

Come and See



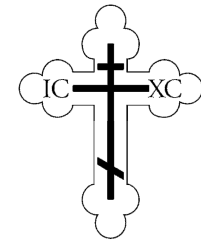
Giving to the Church is an opportunity – an opportunity to examine our priorities and values. It is an opportunity to express our thankfulness, to give of ourselves and to grow in grace. **Come And See** what we can do together with your support.

A gift to the church is more meaningful when it is accompanied by our presence, by our willingness to serve, by our prayers, and by our commitment. Giving is not a substitute for our commitment – it is an expression of our commitment. Come and see how you can grow through service to the Church.

**Come And See** the works of God, Who is awesome (Psalm 66:5).



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA



# OUR ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN LEGACY

Will our last days be consistent  
with Orthodox teachings?

What will we leave behind  
for our Children...  
for our Grandchildren...  
for our Church...



DO YOU HAVE A PLAN?

# Do You Have A Will?

**Unfortunately, 70% of  
Americans do not have a will.**

Though you may not want to consider preparing a will, it will save your heirs significant time and money.

With a will you also ensure that your family, charitable, and financial wishes are carried out.

Most people who prepare a will also have planning directives. These documents, known as powers of attorney, letters of instruction, and living wills provide guidance about one's wishes for:

- Medical Care consistent with Orthodox teachings
- Tax-Advantaged and Charitable Financial Planning
- Distribution of personal property

**Live with peace of mind  
knowing that your wishes  
will be followed...**

**~ Prepare a will ~**

# You Can Leave Significant Gifts for Your Family and Your Faith if You Plan...

**For most people, the greatest  
financial gift we are able to give  
is what we leave behind when  
we fall asleep in the Lord.**

How can you make such a gift?  
Through arranging for a donation of:

- Cash or Securities
- Life insurance
- Gift Annuities
- Bequests (Wills)
- Real Estate and Other Investments

Americans give generously to charitable organizations in this manner. In 2009, more than \$250 billion was given by individuals through their estates.

## RECIPIENTS:

- Religious Organizations: \$90 billion
  - Education: \$41.6 billion
- (Source: American Association of Fundraising Counsel 2009)

Planned giving can be very rewarding, allowing to you to see your gift at work while receiving tax benefits now.

# Is help available?

The Stewardship Commission of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, in cooperation with the Parish Development Office, has established the National Legacy Committee to develop resources to guide the faithful in planning their estates.

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