

# TIME

## Spending Time with God in Prayer

Prayer is the foundation of stewardship. When we spend time with God in prayer, we spiritually prepare to offer ourselves in service to others.

God has graciously bestowed upon us the entirety of our lives. He has blessed us with 168 hours per week (or a little more than 10,000 minutes per week)

**How many of those 168 hours do we offer to Him each week?** Please take some time now to consider what you are willing to offer to God in thanks for all He has given you.

Here are a few ways we can offer our time to God each week:

- ✙ Attend Orthros and Divine Liturgy on Sundays
- ✙ Attend Vespers on Saturday evening
- ✙ Attend Orthros and Divine Liturgy on weekdays
- ✙ Participate in the Sacrament of Confession
- ✙ Pray the Jesus Prayer
- ✙ Spend time daily in personal prayer
- ✙ Pray together with loved ones
- ✙ Read the Bible
- ✙ Participate in church ministry
- ✙ Read about the Saints



**“A person can become a saint anywhere**

...at your work, whatever it may be, you can become a saint through *meekness, patience, and love.*

**Make a new start every day**

With *new resolution, with enthusiasm and love, prayer and silence.*”

- St. Porphyrios -

# TALENT

## Offering My Talents to Parish Ministries

**God bestows upon each of us unique and wonderful abilities.** Listed below are ministries in which you can use your talents. Please take some time to consider what abilities God has blessed you with and mark the ministries below in which you would like to apply your talents.

Individuals should indicate areas of interest with a check (✓).

Families should mark “H” for husband, “W” for wife.

### EDUCATION

- \_\_\_ Bible Study
- \_\_\_ Studies in the Faith
- \_\_\_ Pre-Marital Counseling
- \_\_\_ Retreats & Speakers
- \_\_\_ Greek Language

### YOUTH EDUCATION

- \_\_\_ Church School
- \_\_\_ Youth Stewardship
- \_\_\_ Oratorical Festival
- \_\_\_ All Saints Camp

### PARISH SUPPORT

- \_\_\_ Parish Council
- \_\_\_ Stewardship
- \_\_\_ Planned/Estate Giving
- \_\_\_ Audit Ministry
- \_\_\_ Webmaster
- \_\_\_ Electronic Newsletter
- \_\_\_ Information Technology
- \_\_\_ Building Maintenance
- \_\_\_ Grounds Maintenance
- \_\_\_ Renovation Ministry

### FELLOWSHIP

- \_\_\_ Sunday Coffee Hour
- \_\_\_ Men’s Fellowship
- \_\_\_ Small Group
- \_\_\_ YAL (Young Adult League)

### LITURGICAL SUPPORT

- \_\_\_ AV Support
- \_\_\_ Prospora
- \_\_\_ Altar Care
- \_\_\_ Church Cleaning
- \_\_\_ Koliva
- \_\_\_ Flower/Icon Decoration
- \_\_\_ Chanting Ministry
- \_\_\_ Reading Ministry
- \_\_\_ Choir Ministry
- \_\_\_ Acolyte Ministry

### OUTREACH

- \_\_\_ Welcome Ministry
- \_\_\_ Book Store
- \_\_\_ Bite of Greece Fest.
- \_\_\_ St John the Almsgiver
- \_\_\_ Family Outreach
- \_\_\_ Jubilee Women’s Center
- \_\_\_ OCMC
- \_\_\_ Philoptochos
- \_\_\_ Ambassador Ministry

### STRATEGIC PLAN

### AREAS OF FOCUS

- \_\_\_ Faith Formation
- \_\_\_ Leadership
- \_\_\_ Outreach
- \_\_\_ Stewardship
- \_\_\_ Youth & Family

Any other talents or information on items listed above:

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# TREASURE

## Giftng to Christ and His Church

Beginning in 2022, we will no longer solicit donations, outside of the stewardship campaign, to support the operating expenses of our church (i.e., candles, fellowship hour, luncheons, trays, flowers, etc.). This change is part of our journey to be 100% supported by stewardship. It will allow us to better plan for the expansion and development of our ministries through our Strategic Plan.

*In gratitude for God’s blessings, I/we commit to Christ and His Church the following amount:*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per  week  month  year

**Expected total for 2022: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

To pay by credit card, including setting up recurrent payments, please go to the “Donate” button at:

[www.assumptionseattle.org](http://www.assumptionseattle.org)

### Join Us on Our Journey to Become a Tithing Parish

...as stewards of the church, we give our time, talents and treasure to ensure that we are *growing in faith and love through Christ*, not simply to meet the expenses of the church.

...our financial gifts are proportional to our income. Using the methodology of “percentage giving”, we pledge to the church a percentage of our income that we are able to give.

...we ask that, to the degree you are able, you round up your financial gift in 2022 to the next percentage point of your income.

