### information

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NAME OF SPOUSE (IF MARRIED)
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CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE
HOME PHONE
MOBILE PHONE
EMAIL ADDRESS
EMAIL ADDRESS OF SPOUSE (IF MARRIED)
Dependent Children's names and birthdates:
May we include your contact information in the parish directory?
$\square$ yes $\square$ no If yes, please indicate any information you would like excluded:
May we add you to our parish email list? $\Box$ yes $\Box$ no

# The Gifts of the Magi & the Spirit of Giving

The Gifts of the Magi icon presents the Wise Men offering gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ Child. These wealthy scholars and priests of the East endured numerous dangers, and traveled a great distance to offer their treasures to Christ, the newborn king. What a beautiful and meaningful example they set for all future generations, helping us to understand the blessing of giving.

The Story of the Magi is not simply a cute part of the Christmas Story. It represents central characters who model a path of faith we are called to imitate: 1) A sincere search for God and an authentic desire to listen to Him; 2) A willingness to overcome any obstacles or challenging inconvenience in their journey towards God; and 3) An offering of the best they had in humble worship to their Creator.

As we reflect on this beautiful stewardship icon, let us take to heart the words of St. John Chrysostom: "The rich man is not the one who has much, but the one who gives much. For what he gives away remains his forever."

#### treasure

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# planned giving

☐ Please send me information on making a planned gift to the Church

### time & talent

Individual stewards should indicate areas of interest with a check  $(\checkmark)$ .

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

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## **Frequently Asked Questions**

*How do I become a member of the parish?* 

Membership in the Orthodox Church begins at baptism (Chrismation for some) and continues throughout our life. We are united with Christ through the sacraments, or mysteries, of the Church and through our faithful offering of our entire selves to Jesus Christ. Our Archdiocese requires each parish to distinguish between voting members and non-voting members. A voting member is over 18 years of age and turns in a signed stewardship commitment card, committing a portion of time, talent and treasure to the Church. The Archdiocese also requires the voting member to remain current through the year on their commitments. Keep in mind that true membership in the Body of Christ involves living according to His word and within His Church.

Why must I commit to give a specific amount? Please keep in mind that your stewardship of money is kept in the strictest of confidence. However, we do compile the amounts anticipated to better plan our budget.

What if I cannot fulfill my stewardship commitment?

During the course of a year, people's circumstances change. Your stewardship is valued because it is made out fo your love for God and His Church. Please do not be concerned if you are unable to meet your stewardship commitment – we are glad you are a part of this parish.

## Christian Stewardship Is...

...learning how to be a responsible and concerned caretaker of Christ's Church; it is learning how to enjoy Church life and be happy in Church work., for in Her dwells the fullness of the Spirit of God.

...our active commitment to use all our time, talent and treasure for the benefit of humankind in grateful acknowledgment of Christ's redeeming love.

...caring for the needs of others.

...offering one's self to God as He offered Himself to us.

...what a person does after saying "I believe...", as proof of that belief.

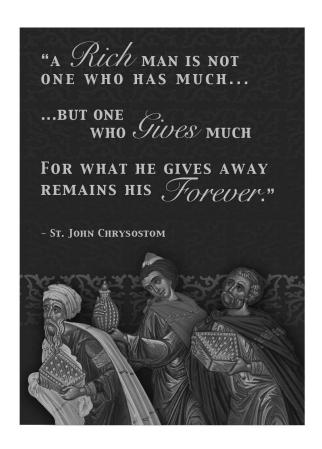
...devotion and service to God and His Church as persons, as families, as diocese/metropolis, as national Church and as Church universal.

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