

Stewardship: A Way of Life

A young man had taken his girlfriend to a high-priced restaurant. As the young couple looked over the menu the young woman scanned the prices of the entrees, and then turning to the young man she asked, "How much do you love me?" Continuing to scan the menu, the young man replied, "Probably more than the corned beef, but not as much as the broiled lobster."

Stewardship is not about calculations or portions or percentages. It can't be reduced to a number of hours of service or dollars offered. Stewardship is a way of life.

As Orthodox Christians, we are called to a new way of seeing things – a new way of life. Our stewardship is obedience to the greatest commandment to "love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind and strength." We are called to bring others to commit their lives to Jesus Christ in such a way that leads to the joy of knowing Him personally and profoundly.

As Orthodox Christians, we see the world as God's gift, as a sacrament of God's presence and a means of communion with Him. And so we are able to offer the world back to God in thanksgiving as we say in every Divine Liturgy "Thine own of Thine own we offer to thee....."

UPDATE:

As of Stewardship Sunday which was Sunday November 15th we received 48 pledges totaling \$103,050 towards our goal of \$198,000. The following people have turned in their Stewardship 2010 Pledge Cards.

Angeledes, Angelo & Evelyn
 Brilakis, Anthony & Shirley
 Copulos, Danna
 Doukas, Peter
 Haralambous Irini
 King, Lee & Doris
 Logothetis, Anestis & Constance
 Marmaras, Mary
 Miliotis, Manny & Mary Beth
 Ponos, Mark & Rhonda
 Reynolds, Rick & Barbara
 Saffo, Nick & Tia
 Sljaka, Sophia
 Stasios, James & Maria
 Vogiatzis, Vasilios & Sotiriou, Irene
 Wiersteiner, Samuel & Kyriaki

Batis, John & Emily
 Burgee, John & Beth
 Demas, Ron & Sharon
 Gibbs, Ryan & Aspasia
 Karafas, Anthony & Maria
 Koklanaris, Emanuel Dr. & Mrs.
 Macris, Georgia
 Mayorga, Edward & Kathleen
 Pinkston, Anne Bakalis
 Psilos, Constantine & Renee
 Ronner, Thomas & Connie
 Saffo, Peter W. & Kimberly
 Snow, Dr. & Mrs. David H.
 Theophilos, Platon & Renee
 Wall, James & Mary Ann
 Yucius, Erika & Peter

Bostic, Michael & Tina
 Carter, Fr. & Presv. Emily
 Dentiste, Angela
 Hale, Pamela
 Katris, Angelo & Anastasia
 Lionikis, Emmanuel & Anastasia
 Malahais, Peter & Courtney
 McGowan, Calvin & Diane
 Poulos, Dena
 Rallis, Dr. Michael & Debra
 Saffo, Doky & Despina
 Sljaka, Mary Tomica
 Spiliotis, Joan
 Vogiatzis, Ioannis & Barbara
 Wells, Ricky & Lilti
 Zezefellis, Effie

Our goal is 100% participation from all our parishioners. We are a quarter of the way there... We have a potential of 200 pledgers. Our parish can become more than we ever imagined – not maintaining ministries, but growing ministries made possible by your support.

Stewardship is an opportunity to examine our priorities and values, to express our thankfulness, to give of ourselves and to grow in grace. It allows us to participate in the work of God. Come and see what we can do together with your support!