ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2020

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Dear Members and friends of Saint George:

As we consider God’s blessings, we are in awe of His immense goodness toward us. The greatest gifts to us are His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior and the constant presence of His Holy Spirit working in the Church and in our lives.

God endows each of us with personal gifts, talents and material possessions. Stewardship is acknowledging that God is the source of each gift that has been received and each possession that has been accumulated.

Orthodox Christian Stewardship reminds us that these gifts are not our own; that we have a trusteeship over them and not an ownership. Stewardship means to give a portion back to God, as a direct way of expressing our thanksgiving to Him for these gifts.

Our Church meets the financial needs of its annual Ministries and Operating Budget by way of its Orthodox Christian Stewardship Program. Consequently, our parishioners are Stewards of Saint George, rather than dues payers, and they accept direct responsibility for the financial support and progress of our Church and its mission.

Before completing and mailing the Commitment Card and Family Information Form to the Church Office, please give the matter of your Orthodox Christian Stewardship Commitment for next year your most serious and prayerful consideration. The financial level at which you arrive should be a spiritual expression of gratitude and love to God for all you have received.

Yours Sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Fr. Nicholas Passouras
Saint George Church Income & Expenses

AVERAGE Income:

- Stewardship: $140,000
- Donations/Collections: $25,000
- Candles/Trays: $90,000
- Festivals/Fund Raising: $115,000
- Total: $370,000

AVERAGE Expenses:

- Maintaining our Buildings: $50,000 (11.5%)
- Personnel: $205,000 (58.5%)
- National Ministries: $40,000 (11%)
- Miscellaneous: $75,000 (19%)
- Total: $370,000

Imagine what we can do next year when you participate!

Stewardship is giving back to God a portion of what God has given us—and in that giving back, we worship God. We can give back some of our time, our talents, and our financial gifts. Giving grows our faith.

Our Goals:

- Enhance and advance our Youth Ministries
- Eliminate excess Fund-Raising Events
- More Community Building Events (like the Community picnic)
- Potentially eliminate trays in Church (keep them only for special reasons)
- Develop Elderly Ministries
Money Enables Ministry

Money is a necessary tool for ministry. The Church's mission of salvation and evangelism depends directly on your generosity, which supports our Parish, National Church (Archdiocese) & our Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Our Stewardship giving supports all the Parish Ministries and the entire operating budget. **We should not continue to depend on special affairs to meet our budget.** The growth of our Faith and its dissemination is our own personal responsibility. Stewardship places the responsibility where it belongs, directly upon us.

Your Stewardship is vital to our Church to ...

- Provide holy services & sacraments & religious counseling
- Continue visitations to the hospitalized & minister to the community outside of our Church walls and to those in need
- Provide for those who serve us
- Maintain and repair our buildings
- Keep in touch with you
- Support the National Church & Ecumenical Patriarchate