



NOV. 15, 2020

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY



Join the Saint Nicholas Family on **November 15, 2020**, for **Stewardship Sunday**. We invite you that morning to **bring in your completed 2021 Stewardship Pledge Envelope** (*or return them to the office beforehand*) where we will present them all for a special dedication service during the Divine Liturgy.



SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Fr. Steven Klund – Parish Priest



“Who touched Me?” Jesus asked...[Then the woman] explained why she had touched Him and how she had immediately been healed. ‘Daughter,’ said Jesus, ‘your faith has healed you. Go in peace.’”

- Luke 8:45-48

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year has gotten off to a trying start for many of our faithful, and the world at large. The Coronavirus pandemic has had an unprecedented impact on the lives of billions around the globe, and we have had to drastically alter our routines, plans and even the ways we think. The Church is not immune nor exempt from this, and in many instances we have had to adjust our approaches to administration, ministries, and even our timeless worship traditions.

Fittingly, this year, our Stewardship Committee chose the encounter of the woman who received healing by touching the hem of the Lord’s garment as our 2021 theme. In the excerpt referenced above (from Luke 8), there are two elements at play here. The first is that the woman was confident that the presence of the Lord would overcome any illness. This is undoubtedly the primary thought in the minds of countless believers throughout the world. *“Will Church make me sick?”* As the woman found out, that couldn’t be further from the truth, as our Lord is the Physician of our souls and bodies and the very source of healing from all forces that try and harm us (both spiritually *and* biologically).

The second point is that this healing, this wholeness is only possible when we reach out and have an actual encounter with Christ. Our blessings are there for us to receive. We simply have to be bold enough to reach out to take a hold of them. If you recall Christ, at the time of this interaction with this particular woman, was in a rush to save Jairus’ daughter who was dying. He was racing through a huge gathering of people when she touched his garment. Yet despite His hurry and the crowd, the Lord stopped to converse with her openly. This is because, above all else, our God desires a committed relationship with us. He does not offer His Grace “to-go,” nor does He give His blessings casually in passing. Rather He offers every good and perfect gift to those who faithfully pledge themselves to Him, and do not sit back anonymously in the crowd content to merely see Him from afar.

This year (like every year) Christ is in our midst! Yes there is the threat of sickness lurking outside, but there is also the promise of God’s Grace and wholeness. Like the woman mentioned in this year’s theme, do not allow your fear of infirmity keep you away from your God. And also like that woman, be brave enough to commit yourself to God boldly, and take hold of our faith and Church! Join us for **Stewardship Sunday - November 15, 2020**. Stewardship is the essential driving force behind our parish. Without the generous contributions from our faithful stewards, nothing at Saint Nicholas is possible. We invite you to prayerfully consider what you can offer in thanksgiving to our Lord, and bring (or send) your completed pledge to Church by Stewardship Sunday on November 15, 2020. On that morning we will collect all of the pledges in a special prayer service and dedicate them to Christ on the Holy Altar during the Divine Liturgy. We thank you for your support!

With Fervent Love in Christ,

Fr. Steven Klund



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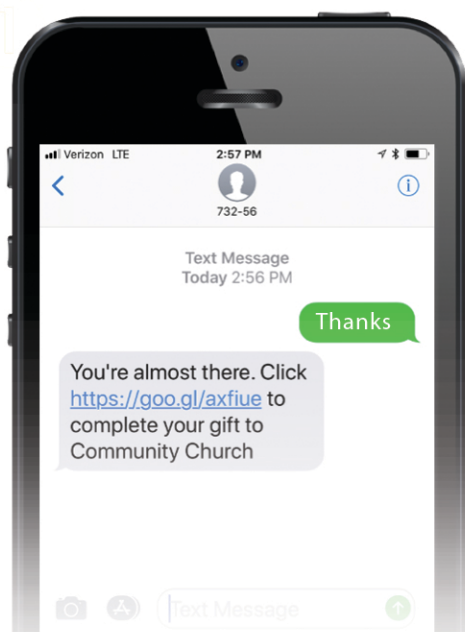
**E-GIVING is now
EASIER than EVER!**

"All must give as they are able, according to the blessings given to them by the Lord your God."

– DEUTERONOMY 16:17



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BENEFITS FOR YOU:

1. Give from anywhere using a computer, tablet, or smartphone.
2. No need to find a check or stop by the ATM.
3. Use your Checking / Savings Account or your Debit / Credit Card.
4. Schedule gifts to occur automatically.
5. Give to one or more funds at any time.
6. Create an account and manage your family's stewardship details directly online.

**THREE New
Ways to Give to
Saint Nicholas!**



ONLINE

Visit our **Website**:
stnicholaswilmington.org/stewardship



TEXT

Text the word
"THANKS" to **73256**
for easy 1-time giving



MOBILE

Download the APP
"Abundant Giving"
for ease of access

CHOOSE HOW YOU GIVE

"All must give as they are able, according to the blessings given to them by the Lord your God."

