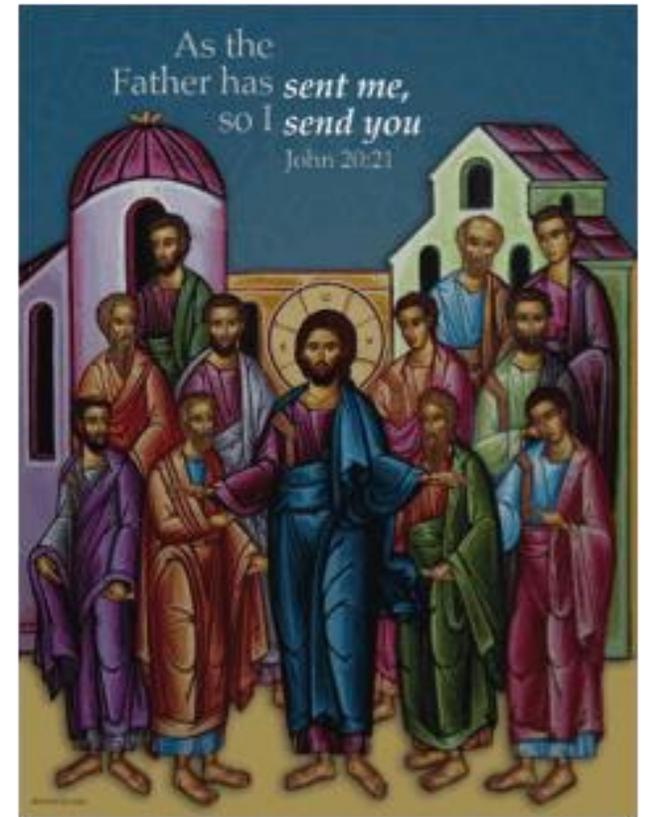
Since the first Orthodox Christians came to America, the local parish has served as a guardian of the faith and also of the culture from which it was transplanted. Parishes must think carefully about how they share the faith with others. Thoughtful and sensitive consideration must be given to our outreach efforts in order to identify what aspects of our parish life may be creating potential stumbling blocks for others.

As we share the voice of Christ, the message we share is one of hope, truth, grace, divine power, life and invitation. In this busy, everchanging world, His voice of wisdom is needed to guide us in discerning what is good, what is true and what will bring us closer to Him and to one another.

The base from which we serve as the *Voice of Christ in a changing world* is the parish. A strong parish provides opportunities for sharing the Good News of Christ, for welcoming those that are searching for a spiritual home and a base from which we are sent out into the world. The parish also provides a place for worship, community and education in the faith. To be stewards of the Gospel, we need to be stewards of our parish. This requires the vision and inspiration to see the parish, not as it is, but as it could be. We are called to offer ourselves and our treasure to make our local Church all that it can be.



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