

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Christian Stewardship is a life-style, which acknowledges accountability and responsibility before God. Becoming a Steward begins when we say we believe in God, to whom we give our love, loyalty and trust. We affirm that every aspect of our lives comes as a gift from Him. Stewards are motivated as recipients of God's abundant love, to respond by participating and supporting His plan of salvation and the ministries of the Church, which make salvation possible for them and for others.



In the Bible, the Steward is depicted as a person who is given the responsibility of managing something that belongs to the Owner, God. The Steward as the manager is thus accountable to the Owner for all that he possesses and is responsible to return to the Lord his or her fair share in gratitude and thanksgiving. As God has been generous to us, He expects us to be generous toward the work of Christ and His Church. Our Stewardship Commitment is the tool of ministry, salvation and healing for us and for others. Christian Stewardship is the privilege and honor of directly supporting God's work on earth through the Church.

A flourishing parish Christian Stewardship Program can be compared to a river, which overflows into many tributaries and reaches out in many directions to share with others our rich and profound spiritual inheritance. Success on the local level emanates to greater support and outreach on all levels of ministry: local, national and international. Christian Stewardship offers each person the means to become an active proponent in disseminating the Orthodox Faith through fair and generous giving to support the Parish, Metropolis and Archdiocesan or National Ministries.

"On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that contributions need not be made when I come." (1 Corinthians 16:2)

Saint Paul instructed the Corinthians to offer their support for the Church of Jerusalem on a regular and consistent schedule.

Our Parish has been operating on the Stewardship System for a number of years. We would like all of our parishioners to understand that the success of the work of the Church is dependent upon them and fully participate in Stewardship. God has endowed all of us with many gifts. We are now called to offer back to Him in proportion to what He has given us. We are asked to offer back from our Time, Talent and Treasure, each according to the extend of our blessings. If we have more time we must give more in time, if we have a special talent we should give of our talent and if we have been blessed more with treasure we should give back from our treasure.

All the Ministries of the Parish, the Metropolis and the Archdiocese depend upon our Stewardship. Let's fulfill our responsibility toward God, our Church and our fellow men. Let us offer back to God from the Gifts He has given us!