



stewardship

quick start guide

☐ 1. form a parish stewardship team

- ☐ Form your stewardship team early
- ☐ Build a team of people blessed with a variety of gifts, training and experience
- ☐ Choose a Christ-centered chair with proven leadership and mentoring skills that lives as a true Orthodox Christian steward

☐ 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, bulletin boards, etc.
- ☐ Plan a strategy of visitations or small group meetings
- ☐ Keep the parish council informed and active in promoting stewardship. Parish council members should lead by example
- ☐ Contact the Archdiocese for Stewardship resources
- ☐ Enlist parishioners to offer testimonials
- ☐ Offer sermons that apply the them of the Gospel lessons to aspects of Stewardship

☐ 4. engage the people

- ☐ Get people personally involved in parish ministry
- ☐ Welcome new ideas and delegate responsibility
- ☐ Listen to and validate the concerns of parishioners
- ☐ Create opportunities for people to be heard

☐ 5. utilize the 2013 theme

- ☐ Theme "...go and bear fruit..." (John 15:16)
- ☐ Icon: Christ the True Vine with permission from Aperges & Co.
- ☐ Application to Stewardship: We are called to bear fruit as branches of the True Vine which is Jesus Christ

