

# Frequently Asked Questions

## *How do I become a member of the parish?*

Membership in the Orthodox Church begins at baptism (Chrismation for some) and continues throughout our life. We are united with Christ through the sacraments, or mysteries, of the Church and through our faithful offering of our entire selves to Jesus Christ. Our Archdiocese requires each parish to identify parishioners in good standing. A voting member is over 18 years of age and turns in a signed stewardship commitment card, committing a portion of time, talent and treasure to the Church. The Archdiocese also requires the voting member to remain current through the year on their commitments. Keep in mind that true membership in the Body of Christ involves living according to His Word and within His Church.

## *Who makes a pledge?*

The Stewardship Commitment is completed per individual or family and may include:

- A husband and wife with or without dependent(s).
- A single working adult over 18 years of age should make his or her own commitment.
- Family membership allows each Orthodox spouse voting privileges in parish matters.

## *Why must I commit to give a specific amount?*

We need to compile pledge amounts to help us plan our budget for the year. Please keep in mind that your stewardship of money is kept in the strictest of confidence.

## *When is the stewardship pledge effective?*

Pledges made for 2016 are effective from January through December of 2016.

## *What if I cannot fulfill my stewardship commitment?*

During the course of a year, people's circumstances change. Your stewardship is valued because it is made out of your love for God and His Church. If you feel you must change or adjust your pledge you may do so by informing our pastor, Father David Bissias, to maintain your good standing in the Church.

Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

2016

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP  
COMMITMENT FORM

2016 ΧΡΙΣΤΙΑΝΙΚΗ ΕΚΟΥΣΙΑ ΕΙΣΦΟΡΑ

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**“Those that seek the Lord shall never be in want of any Good thing.”**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please consider increasing your pledge a little more this year! In order to keep our parish vibrant for future generations, our children, grandchildren and all who seek the full faith tradition of Orthodoxy, our goal is to reach an average pledge of \$1,500 per steward family to meet our yearly operational expenses. Regardless of the amount that you decide to pledge, we only ask you to consider the Church's needs and your financial ability prior to completing the following portion of this form.*

*In gratitude for God's blessings, I/we pledge to contribute towards Christ's work at Saint Demetrios for 2016 a total amount of (please check one):*

\$18 per week (\$936)     \$20 per week (\$1,040)     \$25 per week (\$1,300)  
 \$30 per week (\$1,560)\*\*     \$50 per week (\$2,600)     Other (Please specify):

**\*\*amount needed to cover our budget and avoid a deficit this year!**

*I plan to submit my pledge:*     Annually (one payment)     Bi-annually (2 payments)  
 Quarterly (4 payments)     Monthly (12 payments)     Weekly (52 payments)

## ***Time & Talent – Orthodox Christians Loving and Serving the Lord***

Please review the many opportunities available to participate in the life of our church. Stewards should initial at least one area of interest. May 2016 be a year of blessings, growth and renewal!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Religious Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Missions Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> Office Volunteer            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baking (prosfora/artos)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Drive Seniors to Church     | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Festival Volunteer   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baking/Cooking (Events)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Feed the Hungry             | <input type="checkbox"/> Philoptochos Society        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Study               | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Services          | <input type="checkbox"/> Reader                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bookstore Volunteer       | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Pantry                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Hour Hosting/Serving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Maintenance      | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening & Landscape       | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation Bible School       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bulletin & Newsletter     | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Website Maintenance         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee        | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Book Club           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church School Volunteer   | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Study Group           | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Ministry              |