



ST. LUKE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Rev. Father Christ Kontos, Protopresbyter

Beloved friend in Jesus Christ,

Stewardship 2011

To be a member of the Church is not the same as being a member of a club or civic group. The Church is the "Body of Christ" (1 Corinthians 12). Just as every member has a different function in the human body, so do we each have a specific function or calling in His Church. God did not create each of us to do the same thing.

When Jesus called His disciples, we read that Philip brought Nathaniel to Jesus, telling him to "Come and See." We continue to extend this same invitation to you to Come and See what the Church can become with your continued time, talent and treasure dedicated to the Lord's ministries.

By the grace of God, we were able to have another strong year in the many ministries of the Church. Our ministries for Youth, Adults, Seniors and Outreach continue to remain vibrant and strong. All this is thanks to the many men and women who offer so much Stewardship of Time and Talent. We have however fallen short on the Stewardship of Treasure that the parish voted for at last year's General Assembly. Responsibly and wisely, you who attended the recent General Assembly decided not to increase the budget on Stewardship in 2011 so that we can meet the same number we had for 2010. With your continued generosity and prayerful consideration to increase your Stewardship \$100 above last year, we can meet that budget. As always, some can give more while others may need to give a little less in their increase.

As we ask you for your continued support for your Church's ministries through Stewardship we are also reminded of the following: giving to His Church is a way to thank God for His grace and generosity. The question is not, "How much do I give to stay in the club?" or "What are the dues?" but "How can I thank God for my many blessings?"

Before completing and mailing the enclosed Commitment Card, please give prayerful consideration to the commitment you are making.

With love and respect, I remain in His loving service,

Rev. Father Christ Kontos, Protopresbyter

