



GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF SAINT GEORGE

Rev. Dimitrios J. Antokas, Presiding Priest

January 15, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We pray that the New Year brings the blessing of love, health, peace and happiness to you and your loved ones.

As the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George parish enters 2021, we continue to work to keep our Church facility and its programs active. We thank you for your faithful stewardship giving in 2020, attending Divine Liturgy in person or virtually, participating in and supporting our ministries, and sharing in the love of our parish community these past weeks during our magnificent St. George Christmas Experience. We finished 2020 with 617 families giving \$694,992.58 towards our stewardship program compared to 2019 with 635 families giving \$712,937.76.

As we enter 2021, stewardship will continue to be our primary source of income to sustain the physical Church and our many ministries. In order to end both the constant requests on you for offerings and our dependence on an annual festival to fund our parish, the weakness of which was exposed by the pandemic lockdowns, we are introducing a new vision for stewardship. Our goal is to become financially resilient and independent by transforming St. George into a 100% stewardship parish by 2023. Over the course of 2021, you will receive details on this new vision for St. George's fiscal independence and growth.

We ask the following to assist in achieving this stewardship goal:

- **Complete your 2021 stewardship card**
- **Determine how best you are able to offer your *time, talent and treasure***
- **“Round Up and honor your pledge throughout the year. (Please see the enclosed “Round Up” example.)**

Our stewardship card has been updated to embrace your interests and talents beyond your financial support. Parishioners unable to attend Divine Services in person and instead participating through our live-streamed presentations may complete their stewardship pledge online, by mail, or the just-released St. George mobile app! If you have questions and/or ideas to contribute, we welcome your input. Please contact Parish Council member Jack Kalavritinos at jck5757@gmail.com

The place and time for us to take ownership of our Church and its ministries are here and now. In the service of Christ, we ask you to answer this critical call. Please stand tall for your faith, our Church, and the healing and wholeness it offers each one of us. May God help us in this effort!

Faithfully in the Lord,

Rev. Dimitrios J. Antokas
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