

# 2023 STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY THEME

*Giving Thanks*  
Eucharistic  
Stewardship



STEWARDSHIP  
MINISTRY



**What shall I render to the Lord for all his bounty to me?**

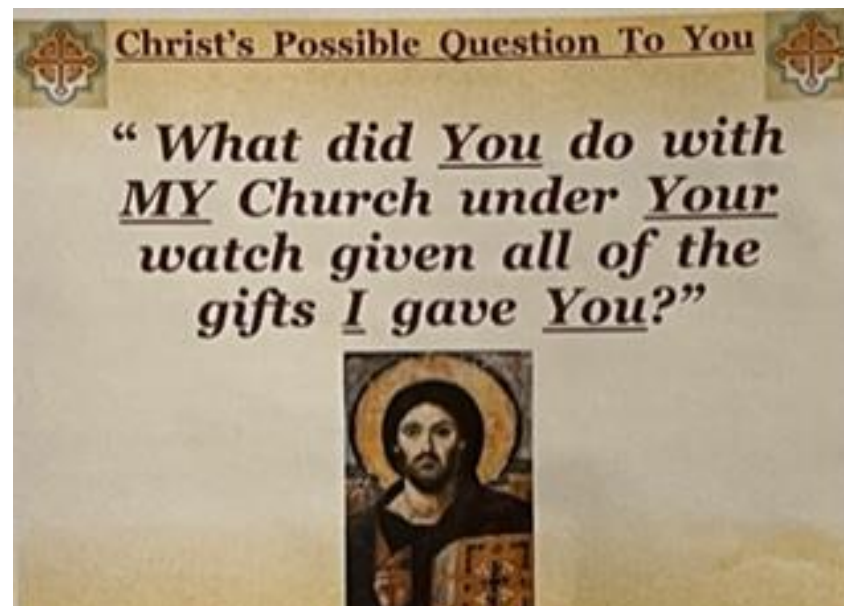
**Τί ἀνταποδώσω τῷ Κυρίῳ περὶ πάντων, ὧν ἀνταπέδωκέ μοι;**

**What can we possibly offer to the Lord for all He has given us? For even if we offer You odes in number equal to the sands, O holy King, yet we do nothing worthy of what You have given us who cry to You: Alleluia. (Akathist Hymn)**

## Eucharistic Stewardship is:

- 1) It is our church life, our worship, our ministries, and our offering to our local community being strengthened by our participation in the Holy Sacraments, mainly Holy Communion and Holy Confession.
- 2) ...then sharing this GRACE with all who approach us and whoever we encounter.

Eucharist, Theia Eyxaristeia, means Grace, Gratitude, Holy Thanksgiving



# **We show our Gratitude through:**

- **receiving the Eucharist**
- **Giving**
- **Increasing our Giving**
  - **Giving of TTT – Time, Talent, Treasure**

***Open pledge form***

# Time & Talent

It is important to give our time and talent as well as our treasure.  
Individual stewards should indicate areas of interest with a check (✓).

Families should mark “H” for husband, “W” for wife or “C” for children.

## EDUCATION

- ☐ Bible Study
- ☐ Intro to Orthodoxy
- ☐ Publications
- ☐ Speakers
- ☐ Bookstore

## YOUTH

- ☐ Dance Troupe
- ☐ Greek School Teacher
- ☐ Greek School Board
- ☐ Sunday School Teacher
- ☐ Youth Advisor
- ☐ Camp Counselor
- ☐ Youth Group
- ☐ Young Adults

## BUILDING & GROUNDS

- ☐ Garden & Landscape
- ☐ Plumbing
- ☐ Electrical
- ☐ Event Clean-up/ Set-up
- ☐ Interior Repairs

- ☐ Exterior Repairs
- ☐ Roofing
- ☐ Hall Rentals
- ☐ Handyman
- ☐ “Thursday Morning Boys” Building and Grounds Volunteers

## ADMINISTRATION

- ☐ Parish Council
- ☐ Development / Fundraising
- ☐ Office help
- ☐ Computer / Technical

## LITURGICAL

- ☐ Altar boys / Acolytes
- ☐ Choir
- ☐ Chanting
- ☐ Reader
- ☐ Greeter/Usher
- ☐ Baking Prosforon
- ☐ Koliva maker
- ☐ Artoklasia maker

## COMMUNICATIONS

- ☐ Web site & E-mail
- ☐ Graphic Design
- ☐ Bulletin & Newsletter

## MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS

- ☐ Welcome Team
- ☐ Outreach
- ☐ Stewardship
- ☐ Coffee Hour/ Hospitality
- ☐ Visitation – Hospital
- ☐ Philoptochos – Soup Kitchen
- ☐ Prison Ministry
- ☐ Grief Bereavement Group
- ☐ Blood Drives
- ☐ Project Mexico
- ☐ Int’l Orth Christian Charities
- ☐ OCMC Mission Center
- ☐ Seniors Ministry (Fellowship)
- ☐ Fundraising
- ☐ Friends of St. George
- ☐ Order of AHEPA
- ☐ Public Relations
- ☐ Data Entry

