



SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Dear Saint Nicholas Parishioner,

As we consider God's blessings, we are in awe of His immense goodness toward us. The greatest gifts to us are His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior and the constant presence of His Holy Spirit working in the Church and in our lives.

God endows each of us with personal gifts, talents and material possessions. Stewardship is acknowledging that God is the source of each gift that has been received and each possession that has been accumulated.

Orthodox Christian Stewardship reminds us that ***these gifts are not our own***; that we have a trusteeship over them and not an ownership. Stewardship means to give a portion back to God, as a direct way of expressing our thanksgiving to Him for these gifts.

Our church meets the financial needs of its annual Ministries and Operating Budget by way of its Orthodox Christian Stewardship Program. Consequently, our parishioners are Stewards of St. Nicholas, rather than dues payers, and ***we accept direct responsibility for the financial support and progress of our Church and its mission.***

Before completing and mailing the enclosed letter to the Church Office, please give the matter of your Orthodox Christian Stewardship Commitment for next year your most serious and prayerful consideration. The financial level at which you arrive should be a spiritual expression of gratitude and love to God for all you have received. ***Please do the best that you are able.***

Yours in Christ,

† Rev. Father Nicolaos H. Kotsis and the 2012 Saint Nicholas Parish Council (www.stnickaa.org)

**Stewardship is a combination of Time, Talents and Treasures, and is our responsibility as Orthodox Christians.
At Saint Nicholas, and as Orthodox Christians, we rely on your stewardship commitment to cover
100% of our operating budget.**



CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT FOR THE 2012 OPERATING BUDGET

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 3109 Scio Church Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103 www.stnickaa.org
 Our 2012 Stewardship Commitment begins January 1, 2012

Thank you for your generous stewardship commitment for 2011 in the amount of: \$ _____
In gratitude for God's blessings, I pledge to contribute for Christ's work at Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church for 2012:

A total amount of \$ _____ Contributed: \$ _____ Weekly \$ _____ Monthly \$ _____ Yearly

I prefer to contribute using my credit card

Visa / Master Card No. _____ Expiration Date: _____

Check with your bank on how to set up reoccurring payment of your pledge through Online Bill Pay.

Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____ Orthodox Other
 (Please Print) Last Name First Name Middle Name

Spouse: _____ Orthodox Other
 (Please Print) Last Name First Name Middle Name

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____ E-Mail: _____

Signature (s): _____

I wish to participate by volunteering my Time and Talent.
Please circle your choice(s).

<u>MINISTRIES</u>	<u>COMMITTEES</u>	<u>ACTIVITIES</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Church Ushers <input type="radio"/> Church School <input type="radio"/> Church Music Ministry <input type="radio"/> Youth Work (GOYA, Acolytes, HOPE and JOY) <input type="radio"/> Philoptochos <input type="radio"/> Young Adults League (YAL) <input type="radio"/> Seniors Group <input type="radio"/> Parish Bookstore 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> YA'SSOO Greek Festival <input type="radio"/> Stewardship <input type="radio"/> Greek School P.T.O. <input type="radio"/> A.H.E.P.A. <input type="radio"/> Daughter's of Penelope <input type="radio"/> Physical Plant and Maintenance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Office Volunteers <input type="radio"/> Desktop Publishing <input type="radio"/> Photographers <input type="radio"/> Writers <input type="radio"/> Other _____

Orthodox Christian Stewardship:

"Let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ Our God"

If not YOU... WHO?

If not NOW... WHEN?