

# stewardship ministry

# QuickStart guide

## 1. form a parish stewardship team

- Form your stewardship team early
- Build a team of dedicated stewards 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 in the life of the Church

- 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 2018 theme:

Theme: “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart,  
as working for the Lord, not for men. . . .” (Colossians 3:23)

Icon: Jesus with St. Euphrosynos the Cook and St. Phocas the Gardener

Application to Stewardship: We are Stewards of the Work We Do.

Whatever work you do, dedicate it to God, keep Him present and glorify Him by applying the gifts He has given you. Leave the work better than you found it.

