stewardship ministry
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)

☐ 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.

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