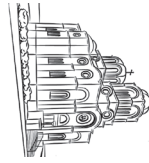


A Gift From God

We are called to live life in continuous thanksgiving for Christ. Thus, our entire perspective on the world is transformed. No longer can we look at the things in our life as anything but a Gift from God. We are being prepared by God to enter into Eternal Communion with Him. The joys we experience are recognized as the fruit of this Communion. Even the very suffering we endure becomes a Gift which prepares us for the “weight of Glory” which is to come!

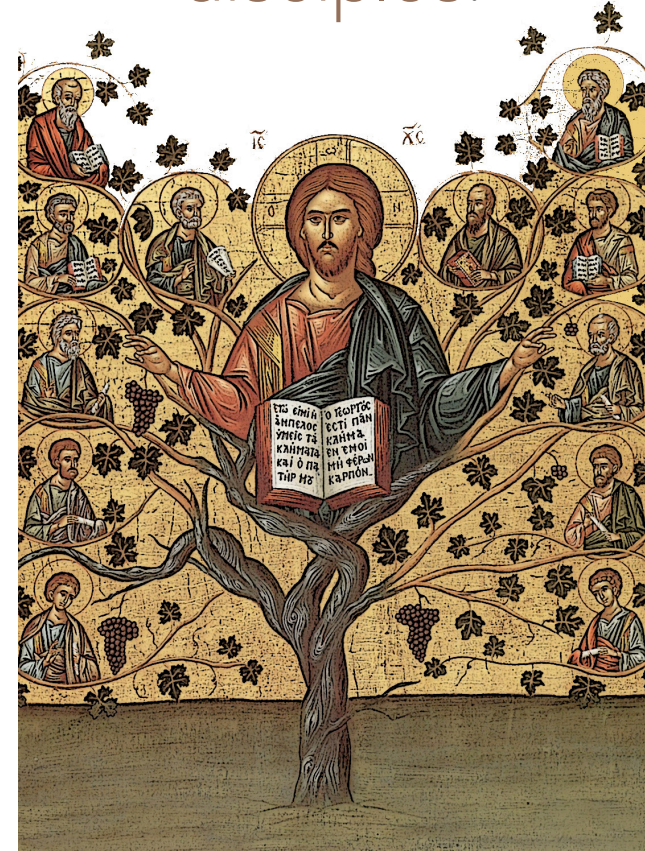
Our very thanksgiving for this Gift of Christ becomes a life of Stewardship—of caring for this Gift that is not our own. We care for this Gift of Communion with Him by living a life in which we dedicate all that we are—our Time, our Talents, and our Treasures—to God in thanksgiving for all that He has done for us. Thus, when we offer ourselves to the Church, our offering is no longer considered to be “in support” of our local parish, but as an offering of Thanksgiving to God. Our offering is then utilized by God in whatever manner He sees fit, unto His Glory.

Thus, when filling out your Stewardship Commitment Card this year, take into consideration how much of your Time, Talents and Treasures you are offering in thanks to God.



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This is to my Father's glory,
that you bear much fruit,
showing yourselves to be my
disciples.



Stewardship



Time

God has graciously bestowed upon us the entirety of our lives. He has blessed us with 168 hours per week (or roughly a little more than 10,000 minutes/week). How many of these 168 hours do we offer to Him? Take some time to consider what you are willing to **offer to God in thanks** for all He has given you. Remember, time also includes your time in **personal prayer and reflection**.

On our Stewardship Card you will find events, ministries and organizations that could use your time for the growth of faith in your life, and for the life and operation of our parish. Please select all areas of interest to you!

Talent

God bestows upon each one of us **unique and wonderful abilities**. Consider how God has blessed you with talents and abilities in your life. On the Commitment Card, there are listed potential needed talents and activities. Mark the ones in which you are interested in participating. If one or more of your talents does not match up, please list them in the space provided.



As each has received a gift, use it to **serve...** as **good stewards** of God's varied grace.

Treasure

Everything we have is a blessing from God—even our “hard-earned” money. It is His Gifts of Time and Talents that enable us to earn a living anyway! Consider what you are able to offer in thanksgiving, for all that God has bestowed upon you. Remember, our offerings should be **given regularly**, so determine whether your offering will be weekly or monthly—but make it regularly! It is also appropriate here to determine your offering in terms of a percentage of income, for those whose income is not consistent.

If circumstances change and you cannot fulfill your commitment, fear not! We are a loving community, not a tax office. The most important thing is to **give from the heart**. We are thankful to God for you being a part of this community!

***Please note** Other giving does not count against this pledge. Slava, Christmas, Pascha and other extraordinary donations are just that: extraordinary. They are unique offerings that uplift the community and enable us to go above-and-beyond our budgeted pledges!*



Come and See God work through your presence, skills and experience, and financial support!
