

ΑΝΝΟΝΟΙΑΤΙΟΝ / EVANGELISMOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH ΕλλΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΣΟΣ ENOPIA ΕγαΓΓΕΛΙΣΜΟΣ THE ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ Rev. John L. Johns, Presiding Priest



Dear Annunciation Family,

I pray that you all had a blessed Lenten season. The Stewardship Committee and I are excited to continue our communication each month. Our hope is that this has helped and will continue to help grow awareness about true biblical Stewardship, and in turn help our Church expand her ministries, grow spiritually, and also grow numerically in 2024.

A reminder that each month this new communication will do **two things**:

One, the Stewardship communication will share updates on where we are financially against our goals for the year, which are *100% participation and a 100% Stewardship-funded Budget.* Two, this communication will continually expand on topics concerning Stewardship.

Our focus for 2024 is to increase stewardship by \$1 a day in order to enable us to be selfsufficient in caring for our parish. As we approach the long days of summer where our focus becomes spending time with family and friends, our Parish continues to ask all of you to strengthen and sustain our parish community, by committing to the '1 Dollar a Day' program. This simple yet impactful contribution ensures that our church can continue to thrive, support our ministries, and extend Christ's love to all. By uniting in this small daily sacrifice, we collectively uphold the sacred mission of our parish, fostering a legacy of faith, service, and stewardship for generations to come.

In Christ,

Fr. John Johns & The Stewardship Committee

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GOALS:

- 1 Faithfully Fulfill God's Command to Give
- Increased, Consistent, & Regular Giving
- Increased Participation from Our Members

Ultimate Goals:

100% Member Participation 100% Stewardship-Funded Budget

THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

As we approach the glorious feast of Pentecost, let us recall the profound words of the early Church Fathers, who understood the coming of the Holy Spirit as a transformative gift that empowers us to be faithful stewards of God's creation and His Church. St. John Chrysostom teaches that true stewardship is not merely about managing our possessions, but about cultivating a heart of generosity and service. He exhorts us to "consider the needs of others as our own," mirroring the self-giving love of our Savior. As we prepare our hearts for Pentecost, let us embrace this spirit of stewardship. May we joyfully offer our time, talents, and treasures for the glory of God and the growth of His Kingdom. In doing so, we honor the Holy Spirit's work within us and continue the mission entrusted to the early Church.

In the unity of the Spirit, let us bear witness to the love of Christ through our acts of stewardship and service.



AT A GLANCE:

YEAR-TO-DATE/[MAY/JUNE] 2024 INSERT

Total Members:	429
Pledging Stewards:	249
Members Yet to Pledge:	200
Stewards Supporting \$1/	Day 88
Pledge Goal:	\$580,000
Pledged to Date:	<u>\$291,000</u>
Pledges Needed:	\$289,000

GIVING BREAKDOWN

\$1-\$500	106
\$501-\$999	49
\$1,000-\$2,999	72
\$3,000-\$4,999	12
\$5,000-\$6,999	9
\$10,000 & Above	1

HOW DO I BECOME A SUSTAINING STEWARD IN 2024?



We are asking you to extend your generosity to our community by increasing your stewardship commitment by **<u>\$1 dollar a day</u>**; this will enable us to close the gap of being self-sufficient.