

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for

God loves a cheerful giver.”

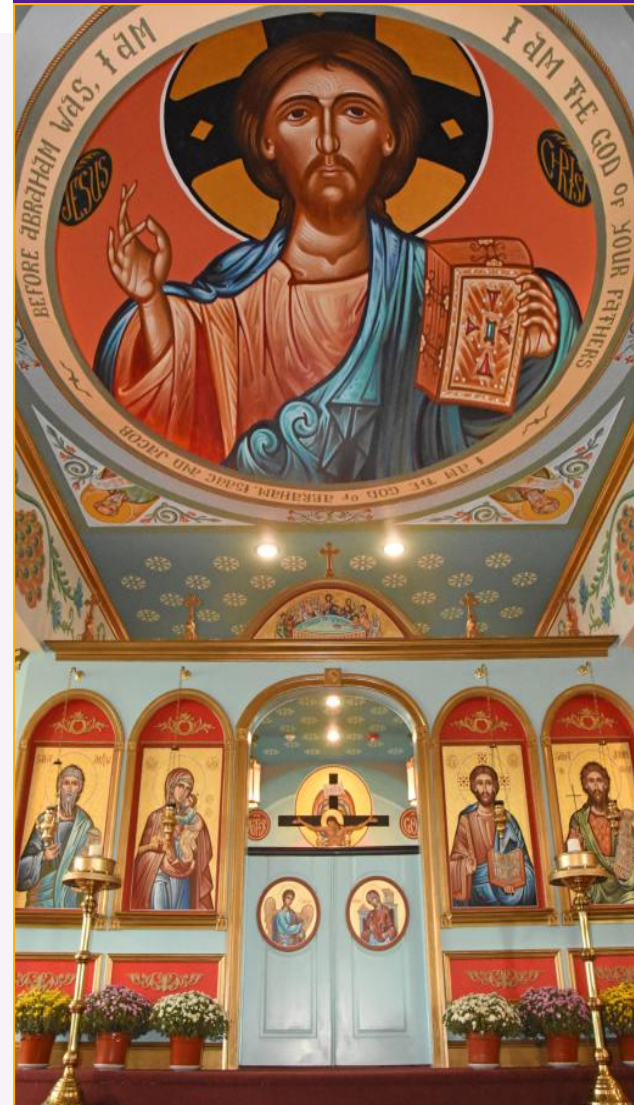
2 Corinthians 9:7

We work in both practical and spiritual ways to help make Saint Andrew a true community of faith and a vibrant source of service to the community at large. Our aim is to joyfully give generous support with our time, talent, money, prayers and personal service to honor our God. The word “stewardship” comes from the Greek “oikonomos,” meaning someone who manages a household. He doesn’t own the household but manages it.

Stewardship is all-inclusive. As stewards of the church, we are trusted with everything from cleaning the floors, financing our operation, enhancing the public face of God’s household, and ministering to all. In God’s economy, giving to fund God’s work is our opportunity to invest in eternity and to express love for God. Giving, therefore, is not a matter of can or cannot. Rather it is will or will not. We should be faithful givers based upon one’s willingness not one’s prosperity. Your pledge of time, talent or money helps cover not only the operating expenses and financial obligations. Your support also makes Saint Andrew a true community of faith and a vibrant source of Orthodox Christian service.



Pantocrator is of Greek origin meaning “ruler of all.” It is the most important icon in our church. Christ Pantocrator in the central dome of the ceiling of the nave is presented in a half-length pose and looking directly at the viewer. The image is stern and formidable. His cloak called in Greek a “himation” is dark blue signifying the mystery of His divine life. His tunic is crimson red to signify His human blood shed for us all. His thumb, ring finger and little finger are bent together symbolizing the divine and human natures of Christ. The forefinger and slightly bent middle finger are held upright. He holds the book of the Gospels in his left hand and blesses with his right hand. The icon portrays Christ as the Righteous Judge and the Lover of Mankind. The Gospel is the book by which we are judged, and the blessing proclaims God’s loving kindness toward us showing us that he is giving us His forgiveness. The large open eyes look directly into the soul of the viewer. The high curved forehead shows wisdom. The long slender nose is a look of nobility, the small closed mouth is the silence of contemplation. The curled and flowing hair recalls the endless flow of time. The neck and body are powerful reminders of His strength and majesty. Although ruler of all, Christ is not pictured with a crown or scepter. Instead Christ’s halo, the iconographic symbol for sanctity, is inscribed with a cross.



