

Well done good & faithful servant

Matthew 25:23

**ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM
NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN MARY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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Ignatius the God-Bearer, Bishop of Antioch

Dear Nativity Parishioners

Jesus gave us the Parable of the Talents to teach that we are responsible to use God's gifts – to develop them, to grow them, and then to offer them back to Him. Although we all receive different gifts, we see in this parable that there is no difference in God's reward for what we accomplish with them. If you want to be a faithful servant, then take whatever you have and offer it faithfully to the Lord. It is not about how much you have, it is what you do with it.

With the plentiful gifts that God gives each person, we are to use them to support and work in the ministries of the church. Among the many many established ministry programs of our Nativity church include: Hope/Joy group activities, GOYA, Youth Basketball, Young Adult programs, Philoptochos, Chanters and Altar servers, Scouts, Religious Education, Greek School, Senior Group, Greek Dance Group, Men's Club, Bookstore, Taste of Greece and Christmas Auction, Iconography, Outreach Missions, Focus Detroit and Stewardship. With all these programs we ask you to support these worthy ministries with the abundance of the blessings you have received from God - your stewardship.

By offering your treasure, the blessings that God has given to you, and ourselves sacrificially, as members of the body of Christ, we may fulfil what our Lord and Savior has established as our responsibility. In other words, that we may reach our full potential in Christ.

I offer you my thanks for your dedication to our parish and your participation in Christ's work of salvation.

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Fr. Nicholas Marcus

Parish Priest

Please fill out the following information for our records

Name:		Spouse:
Orthodox Christian: Y N (Please circle Y or N)		Orthodox Christian: Y N (Please circle Y or N)
Date of Birth:		Date of Birth:
Email:		Email:
Home Phone:		
Cell Phone:		Cell Phone:
Address:		
City/State/Zip:		
Child #1: Legal Name: Baptismal Name:		Orthodox Christian: Y N
Child #2: Legal Name: Baptismal Name:	Orthodox Christian: Y N	Date of Birth:
Child #3: Legal Name: Baptismal Name:	Orthodox Christian: Y N	Date of Birth:
Child #4: Legal Name: Baptismal Name:	Orthodox Christian: Y N	Date of Birth:
Child #5: Legal Name: Baptismal Name:	Orthodox Christian: Y N	Date of Birth:

2024 Stewardship Financial Commitment Card

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church

The approved operating budget for Nativity Church in 2024 is \$636,100 which includes maintenance of ministry and building, personnel expenses, support of Orthodox ministries and the Archdiocese We hope that your commitment will increase in the coming year.

Percentage Increase	GIVING CHART: Household Annual Income				
	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$250,000	\$400,000
2%	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$8,000
3%	\$750	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$7,500	\$12,000
4%	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$10,000	\$16,000
5%	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$12,500	\$20,000
10%	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$40,000

I/we will contribute the following stewardship: \$ _____ Year _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

To be paid (circle one): Weekly Monthly Quarterly Annually Offering Envelopes YES NO

Preferred Method of Payment: Credit Card On-Line Mail Sunday Giving
(circle one) via ABUNDANT Checks or Cash Checks or Cash

Have you included the Church in your estate planning?