

# stewardship ministry **Matthew 25:23**

## **QuickStart guide**

### **1. form a parish stewardship team**

- Form your stewardship team early with individuals who exemplify Orthodox Christian Stewardship.
- Build a team blessed with a variety of gifts, training and experience. Include young professionals.
- Choose a Christ-centered chair with proven leadership and mentoring skills.

### **2. make a 12-month plan**

- Create a 12-month parish stewardship calendar & put it in the church master calendar
- Plan for ongoing communication and personal contact with parishioners
- Schedule and assign tasks, communications, visitations and events
- Recognize that Stewardship is an ongoing ministry – not any single event or activity

### **3. communicate**

- Include a variety of messages pertaining to stewardship in bulletins, e-bulletins, newsletters.
- Plan a strategy of visitations or small group meetings. Consider virtual meetings when needed.
- Keep the parish council informed and active in promoting stewardship, leading by example.
- Contact the Archdiocese Stewardship Ministries for resources, sample commitment cards and more.
- Enlist parishioners to offer testimonials in church and in written and video communication.
- Offer sermons that apply Gospel lessons to aspects of Stewardship (visit [stewardship.goarch.org](http://stewardship.goarch.org))

### **4. implement various methods of online giving**

- Set up online giving and instruct members in the use of the program
- Include links to online giving in all communications.
- Consider a stewardship kiosk for electronic giving while at church.
- Implement text giving, online light-a-candle programs and more.

### **5. engage the people in the life of the Church**

- Create opportunities for people to be heard: town hall meetings, etc.
- Get people personally involved in ministry.
- Welcome new ideas and delegate responsibility
- Listen to and validate the concerns of parishioners

### **6. utilize the 2024 theme/graphics:**

Theme “Well done, good and faithful servant,”

From the Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25.

Application to Stewardship: The parable of the talents illustrates our stewardship of the gifts given to us by God.