Any other talents or information you wish to list:

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# Treasure

## Yearly Income Percentage Guide to Giving

| Yearly Income | 1%      | 2%      | 3%      | 5%      | 10% (Tithing) |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------------|
| \$10,000      | \$100   | \$200   | \$300   | \$500   | \$1,000       |
| \$15,000      | \$150   | \$300   | \$450   | \$750   | \$1,500       |
| \$20,000      | \$200   | \$400   | \$600   | \$1,000 | \$2,000       |
| \$30,000      | \$300   | \$600   | \$900   | \$1,500 | \$3,000       |
| \$40,000      | \$400   | \$800   | \$1200  | \$2,000 | \$4,000       |
| \$50,000      | \$500   | \$1,000 | \$1,500 | \$2,500 | \$5,000       |
| \$100,000     | \$1,000 | \$2,000 | \$3,000 | \$5,000 | \$10,000      |

**(pledge)**

**Leviticus 27:30** “A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord: it is holy to the Lord.”

**Challenge: Could you give \$20 each week?**

**There Are Many Levels of Giving**

**How many are at the \$1,000 level?**

**How many are at the \$1,000 level  
now in 2022?**

# Budget

Our annual expenses for 2023 will be approximately \$382,000.

Stewardship donations in 2022 were approximately \$80,000.

Please consider your giving level:

\$2000 is \$38.46 per week

\$1500 is \$28.84 per week

**\$1000 is \$19.23 per week**

\$750 is \$14.42 per week

\$500 is \$9.61 per week

\$400 is \$7.69 per week

Are you giving back to God as you have been blessed?

The average pledge at our church for 2022 is \$656.

When was the last time you increased your giving to our church?

**Could you give \$20 each week?**



# **Our Actual 2023 Goal is \$85,000**

How great would it be to have our own families supporting the church without needing a festival, good weather, etc.?

Our annual expenses for 2023 will be approximately \$382,000.

\$85,000 is only 26% of our projected expenses for 2023.

26% only

75% of our income comes from donations, the festival, and the parking lot.

For us to cover our expenses with Stewardship income alone, it would take a \$3,237.28 contribution from our 118 families next year.

Here are some statistics...

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Total Given</b> | <b>Avg. Per Contributor</b> |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2016        | \$73,313           | \$527.43                    |
| 2017        | \$77,455           | 578.02                      |
| 2018        | \$75,970           | \$593.52                    |
| 2019        | \$67,602.50        | \$587.85                    |
| 2020        | \$79,898           | \$587.49                    |
| 2021        | \$88,335           | \$742.31                    |
| 2022        | so far \$80,997    | About \$656                 |

## **Become a \$1,000 Steward.**

**Could you give \$20 each week?**

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**What level can you reach if not \$20 a week?**

**For some this is a little.**

**For some it is a stretch.**

**For most, statistically, \$20 a week is less than 2% of their income.**

**The median household income for 2020 in the U. S. was \$65,000.**

If 20 stewards increase to 40 (\$20 a week givers), we can raise our goals to \$90, 000, \$100,000, or even higher.

How great would it be if one day we can earmark our Festival funds and other fundraising funds to kickoff much needed capital campaigns for our Youth, beautification of our grounds and facilities, new acquisitions, investments, endowments, iconography, new schools, camps, and so many other things?

## **We have to be...**

- 1.Intentional** – Start early and pledge now, at the beginning of the year our Time, Talent, and Treasure to God's mission.
- 2.Consistent** - Attend Twice or Three times a month. Pray Daily. Plan your giving and make it consistent. Weekly, monthly, etc.
- 3.Generous** – Be generous as God is generous. God gives us everything. How do we respond? Can I give more? When was the last time you increased your giving to our church?
- 4.Proportional** – Give in a percentage-based way. See Chart.
- 5.Prioritize** – Make God first- When you wake up. When choosing, choose God first and then sports, phone, paper, tv show, distractions, etc.
- 6.Cheerful**- One through Five produces Joy and cheer. Be a cheerful giver because God loves a cheerful giver. ***2 Corinthians 9:6***

**Q: Father, how can you  
expect the same people  
to increase their giving  
even more?**



## Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church

### The Campaign for St. George



Donate and for more information, please visit:

<http://saintgeorgeoc.com/campaign-for-st-george>

We thank all those who contributed toward our campaign for St. George. We have surpassed our goal!). If every one of our one hundred and twenty four pledged members and business owners pledges even \$50, it will put us further passed our goal by December 31. Let us see what God wills.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

Sunday before the Nativity (Icon on front)

Goal  
\$50,000  
**\$51,950 !**  
Raised

\$0















**Thank you for considering your 2023 pledge.  
May God guide our hearts.**