

## Information

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME PHONE

(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
MOBILE PHONE

\_\_\_\_\_  
FAMILY EMAIL ADDRESS @ \_\_\_\_\_  
(the one you read most often)

Dependent children's names and birthdates:

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

May we include your contact information  
in the parish directory?  yes  no



If you are currently NOT receiving news from the church by e-mail (like **Cross Currents** or Father Peter's "**For Consideration**") and would like to help the church save money, time, and resources, please allow us to keep you up-to-date via e-mail by filling in a "family" e-mail address. **Thank you!**

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In the Gospel of Saint Matthew, Chapter 6, Verse 19, Jesus instructs us, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal..." Often in life, we pursue and collect those things that do not last. We must ask, "One hundred years from now, where will our possessions be?" Our greatest blessing is our family. As Orthodox Christians, we are called to be stewards of this great gift. If we are faithful to this calling, perhaps our Lord will say to us as he did to the faithful steward, "Well done good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:23).

## Treasure

**In gratitude for God's blessings, I/We commit to Christ and His Church the following amount:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
for the calendar year 2017  
(The average pledge in 2016 was \$1,200)

**OR** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
per month (Jan. thru Dec.)



### DID YOU KNOW?

You DON'T have to mail this pledge card back to the church . . . if you use our **ONLINE GIVING** program!  
Visit [www.goholycross.org](http://www.goholycross.org) and follow the steps after you click on the

Online Giving 

button on the right side.

## Time & Talent

**Please indicate below any parish activities in which you have a special interest:**

*Individual stewards should indicate areas of interest with a check (✓).*

*Families should mark "H" for husband, "W" for wife or "C" for children.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday School
- \_\_\_\_\_ Greek School
- \_\_\_\_\_ Preschool
- \_\_\_\_\_ Toddler Play Group
- \_\_\_\_\_ Seniors Group (ORA)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ladies Philotochos
- \_\_\_\_\_ Young Adults (college age+)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Groups  
(for what ages?) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bible Study / Studies in the Faith
- \_\_\_\_\_ Catechism Class
- \_\_\_\_\_ Outreach
- \_\_\_\_\_ Choir (Adult & Youth)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chanters
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ushers
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dance
- \_\_\_\_\_ Athletics (Adult & Youth)

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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## MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the parish is, above all, a spiritual relationship among all those who make up the "Body of Christ" in the area served by the Church of the Holy Cross in Belmont. In this sense, it implies membership in the Orthodox faith - whether one was born and baptized Orthodox, or was received into the Orthodox Church through Chrismation. For a marriage to be recognized, it must be blessed by the Orthodox Church, and in the case of divorce, an ecclesiastical divorce is necessary. Membership has two further dimensions:

### ❖ Participate in the Church's Life

First, it means participating in the Church's life: applying its teachings to everyday life; worshipping regularly with the body of the faithful; taking part in the religious, social and educational life of the Parish; sharing in its programs and serving in whatever way one is best able.

### ❖ Parish Responsibility

Second, it means assuming a fair portion of the responsibility for meeting the parish's financial needs. In keeping with the New Testament ideal, we at Holy Cross try to meet all our budgetary needs through the Stewardship Program, that is, each household, or each individual over 18, pledge annually an amount freely and voluntarily decided upon, an amount compatible with the ability to give. "Dues" may be appropriate for a club or similar organization, but a Church is not just another organization. Rather, it is an organism, living and life-giving. It draws its financial support from the free-will giving of its individual members as they are guided by conscience and an understanding of the

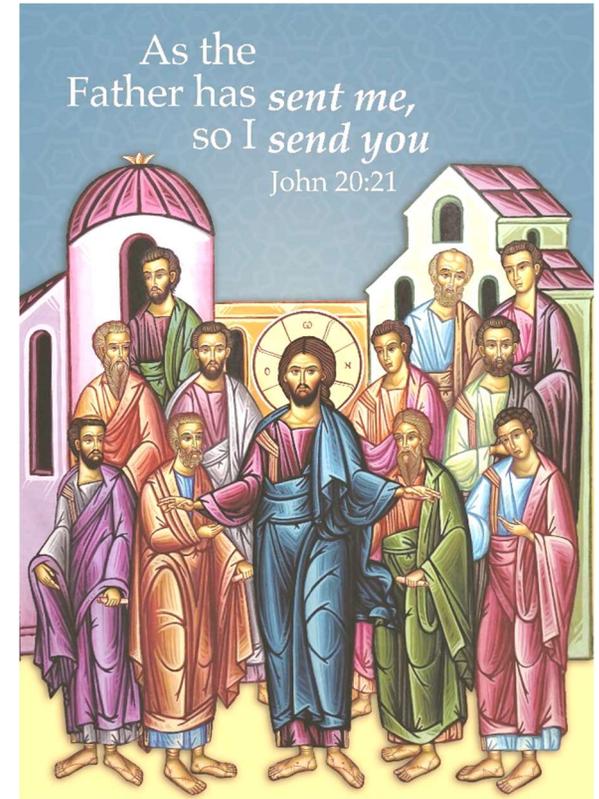
Christian concept of stewardship. Certainly, it is easy for us to share equally the financial goals of our community. Yet everyone is blessed differently and enjoys a different level of material wealth. The Lord teaches us to give according to the abundance we have received.

The Church of the Holy Cross was one of the first churches in the Diocese to establish this concept of Fair Share, rather than dues, to support its financial needs. This concept has provided our parish with the ability to understand the concept of giving rather than paying for our church and her ministries.

## STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE

Stewardship pledges are made at the end of the preceding year for the coming year. This is vital, as it enables us to plan, as any responsible household must, for the year ahead. At the Church of the Holy Cross, we encourage an open pledge based on no measures or minimum. A guide to follow is one dollar per week for each thousand dollars of annual income. Thus, your gift to the church is based upon your income according to the degree that Christ has blessed you. Payment of the pledged amount may of course be made in any schedule the family finds most convenient - weekly, monthly, quarterly, lump sum, etc. All pledge information is kept confidential.

The Stewardship Committee, made up of dedicated lay men and women, are happy to answer any questions regarding our Stewardship Program. All questions should be directed to the church office at 650-591-4447 or [office@goholycross.org](mailto:office@goholycross.org).



## 2017 STEWARDSHIP Pledge Form

*please complete and return to the  
church office as soon as possible*

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