

TAXIARCHAE / ARCHANGELS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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2012 CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARD

At the Mystical Supper, as we read in Chapter 15 of the Gospel of John, Jesus instructed His disciples, "I am the vine; you are the branches." He was telling us that the purpose of our abiding in Him is that we may bear fruit for God in the world. "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit..." (John 15:8). Just as the vine bears fruit only through its branches, so Jesus has chosen to work in the world through us. We are the members of His body – the branches through which the vine must bear fruit. We bear fruit when we serve and support God and His Church.

In gratitude for God's blessings, I/we pledge to contribute for Christ's work at Taxiarchae/Archangels Church for 2012:

Weekly \$ _____ Monthly \$ _____ Quarterly \$ _____ Semi-Annually \$ _____ Annually \$ _____

A minimum suggested stewardship commitment is \$20.00 per week or more if you are able.

(Please Print)



Name: _____ Telephone Number: () _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

	Husband	Wife
Name		
Email		
Orthodox Christian	Yes _____ No _____	Yes _____ No _____

Our "Auto Recurring Donation Program" can be accessed online at: www.goarchangels.org or fill in below:

Checking or Savings	Credit/Debit Card
<input type="checkbox"/> Checking <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account	Credit Card: <input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/> 
Bank Name:	Cardholder:
Bank Routing Number	Account Number:
Account Number:	Expiration Date:
City/State	CVV2 Code: (3 or 4 Digit on the back of your card)

Please complete your pledge card and return it to the Church Office at your earliest convenience.

STEWARDSHIP 2012

Questions & Answers

What is Stewardship?

Stewardship is a simple, equitable and Christian way by which each parishioner (family or individual) determines the amount he or she shall commit for the support of the Church, proportionate to his or her income. It is believing in our Church and wanting to support and keep its mission alive.

Why the Stewardship Program?

Such a program eliminates inequities and places the responsibility of Church support where it belongs – in the hands of each parishioner. It is the one way that views the support of the church as a matter of personal commitment and conscience. It is the way of meeting our financial obligations to our church with Christian concern, dignity and equity. The emphasis is on equal sacrifice, not equal giving. We give according to our means.

Who is included in my family stewardship commitment?

A pledging family includes husband, wife, and children under 18, or attending college and not self-supporting.

What about single working adults?

Each working, self-supporting adult over 18 should make his/her own commitment.

Who determines the level of offering?

The chart in this brochure outlines levels of support based on annual gross income. These are suggested levels. We hope that our Mother, the Church, merits sacrificial giving and our best gifts.

Is there a specific minimum amount required?

No, there is no mandatory minimum. However, based on this year's budget, we are asking that you consider a minimum pledge of \$60.00 per month. We encourage everyone to set an honest and fair portion of one's income for the ministries and support of the Church.

How do I become a pledged steward?

By simply filling out the enclosed pledge form and either mailing it or bringing it to the Church office.

When should I fulfill my Stewardship pledge?

Stewardship occurs on a calendar year basis. Parishioners are asked to fulfill their pledges by December 31 of the year in which they are pledging. Payments toward a pledge can be made on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis.

Will my pledge amount be confidential?

Yes. All pledge amounts are kept in the strictest confidence. The names of all pledged stewards will be listed in the Church hall and will be published in the monthly newsletter.

What happens if I need to revise my commitment?

You can change your pledge according to your changing financial situation by advising the parish priest or parish council.

SUGGESTED LEVELS OF OFFERING

The following table of income and suggested yearly/monthly offering is provided as a guide. The suggested amount is between 3-5% of gross income.

Yearly Gross Income	Suggested Yearly Amount	Monthly Payment
\$ 20,000	\$600–1,000	\$50–83
30,000	900–1,500	75–125
40,000	1,200–2,000	100–167
50,000	1,500–2,500	125–208
60,000	1,800–3,800	150–250
70,000	2,100–3,500	175–292
80,000	2,400–4,000	200–333
90,000	2,700–4,500	225–375
100,000	3,000–5,500	250–417

Your pledge may be given in the manner that suits you best. This may be monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annually.

Whether you are a long-standing member or new to our community, Taxiarchae/Archangels needs your support. Your Christian Stewardship commitment and support provides Taxiarchae/Archangels with the necessary financial means to operate and maintain our Church.

After you have read this brochure and discussed it with your family, please complete the pledge card and return it to the Church office. We thank you in advance for your continued support.