



Stewardship 2024

Dear Stewards of Holy Cross,

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Thank you for your faithful stewardship to our parish this past year, ensuring the mission and practice of our Orthodox Faith and Tradition here at Holy Cross.

Recognizing that all of our gifts and talents come from God is the first step to offering true stewardship, I am grateful that so many of us have put these gifts and talents to use as an expression of faith.

It is to our spiritual benefit that we have learned this past year that we cannot rely solely on events to meet our financial commitments. Christ-entered and thereby responsible stewardship from each of our families is the way to which we are called to meet our financial needs

This past year each of our families was asked to commit at least \$150 per month. We ask the same from you for the coming year 2024. At the risk of sounding like the oft-repeated television advertisements, this amounts to less than \$5.00 per day. Your family commitment, in addition to that of each member of our Holy Cross family, will bring financial stability to our parish.

I know that this is a sacrificial pledge of time, talent, and treasure, but I am also confident that you will understand the joy of responsible Christian stewardship as you become an integral part of our ability to minister to the community at large and meet the challenges before us.

As we welcome our newly ordained assistant, the Rev. Deacon Emmanuel Aspiotis and Diaconissa Alexandra to our community, I ask that you pray and reflect upon the many blessings we all enjoy as well as the many gifts and talents granted you when considering your stewardship commitment for 2024. Our Lord Jesus Christ, out of His Love for us, sacrificed His very own life as did His Saints. It is incumbent upon us, as Orthodox Christians, to offer in like manner.

This is stewardship, the recognition of the source and purpose of our personal gifts granted to us by God and to manage them to God's Glory, thereby sharing from within us His Joy and His Peace.

Our Lord tells us that each of us, as we are given life, are recipients of His grace so that we might choose to develop our gifts. In so doing, our response to God is one of thanksgiving.

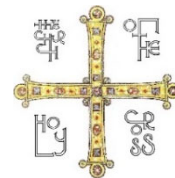
Thank you for your continued commitment and support to our parish, the Church of the Holy Cross and all the activities and programs we offer. May our Lord continue to bless all of us with His love and every gift from above to His Glory.

In Christ,

Father Peter G. Salmas

Please consider Father Peter's request that every family makes a minimum pledge to Holy Cross for at least **\$150 per month**.

You can fill-out and return this form and mail it to the church office
OR you can pledge online at www.goholycross.org and click **STEWARDSHIP** in the menu bar.



I/We commit to Christ and His Church through this pledge;

I/We expect to give the following amount

\$ _____

for the Stewardship year **2024** :

This amount will be divided and paid :

This amount will be paid :

☐ weekly ☐ monthly ☐ quarterly ☐ semi-annually

or

☐ **once**

printed name _____

If you have questions, feel free to contact the church office or e-mail stewardship@goholycross.org

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Give online!

Scan this QR code with your smartphone **or** visit

bit.ly/3FRtWIX



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His lord said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord."

- Matthew 25:23

Please return this card to the church office.



Family Information Form

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Please fill out
and return
to the church office.

Last Name _____

Residence Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

You

Your Spouse

First Name _____

Baptized or Chrismated

Orthodox Christian?

☐ yes ☐ no

☐ yes ☐ no

Name Day (or Baptismal Name) _____

Birthday (*month/day/year*) _____ / _____ / _____

Wedding Anniversary _____ / _____ / _____

Home Phone Number (_____) _____

Cell Phone Number (_____) _____ (_____) _____

e-mail address _____

Occupation _____

Employer _____

Work Phone Number (_____) _____ (_____) _____

do you wish to receive general

church mail at this e-mail address?

☐ yes ☐ no

☐ yes ☐ no

(*Cross Currents*, for example)

do you wish to receive Father's

"Daily Study" at this e-mail address?

☐ yes ☐ no

☐ yes ☐ no

New Members :

which church
did you attend
before coming
to Holy Cross?

(*Name of Church*)

(*Name of Church*)

(*City/State*)

(*City/State*)

Family Information Form (continued)

Dependent Children (please use additional sheets if so blessed) :

	<u>Eldest</u>	<u>Child #2</u>	<u>Child #3</u>
First Name	_____	_____	_____
Baptized or Chrismated Orthodox Christian?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Name Day (or Baptismal Name)	_____	_____	_____
Birthday	___ / ___ / ____	___ / ___ / ____	___ / ___ / ____
Cell Phone Number	(___) _____	(___) _____	(___) _____
e-mail address	_____	_____	_____
	@ _____	@ _____	@ _____
<u>PARENTS :</u>			
Okay to send church e-mail to this child? (Sunday School or Youth Group news, for example)	_____	_____	_____
	(please initial if okay)	(please initial if okay)	(please initial if okay)
Okay to send Father's "Daily Study" to this child?	_____	_____	_____
	(please initial if okay)	(please initial if okay)	(please initial if okay)
School	_____	_____	_____
Grade	_____	_____	_____
Sunday School Grade (if different)	_____	_____	_____