The Apostles Mathew, Mark, Luke, and John surround the Pantocrator and represent God’s dominion over all corners of the earth.

Photo: Nick Roth Cape Gazette

OUR 2024 PLEDGE. My/our pledge is in thanks for God’s many blessings.

Name(s) _____

Signature(s) _____

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

_____I pledge an outright gift of cash, a bequest, a transfer of stocks or securities, or other monetary equivalents. *(Please discuss these decisions with your lawyer, personal financial advisor, or estate planner.)*

_____I would like to commission an icon in memory of a loved one or to honor the memory of a friend.

_____I would like to order an engraved nameplate for [The Wall of Eternal Memory](#).

Fulfill your pledge by using the option of automatic payment of a designated amount from your bank checking or savings account. This saves time by not having to write a check or to contribute cash to regularly fulfill one’s pledge.

If I Cannot Fulfill My Commitment.

A pledge is a promise between God and you. If you cannot fulfill your commitment, 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](#)

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or place it in the offering basket during

Sunday’s Divine Liturgy.

Donors receive a receipt for 2024 income tax.

MINISTRIES. Stewards use a checkmark.
Families (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
- Archives and Church History
- Website/Computer Support

Fellowship and Enrichment

- Antiochian Women
- Men's Fellowship
- Greeters/Hospitality
- 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

- Charitable Works
- Interfaith Relations
- Identification of Those in Need
- Providing Transportation
- Visiting the Hospitalized and Shut Ins

DIRECTORY. The directory is used for church purposes and is not shared with any outside entity. May we publish your information? ___Yes ___No

Name_____

Address_____

City_____State_____ZipCode_____

Home Telephone()_____

Cellphone()_____

Your Email Address_____

Spouse's Email Address_____

Your Birthday:

Month_____Day_____Year_____

Spouse's Birthday:

Month_____Day_____Year_____

Household Members' Birthdays

Name_____

Month_____Day_____Year_____

Name_____

Month_____Day_____Year_____

Name_____

Month_____Day_____Year_____

Name_____

Month_____Day_____Year_____

Your Wedding Anniversary

Month_____Day_____Year_____

YOUR PLEDGES. In 2023, 65 parishioners pledged a total of \$111,822, an increase of 10 percent over the previous year's income. The average pledge amount was \$1,720. In spite of an increase in the number of pledges, however, there was an average decrease of \$300 per pledge from 2022, which may be due to inflation affecting all of us. Our pledges cover only 70 percent of our monthly operating expenses of \$14,000. Fundraising activities such as our annual yard and bake sales help greatly to offset any differences.

Support for Saint Andrew comes not only from monetary commitments but from parishioners who give of their time and talent by participating in one or more of Saint Andrew's many Ministries. For example, our new Ministry of Charitable Works provides over 235 lunch box meals each month for the needy in our community.

When designated donations become available, the Church Council will consider several much-needed projects to enable our church to function more efficiently and effectively including energy efficient windows, solar power, upgrades of the HVAC system, appliances to support our festival offerings, and support for the Clergy Scholarship Fund.

The Wall Of Eternal Memory

Parishioners who have lost a loved one, a family member, or a friend are offered a tangible and visible way to continue to express their love and remembrance of those who have gone to their rest.

Preserve their memory by commissioning an engraved nameplate on **The Wall of Eternal Memory**. It is a small yet powerful way we say to our departed, "I love you." We light a candle and appeal to God, "May their memory be eternal."

Stewardship



Jesus Christ - The Pantocrator

Saint Andrew the apostle Orthodox Church