

When you give to God,
you discover that
God gives to you.

Stewardship

means that we have been entrusted with something that does not belong to us. All our gifts have come from God and everything belongs to God. He has made us stewards of everything we possess - our money, our time, our talents. Indeed, our very life has been given to us by God. Our church is the Body of Christ. To be part of the church is to be a part of the holy and living Body of Christ.

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is our response to God's grace. It moves us from grace to gratitude. We love because God first loved us. What shall we give to the Lord in return for all His benefits? The answer is in every liturgy when called to offer ourselves and our whole life to Christ. We worship regularly and contribute to peace and unity. We understand that our gifts, training, abilities, education and skills are just as important as our financial support.

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helps to cover our operating expenses and those costs associated with maintaining and providing all of the services to our community as an Orthodox Christian Church. Our gift of time and talent is about life, about giving ourselves to God, and using all that God has given us in grateful and appropriate ways.



With the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, presently eight icons of women saints take their rightful place among the icons which adorn the walls of Saint Andrew the Apostle Orthodox Church.

We pledge the following amount to God in thanks for all He has done for us. *Please print.*

Name _____

Signature(s) _____

I will make a pledge of the following amount:

Weekly \$ _____ Monthly \$ _____ Yearly \$ _____

_____ I will pledge an outright gift of cash, a bequest, stocks, or securities. *(Please discuss these decisions with your lawyer, personal financial advisor, or estate planner.)* Please contact me.

_____ I would like to commission an icon in memory or in honor of a loved one or friend. Please contact me.

_____ I would like to order a nameplate on **The Wall of Eternal Memory** in memory or in honor of a loved one or friend. Please contact me.

A pledge is a promise between God and you. If you cannot fulfill your commitment for any reason, this statement of intention may be revised or cancelled. Contact Father Herman to let him know of your situation.

Mail your pledge card to
Saint Andrew The Apostle Orthodox Church.
You also can place it in the offering basket during Sunday Divine Liturgy. Contributors receive a receipt for their 2023 income tax.

Ministries

Reflect upon the abilities with which God has blessed you. Complete this section indicating the Ministries you will support. Stewards should use a checkmark. Families should use (H) Husband (W) Wife (B) Both (C) Child.

Budget and Finance

- Annual Stewardship Campaign
- Fund Raising
- Legal and Estate Planning
- Order of St. Ignatius

Church Services

- Gift Shop
- Lending Library

Communications

- Advertising and Public Announcements
- Archives and Church History
- Website/Computer/Audio-Visual Support

Fellowship and Enrichment

- Antiochian Women
- Hospitality
- Men's Fellowship
- Prayer Group
- Sunday School

Liturgical Care and Worship

- Altar Servers
- Choir
- Epistle Readers
- Hosting In-Home Bible Study Groups

Physical Facilities

- Beautification and Iconography
- Carpentry/Plumbing/Painting
- Cleaning and Maintenance
- Grounds and Exterior Care
- Safety and Security

Outreach and Helping Ministries

- Interfaith Relations
- Identification of Those in Need
- Providing Transportation
- Visits to the Hospitalized and Shut Ins

Because You Pledged

In 2022, there was an increase of new parishioners joining Saint Andrew the Apostle Orthodox Church. Their commitment to support the church's mission resulted in 59 stewards pledging \$120,590 or an average of \$2,044 per pledge. God answered our prayers, for operations continued throughout the year with few modifications because of the COVID crisis and because of fewer people able to regularly attend the Divine Liturgy.

Over the past two years we have eliminated our mortgage, completed the major portion of the iconography program, set up a new bookstore, and installed **The Wall of Eternal Memory**. A goal now is to install a commercial kitchen and to receive approval from the Delaware Department of Health to prepare food in house.

God bless all our parishioners "old and new" for your support and love for our church.

* The Hospitality of Abraham - The visitation of the three angels to Abraham and Sarah with the good news that they will be given a son provides Abraham with an opportunity to express great hospitality to strangers (Gen. 18:1-16). This is an example to us, as the writer of Hebrews says, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (Heb. 13:2).

2023 STEWARDSHIP