

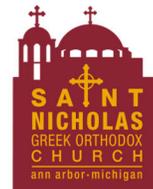


# SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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It is hard to put into words what we have experienced the last couple of years. For some of our parishioners it might have been a job loss, cut in pay, the need to work remotely, or teach your children at home. COVID-19 has also impacted our church. We have seen an increase in requests for spiritual guidance and financial assistance.

For these reasons, and more, the church needs, in addition to your talents and time, your financial support to ensure that we can maintain our current ministries and improve our services. Our goal is to get an assistant priest in the upcoming year to replace Father Alex. With additional clergy, we can expand our outreach to our community, increase clergy involvement in the youth programs and provide more spiritual guidance to those in need, that is so desperately needed during this time.

Additionally, I am sure you have seen some of the enhancements we were able to make this past year for our physical plant – new sidewalks in front of the church, the circle drive has been repaved and a new water heater was installed. We are presently working on getting dedicated, reliable internet service and an updated phone system as well. All of these enrichment's need your support. We hope that you consider this when you complete your pledge card for 2022. As His Eminence, Metropolitan Nicholas has mentioned many times, please help us financially by dipping into your "Jesus Pocket".

If this pandemic has taught us anything it has shown us what is important in our lives – faith, family and human connection.

A 2022 stewardship/member card is enclosed for you to complete and return to the church. We are also encouraging parishioners to use our online form. We understand that every household has different abilities to contribute to our church, and we recognize that every contribution no matter how big or small is equally important to both your household and our parish.

We thank you for your support in the past. We could not have done it without your generosity, and we pray for your continued support in 2022 which is so much needed.

May God continue to bless you and your family.

St. Nicholas Stewardship Committee.