## 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.

#### 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.

### 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

# Weekly or Monthly Giving **Sustains Our Church!**

SAINT ANDREW GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH 1447 SUSSEX TURNPIKE RANDOLPH, NJ 07869



**S**TEWARDSHIP 2023

## information

FULL NAME
NAME OF SPOUSE (IF MARRIED)
STREET ADDRESS
CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE
HOME PHONE
MOBILE PHONE
EMAIL ADDRESS
MOBILE PHONE OF SPOUSE (IF MARRIED)
EMAIL ADDRESS OF SPOUSE (IF MARRIED)
EMAIL ADDRESS preferred for communication (or both w b used)
<b>IF NEW PARISHIONER</b> Names and birthdates of adults in household:
Dependent Children's names and birthdates:

We enter our spiritual home not to be entertained, but to be a part of a community of believers. We receive Jesus Christ in Holy Communion. As we pray, worship and serve together, we become His Body. To be truly a member of the Church as Body of Christ requires our presence and our engagement with one another -- in worship, study and service to others. We grow spiritually as a family. We give sacrificially as we acknowledge that all we have comes from God.

We ask you to prayerfully consider increasing your tax-deductible Commitment. Please understand it will cost approximately (\$38.46/week, or \$167/month) \$2,000 per year per family to sustain our parish.

### treasure

In gratitude for God's Blessings, I/We commit to Christ and His Church the following amount in 2023.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ WEEKLY / MONTHLY / ANNUALLY

Consider making your donations using our NEW ABUNDANT APP

Please send me information on:

- ☐ AUTOMATIC OFFERINGS thru your Bank or Credit Card
- ☐ OFFERING ENVELOPES to mail to our St. Andrew Church or place in the Offering basket.
- ☐ PLANNED GIVING on making a planned gift to our St. Andrew Church.

Please return Form to our Saint Andrew Church Office.

## time & talent

Individual stewards should indicate areas of interest with a "X". Families should mark "H" for husband, "W" for wife or "C" for children.

WORSHIP
Choir
Parish Ushering
Baking Prosforo
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Sunday School Teacher
Assist/Substitute Teacher
GOYA Volunteer/Coach
Young Adult League (YAL)
Summer Camp Staff
Adult Education
COMMUNITY
Annual Festival
Bake/Cook for Events
Greet Parishioners/Newcomers
Building Maintenance Interfaith Furnishings
Furniture Resale (used)
Tarritare nesare (asea)
HELLENIC CULTURE
Promote Hellenic Activities
Assist/Substitute Greek School
Assist/ Greek Dance Program
PHILANTHROPY
Collect for Food Pantry
Cook/Serve for Soup Kitchen
Visit Elderly/Infirm
Drive others to /from church
Drive others to/from church
Drive others to/from church Knitting/Crocheting/Sewing
Drive others to/from church Knitting/Crocheting/Sewing ADMINISTRATIVE
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