

## TIME & TALENTS STEWARDSHIP

I/We choose to glorify God for the gifts he has given me/us. As an offering of thanksgiving and worship, I/we commit to share the following Time & Talents with our Parish and be active in the life of the Church.

SERVICE	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CHOIR
<input type="checkbox"/>	ALTAR BOYS
<input type="checkbox"/>	COFFEE HOUR
<input type="checkbox"/>	PROSPHORON BAKING
<input type="checkbox"/>	FACILITY MAINTENANCE
ASSOCIATION MINISTRIES	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY
<input type="checkbox"/>	NECTARIANS
EDUCATION	
<input type="checkbox"/>	SUNDAY SCHOOL
<input type="checkbox"/>	GREEK SCHOOL
<input type="checkbox"/>	PRESCHOOL
<input type="checkbox"/>	ORTHODOX FAITH CLASSES
<input type="checkbox"/>	BIBLE STUDY
<input type="checkbox"/>	BAPTISM PREP
<input type="checkbox"/>	MARRIAGE PREP
LEADERSHIP	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PARISH COUNCIL
<input type="checkbox"/>	THE VOICE
<input type="checkbox"/>	STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE
YOUTH MINISTRIES/ ATHLETICS	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MOMMY & ME
<input type="checkbox"/>	J.O.Y.
<input type="checkbox"/>	JR. G.O.Y.A.
<input type="checkbox"/>	SR. G.O.Y.A.
<input type="checkbox"/>	BASKETBALL
<input type="checkbox"/>	COACHING
<input type="checkbox"/>	JR. OLYMPICS
FUNDRAISING	
<input type="checkbox"/>	GREEK FESTIVAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS
<input type="checkbox"/>	ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
OFFICE/ OTHER TALENTS	
<input type="checkbox"/>	OFFICE SUPPORT
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMPUTER SUPPORT
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACCOUNTING
<input type="checkbox"/>	MARKETING
OTHER: _____	

## CHEERFEUL GIVING

“Each person should give what he had decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful (willing) giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7).

## THANK YOU

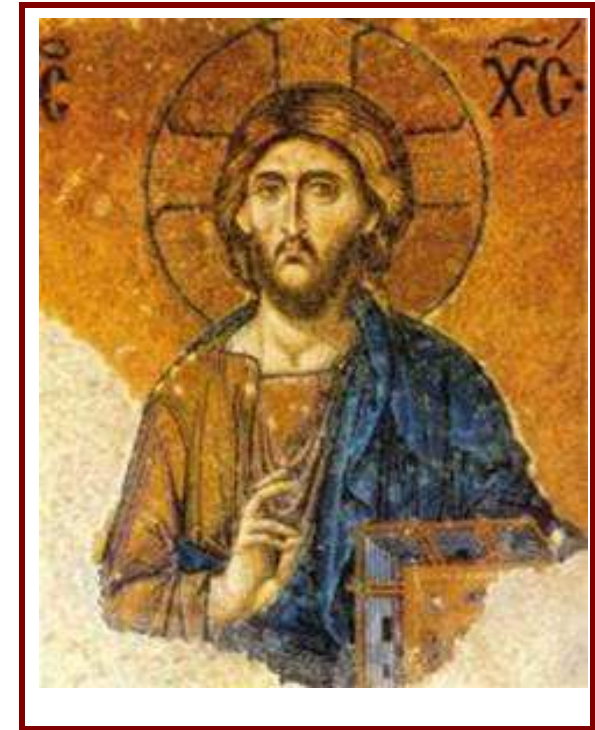
As an Orthodox Christian, we strive to achieve “Theosis”, which means we take the teaching and example of Jesus and make it our own by modeling our lives on the Gospel. The Gospel teaches us that everything we have is not really ours but rather a gift of God. By completing the attachment, you have demonstrated your commitment to your Christian journey and responded to Christ to give back your **time, talents and treasures** in proportion to the gifts He has given you. Saint Nectarios wishes to thank you for meeting the call to be a grateful and cheerful steward. We are truly blessed to have you as part of the Parish. May the Grace of our Lord continue to bless you and guide you through your spiritual journey.



Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America  
National Stewardship Commission

# ST. NECTARIOS

## Stewardship Program



## THE ORTHODOX WAY OF LIFE

*“Let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God”*

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## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

In the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom we hear the call to “commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.” We commit our whole life to Christ when we truly believe that He is the source of our life and origin of all our blessings. Our proper response to the gifts Christ has bestowed upon us is to give back our **time, talent and treasures** in proportion to what we have been given. Essential to an Orthodox Christian’s spirituality is the firm belief that we will each have to make an accounting one day for the gifts He has given us. Based on this belief we are called upon to give not only of our time and talents but of our treasures of well.

## SCRIPTURE AND STEWARDSHIP First Fruits

The Bible speaks of offering back to God the “first fruits” of our possessions, thus recognizing Him as the provider of all we are and all we have. Stewardship is making Christ the first priority in use of the **time, talents and treasures** with which He has blessed us. King David said, “all things come from You, and of Your own we have given You” (Chronicles 29:14).

## THE STEWARD

The Stewardship Pledge qualifies a husband and wife (for married couples) and single adults as Stewards. Sunday School students offer their own Stewardship each Sunday. Family members over 18 years of age who are employed should make their own Stewardship Pledge. Stewards are considered parishioners in good standing with the Parish. Stewards may vote and seek elective office in the administration of the Parish as provided in the Archdiocesan Regulations.

## HOW SHOULD I GIVE

Completing the pledge form allows you to give back **time, talents and treasures**. We encourage you to give time and talents by being involved in at least one ministry or organization that Saint Nectarios offers. Financial resources are vital to operating the church on a daily basis and are necessary to support the many ministries Saint Nectarios offers, thus we suggest regular giving on a monthly basis beginning January of each year. For your convenience and to help the Church with cash flow, we provide a credit card option for monthly and quarterly payments

## HOW MUCH I SHOULD GIVE

The Old Testament laid down the standard of the tithe or treasure as 10% of one’s income. This provides us with the principle that giving should be a proportion of our income. “Everyone to whom much is given, from him will much be required” (Luke 12:48). The Orthodox Church recommends stewardship offerings to be 10% of one’s annual income. St. Nectarios supports offering 10% of your income as well. However, we recommend a minimum of 2.5% of your annual income. Ultimately, it is up to each Steward to determine what percentage of his or her treasures or income will be committed to Christ and the Church each year. The table below provides examples:

Annual Income	God’s Instructed Tithe 10%	Saint Nectarios Recommended Minimum 2.5%
\$ 50,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,250
\$ 75,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 1,875
\$ 100,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,500
\$ 150,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 3,750
\$ 200,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,000

Please use credit card options for giving to assist the Church with meeting its monthly obligations

## Stewardship Pledge

As a cheerful giver, I/we wish to give back to the treasures Christ has bestowed upon me/us in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the year of \_\_\_\_\_. My total offerings will be given to St. Nectarios in the following manner:

- One lump sum contribution in the month of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Equal monthly contribution due on the 5<sup>th</sup> day each month in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- Quarterly contribution due on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, April, July & October in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please note the amounts and timing of payments above)

Name (please print)

Spouse

Address

City

State Zip

Home Phone

E-mail address

Authorization signature for pledge, CC

Children’s Names and Dates of Birth:

Name	DOB	Name	DOB

I/We understand that Saint Nectarios has financial obligations each month to operate the church and provide the many ministries, therefore we have chosen to help the church meet these obligations by contributing through credit card deductions.

I/We hereby authorize St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church, as Agent, to initiate credit entries to my (our) credit card account at the financial institution as directed below in the amount noted above. I/We understand that my (our) credit card will be charged in the amount noted above on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of each month, or the first business day thereafter. This authorization will remain in effect until St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church, as Agent, has received written notification from me (either one of us) of its termination.

Visa  MC Card number

Expiration Date

3 Digit Code

Name (Please print as on CC)

Billing Address

City

State Zip

Please cut along dotted line