



ARCHANGEL MICHAEL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Stewardship Letter

Dear Parishioners,

During this season of the Feast Days of Christmas and Epiphany may the Holy Trinity bless you and your family with grace, mercy and love!

May 2022 be a year filled with joy and hope, God willing, and the end of the Covid-19 Pandemic!

St. Paul in his letter to the Galatians brings attention to the spirit of weariness that can take hold of a church community. There is no doubt that many have become weary because of the Covid-19 Pandemic. His response is to encourage the faithful to continue to do good. Goodness, mercy, and charity are vaccines that heal a person and protect a person not just for a certain period of time, but into eternity.

As you consider your stewardship to the Archangel Michael Church for 2022, please take into consideration the following facts will help make your stewardship decision be made with joy and gladness:

- 1) The goal of the Parish Council is to have the operating budget totally generated from the stewardship of the faithful. If each Steward were to support evenly the operating budget of the church, the average Stewardship for the year per family would be average of \$1,600 per family. This is \$125/month, which is less than what each family pays for many monthly bills.
- 2) **Stewardship includes many church programs such as Sunday School, Joy/Hope, GOYA, book club, bible study, choir, cooking club, various free workshops, and other free events throughout the year.**
- 3) The average Stewardship per steward is currently \$971. We hope to exceed this in 2022 with all of the additional programs we are adding to stewardship.
- 4) Many families were very gracious during 2021 and raised their stewardship by 10%-15%, please continue this trend of support.
- 5) A Stewardship commitment may be made on a weekly, monthly, or yearly basis. Please enquire with the church office about different payment options.
- 6) **Please remember that Stewardship should be whatever one can afford to donate by ones means.**

As you give your stewardship for 2022, **your most important gift to the church is yourself and the presence of your family in the Divine Liturgy! Let's worship and pray together.**

In Christ's Ministry,

John Koumpourlis
President

Fr. John K. Lardas
Protopresbyter

Demetrios Frangiskatos
Stewardship Chairperson

P.S.-- make your Stewardship pledge online <https://www.archangelmichaelchurch.org/stewardship.php>

"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:9-10)