– Deuteronomy 16:17

Give easily and securely...

1. Give on our **Church Website**

www.stnicholaswilmington.org/stewardship/

2. Or the **"Abundant Giving" App**

Search for "St. Nicholas" or "Wilmington"

3. Or **Text "Thanks" to 73256**

Enjoy our new "Text-To-Give" Feature!



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If you have questions about giving, please feel free contact us at (910) 392-4444, or speak with any of our Stewardship Committee members.

Name(s): _____ New Steward: ☐ Yes ☐ No
(If married, please include name of spouse)

Preferred E-mail: _____ Phone number: _____

2nd E-mail: _____ 2nd Phone number: _____

Street Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

☐ **If paying by card:** I authorize Saint Nicholas to charge/debit my card until (date): _____

☐ **VISA** ☐  ☐ Other card _____ Exp. date: _____ CW: _____

Card number: _____

Name on card: _____ Signature: _____

In gratitude for God's blessings, I (we) pledge to contribute for Christ's work at Saint Nicholas:

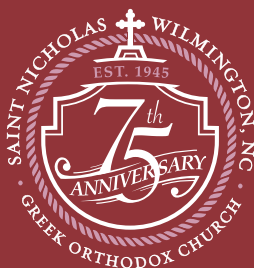
My (Our) TOTAL Pledge amount for the 20 ____ Stewardship year is: \$ _____

To Be Paid: ☐ One-time (Annually) ☐ Quarterly ☐ Monthly ☐ Weekly

☐ **If paying by Check,** make payable to Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church (and include in envelope)

Sample MONTHLY Giving Percentages					
Annual Income	1%	2.5%	3%	5%	10%
\$40,000	\$33	\$83	\$100	\$167	\$333
\$60,000	\$50	\$125	\$150	\$250	\$500
\$100,000	\$183	\$208	\$250	\$417	\$833
\$150,000	\$125	\$313	\$375	\$625	\$1,250
\$300,000	\$250	\$630	\$750	\$1,250	\$2,500

It is our goal that all Stewardship Pledges be submitted to the office prior to the first parish general assembly of the new year.



WHY GET INVOLVED AT SAINT NICHOLAS?

The Church is referred to scripturally as “the Body of Christ” (Rom. 12:5), and each believer, as a member of that body, has unique roles and gifts to offer on behalf of the whole. Therefore, our Stewardship program at Saint Nicholas, not only focuses on giving of ourselves financially, but also prioritizes the offerings of our *TIME* and *TALENTS* as well. Please use this card to prayerfully consider how your family can devote time to take part in our worship and parish activities, and help assist the ministries of our church.

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I GET INVOLVED at Saint Nicholas because I have seen, first hand, the life-changing impact the Church and its ministries have had on my family. Thus, I believe it is my responsibility as a STEWARD to offer my TIME & TALENTS to ensure that other families can experience the same blessings that mine has enjoyed.

*- Jimmie Stasios
(Steward since 1965)*

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TIME & TALENTS

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Individual stewards should indicate areas of interest with a check mark. Families should mark “H” for husband, “W” for wife, and “C” for children.

ADMINISTRATION

- ☐ Building & Grounds
- ☐ Office Volunteers
- ☐ Parish Council
- ☐ Stewardship
- ☐ Finances/Fundraising

EDUCATION

- ☐ Bible Study
- ☐ Catechism
- ☐ “Synaxis” Group
- ☐ Special Retreats

SERVICE

- ☐ Philoptochos
- ☐ City Outreach
- ☐ Missions
- ☐ Prayer Team
- ☐ Visitation Team

COMMUNICATIONS

- ☐ Technology
- ☐ Website/Social Media
- ☐ Bookstore
- ☐ Photography

WORSHIP

- ☐ Acolytes
- ☐ Byzantine Choir
- ☐ Readers
- ☐ Welcome Team
- ☐ Hospitality

YOUTH

- ☐ Love (0-4 yr olds)
- ☐ Hope/JOY (K-5th)
- ☐ GOYA (6-12th)
- ☐ Sunday School
- ☐ Youth Athletics

FELLOWSHIP

- ☐ Family Nights
- ☐ OCF (College)
- ☐ Young Adults
- ☐ Forever Young

CULTURAL

- ☐ Greek Festival
- ☐ Hellenic School
- ☐ Hellenic Dance
- ☐ AHEPA
- ☐ Pan-Ikarians

Please also identify any areas of expertise you can share with our Church Family:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prosfora/Kolyva | <input type="checkbox"/> Editing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Journalism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrician/Plumbing | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing/Design |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning |

☐ Other: _____