



NOV. 14, 2021

# STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

“OUR CHURCH,  
OUR HOME”



Join the Saint Nicholas Family on **November 14, 2021**, for **Stewardship Sunday**. We invite you that morning to **bring in your completed 2022 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



Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Home is safe and familiar. It is where we belong. In the same sense, our Church is our spiritual home. While at Saint Nicholas, we feel at home in the fragrance of incense, the sound of hymns and prayers, the physical touch of kneeling, bowing and making the sign of the cross, and the taste of Holy Communion and antidoron. Church is a place of prayer, comfort, spiritual healing, and rejoicing. But more than that, Saint Nicholas is also the setting for our family memories, like our baptisms, weddings, and feastday celebrations.

*"The Church exists when the dispersed, divided, self-preoccupied people unite and become a **family**, where people see one another as brothers and sisters with God as their common father, and try to share whatever they have and whatever they are, and be united in heart and soul." - P. Faros*

Our Church is so much more than a building. It is where we form relations that last a lifetime. No matter where we go in the world, we can always "come back home" to Church to be surrounded by the same familiar faces and surroundings that we love dearly. As Saint Paul writes to the Ephesians, "So then you are no longer strangers, but you are citizens with the saints and also *members of the household of God*" (Ephesians 2:19).

This "Household of God," this spiritual home is not where we gather because "that's what yiayia did," or where we go to be entertained. Instead we continuously return to Church to give of ourselves. Our personal efforts through prayer, service, and mutual support allow us to become united within the Body of Christ. Therefore our individual presence, engagement, and commitment not only builds up God's Household, but also the rest of our Spiritual Family. *Our Stewardship is our commitment to support and build up the Church, our collective spiritual Home for the benefit of our entire Saint Nicholas Family.* Simply put, it is the sacrificial giving in appreciation for all that God has given us.

So the next time we step foot inside the Church, let us also be mindful that it is our home as well, and this home is something we share with hundreds others who are counting on our support. Join us for **Stewardship Sunday - November 14, 2021**. Stewardship is the essential driving force behind our parish. Without the generous contributions from our stewards, "God's Household" will never fully become a "Home" for the faithful. 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 14, 2021. 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. This is more than just Our Church, it is Our Home! So let us make sure to take good care of it.

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](https://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/](http://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): \_\_\_\_\_

☐  ☐  ☐ 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:*

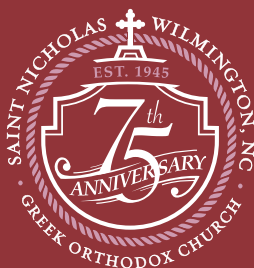
My (Our) TOTAL Pledge amount for the 20 \_\_\_\_ Stewardship year is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_