...we then endeavor to increase our stewardship commitment by rounding up to the next percentage point of our household income, each year, until we reach a tithing level of at least 10% of our income.

| ANNUAL INCOME | WEEKLY GIFT |       |       | ANNUAL GIFT |          |          |
|---------------|-------------|-------|-------|-------------|----------|----------|
|               | 1%          | 3%    | 10%   | 1%          | 3%       | 10%      |
| \$25,000      | \$5         | \$14  | \$48  | \$250       | \$750    | \$2,500  |
| \$50,000      | \$10        | \$29  | \$96  | \$500       | \$1,500  | \$5,000  |
| \$75,000      | \$14        | \$43  | \$144 | \$750       | \$2,250  | \$7,500  |
| \$100,000     | \$19        | \$58  | \$192 | \$1,000     | \$3,000  | \$10,000 |
| \$200,000     | \$38        | \$115 | \$385 | \$2,000     | \$6,000  | \$20,000 |
| \$400,000     | \$77        | \$231 | \$769 | \$4,000     | \$12,000 | \$40,000 |

### PLANNED GIVING

Please send me info on gifting a portion of my estate to the Church.

# INFORMATION

NAME

DATE OF BIRTH

OCCUPATION

MOBILE PHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

NAME OF SPOUSE (IF MARRIED)

SPOUSE'S DATE OF BIRTH

SPOUSE'S OCCUPATION

SPOUSE'S MOBILE PHONE

SPOUSE'S EMAIL ADDRESS

STREET ADDRESS

CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE

HOME PHONE

DEPENDENT CHILDREN'S NAMES AND BIRTHDATES:

May we include your family's contact information in the parish directory?

yes  no *If yes, please indicate any information you would like excluded:*

Please add me to the parish email list.

Please add my Spouse to the parish email list.

To help keep expenses down I/we no longer wish to receive a paper copy of the monthly bulletin.

Please send me updates via text message

Please send my Spouse updates via text message

## Frequently Asked Questions

*How do I become a member of the parish?*

Membership in the Orthodox Church begins at baptism (Chrismation for some) and continues throughout our life. We are united with Christ through the sacraments, or mysteries, of the Church and through our faithful offering of our entire selves to Jesus Christ. Our Archdiocese requires each parish to distinguish between voting members and non-voting members. A voting member is over 18 years of age and turns in a signed stewardship commitment card, committing a portion of time, talents and treasure to the Church. The Archdiocese also requires the voting member to remain current through the year on their commitments. Keep in mind that true membership in the Body of Christ involves living according to His word and within His Church.

*Why must I commit to give a specific amount?*

Please keep in mind that your stewardship of money is kept in the strictest of confidence. However, we do compile the amounts anticipated to better plan our budget.

*What if I cannot fulfill my stewardship commitment?*

During the course of a year, circumstances change. Your stewardship is valued because it is made out of your love for God and His Church. Please do not be concerned if you are unable to meet your stewardship commitment – we are glad you are a part of this parish.

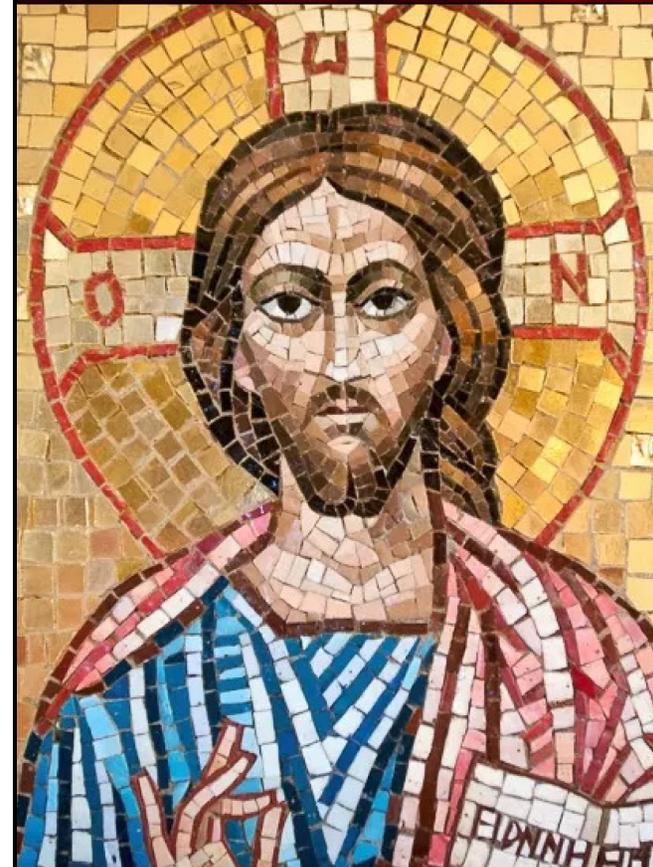


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# STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARD



GROWING IN FAITH  
AND LOVE  
THROUGH CHRIST