# NAME NAME OF SPOUSE (IF MARRIED) STREET ADDRESS 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? $\square$ yes $\square$ no

information

## Chosen and Appointed

One of the fruits of a well-pruned soul is gratitude towards God, leading to thoughtful, proportionate, meaningful gifts to His Church—gifts that reflect our transformed sense of values.

### consider...

How overextended are you? How can you simplify your life – cutting back so that you are able to invest time and energy and resources into bearing good fruit according to God's will? God the Vinedresser will prune our lives to help us bear better fruit.

### pray...

Lord, abide more fully in me. Help me to prune and manage my life better. Re-shape my living to bear good fruit that glorifies you.

#### act...

Make a list of areas in your life that are overgrown. Prune back where you are able in order to free up time and resources to invest in bearing more fruit. Become a prudent manager (steward) of God's gifts, protecting and growing them in order to return to God that which He has entrusted to you.

### treasure

In gratitude for God's blessings, I/We commit to Christ and His Church the following amount:

each week

# 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.

EDUCATION	LITURGICAL
Bible Study	Sanctuary & Altar Care
Adult Religious Education	Altar boys / Acolytes
Intro to Orthodoxy	Baking Prosfora
_ Publications	Choir
Speakers	Reader
Bookstore	Greeter/Usher
Library	
	MINISTRIES & PROGRAM
YOUTH	Campus Ministry
Church School Teacher	Welcome Team
_ Church School Administration	New Member Events
_ Youth Leader	Outreach
Vacation Church School	Stewardship
_ Camp Counselor	Sunday Fellowship / Coffee
	Visitation — Hospital
BUILDING & GROUNDS	Visitation — Shut-ins
Garden & Landscape	Feed the Hungry
_ Plumbing	Prison Ministry
_ Electrical	Grief Bereavement Group
_ Clean-up	Disaster Relief Projects
_ Interior Repairs	Blood Drives
_ Exterior Repairs	Project Mexico
_ Roofing	Int'l Orth Christian Charities
Hall Rentals	OCMC Mission Center
	Seniors Ministry
ADMINISTRATION	Couples Ministry
_ Fiscal Mgt / Review	Singles Ministry
_ By-Laws	Military Ministry
_ Development / Fundraising	
_ Office help	COMMUNICATIONS
Computer / Technical	Web site & E-mail
Data Entry	Bulletin & Newsletter
	Public Relations
Any other talents or information	on on items listed above:

### **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.

Williams & McKibben in Oriented Leadership



#### STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES

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John 15:16



Stewardship Commitment Card 2013