

## 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 distinguish between voting members and non-voting members. 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.

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

Please keep in mind that your stewardship of money is kept in the strictest of confidence. However, we do compile the amounts anticipated to better plan our budget.

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

During the course of a year, circumstances change. Your stewardship is valued because it is made out of your love for God and His Church. Please do not be concerned if you are unable to meet your stewardship commitment - we are glad you are a part of this parish.

## Eternal Life Begins Now

*"The Church is the unity of all worlds, earthly and heavenly, of angels and men, of the living and the dead. We obtain real communion with God and we participate in God's uncreated energy. God does not stay in Heaven, directing history from there. He directs the world with His uncreated governing energies. We do not aim at appeasing God, but to heal ourselves, so that the vision of God becomes light for us and not fire. Furthermore, in the Church we live eternal life starting from now. We do not simply await the life to come, but we experience and enjoy it from the present. The Kingdom of God, according to the Fathers, is not life beyond the grave, but communion with God, above all, the vision of the uncreated Light."*

**Metropolitan Hierotheos of Nafpaktos**

*The Illness and Cure of the Soul in the Orthodox Tradition*

## 2023 Commitment Card



## Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church

**93 Locust St.**

**Dover, NH**

**603-742-7667**

## CONFIDENTIAL FAMILY INFORMATION FORM

Please complete and return this form to the Church Office

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Additional Family Information

NAME

Date of Birth

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## TIME & TALENT

In faithful response to total stewardship, and the glory of Jesus Christ and His Church, I/We humbly offer my/our time and talents.

### Stimulate Faithfulness

- Welcome Ministry
- Stewardship Committee
- Parish Fellowship, Functions, Fundraisers
- Outreach Programs
- Prepare Prosforon
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Teach

- Teach Sunday School
- Substitute Teacher
- HOPE, JOY
- GOYA
- Orthodoxy on Tap, YAL

### Minister to Sick and Needy

- Visit & Drive Elderly/Sick
- Soup Kitchen (cook/serve)

### Think of the High Responsibility of a Church Office

- Parish Council
- Alkistis
- Cemetery Committee
- Altar Server
- Office Helper
- Scholarship Committee
- Kali Parea Group
- Landscaping & Maintenance
- Internet/Technology
- Hellenic Center
- Greek Festival
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## TREASURE

For our any Blessings, I/We offer to our Lord and Savior for the continuation of His Ministries at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Dover, NH an amount of:

\$100 a week (\$5,200)

\$50 a week (\$2,600)

\$25 a week (\$1,300)

\$10 a week (\$520)

\$5 a week (\$260)

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Payments can be made automatically from your checking account via PayPal. For more information, visit the church website and click "DONATE".

## Did you know ...

*We need \$672 each day to keep the church doors open and our ministries active.*

*A contribution of \$13 per week for one year will cover one day's ministries.*