



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, emails, 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. Visit orthodoxmarketplace.com
- Enlist parishioners to offer testimonials
- Offer sermons that apply the theme 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 2019 Theme

- Theme: “STEWARDS OF OUR FAITH: All Things are Possible to the One Who Believes in Christ” (cf Mark 9:23)
- Icon: Christ Pantocrator
- Application to Stewardship: We are Stewards of the faith within us...Our faith must be cared for, nurtured, encouraged.

*Stewards
of the Faith*

