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Stewardship 2021

Dear Stewards of Holy Cross,

As we learn from Saint Paul, in the twelfth chapter of his letter to the Corinthians, “there are a diversity of gifts but the same Spirit . . . differences of ministries, but the same Lord. . . diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.”

God has blessed each of us with gifts and abilities. I am truly grateful to know how each of you offers your own gifts and abilities. Thank you for ensuring that the mission and practice of our Orthodox Faith at Holy Cross has continued even through the challenge of COVID-19.

Although our opportunities to gather in worship in the church or to come together for religious education, youth activities, athletic competition, cultural dance, Greek Language, social and philanthropic ministries are currently curtailed, our parish community thrives. Because the goal of each our activities is for the spiritual strengthening of the faithful, we continue to build up the Body of Christ . . . and in so doing, we, the faithful, are ceaselessly spiritually strengthened.

Recognizing that all of our gifts and talents come from God is the first step to offering true stewardship. Putting those gifts and talents to use is the next spiritually wise expression and fulfills our nature to give. We have learned this year that we cannot rely on events alone to help financially in meeting our commitments. Full stewardship from each of our families will help us to be less reliant on these fund-raising activities.

This past year I have asked that all our families commit to at least \$125 per month. This is a family commitment that will bring financial stability to our parish finances. Your sacrificial pledge of time, talent, and treasure, strengthens our ability to minister to the community at large and meet the challenges before us.

I ask that you pray and reflect upon your many gifts as you consider your stewardship commitment for 2021. The Lord sacrificed for us His very own life. His saints also have done the same. It is incumbent upon us who bear His name to also offer sacrificially.

This is stewardship, the recognition of the source and purpose of our personal gifts granted to us by God and the use of these gifts to His Glory, thereby sharing His Word of joy and peace.

Our Lord tells us that all of us, as we are given life, we are given His grace to develop our gifts for the greater glory of God. The Lord also tells us how we should respond to God in thanksgiving.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our parish, the Church of the Holy Cross. 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

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And the Lord said to the young ruler, "One thing you still lack, sell all you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me. But when he heard this, he became sad, for he was very rich."
Luke 18:22

Please consider Father Peter's request that every family makes a minimum pledge to Holy Cross for at least \$125 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 2021 :		\$ _____
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If you have questions, feel free to contact the church office or e-mail stewardship@goholycross.org