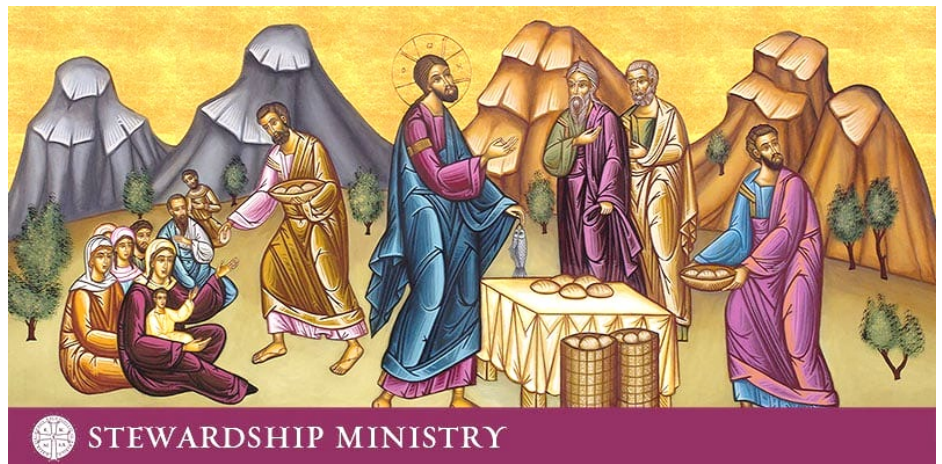


Stewardship 2025

Dear Stewards of Holy Cross,

“For God loves a cheerful giver!” This well-known and often used phrase from Saint Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthian community shares a most significant reality about our Lord and about us. Cheerful giving is a result of our true and abiding relationship with our Creator.



I want all of us to think about the feeling we experience in giving, in whatever way and purpose giving is expressed. Let us not limit our thinking to only the giving of money, but in every encounter we find ourselves. Relationships are marked by giving emotionally, intellectually, physically and psychologically, but especially spiritually.

Jesus Christ offers us many examples of His giving in specific ways . . . emotionally, in the shedding of tears before the tomb of Lazarus . . . intellectually, in teaching the Sadducees, Pharisees, Scribes, and the thousands that would gather before him on the shores and foothills around the Sea of Galilee . . . physically, in His healing of the sick and afflicted and in the raising of the dead before his Resurrection . . . psychologically, in His discussions with the Hebrew leadership and interactions with individuals responding to their questions . . . and, spiritually, as He would pray to His Father in Heaven.

Our relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ can, in many ways, mirror different encounters as recorded in the New Testament. Often, we come to Christ seeking emotional help, intellectual enlightening, physical healing, psychological guidance, and spiritual growth.

Cheerful should be our feeling and expression. The many and varied ways we encounter our Lord should open our hearts to giving as He gave and continues to give to us. His giving is always with the hope and eager anticipation to witness our cheerful and joyful response.

Over the years we have offered guidelines in the monetary stewardship gifts that would help the church meet her ever-increasing expenses. Christ met each relationship with His boundless love, meeting the needs of each person. I pray we follow in His steps as we reflect upon the Church’s needs . . . for God loves a cheerful giver. I pray that each of our Holy Cross stewards is among the cheerful givers.

With joy and thanksgiving, I remain In Christ,

Father Peter G. Salmas

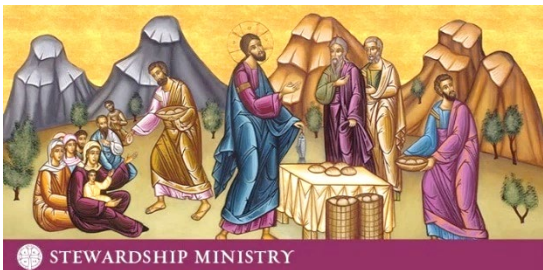
Please consider Father Peter's request that every family makes a minimum pledge to the Church of the Holy Cross for at least **\$150 per month**.



You can fill-out and return this "card" and mail it to the church office
OR you can give online at www.goholycross.org and click **STEWARDSHIP** in the menu bar.

<p>I/We commit to Christ and His Church through this pledge. I/We expect to give the following amount \$ _____ for the Stewardship year 2025</p>
<p><i>printed name</i> _____</p>

If you have questions, feel free to contact the church office or e-mail office@goholycross.org



Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. - 2 Corinthians 9:7

If you're not receiving church emailings (news, events, announcements, etc.) but would like to, please enter your email address(es) here:

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650-591-4447 / office@goholycross.org

Family Information Form (continued)

Dependent Children (please use additional sheets if so blessed) :

	<u>Eldest</u>	<u>Child #2</u>	<u>Child #3</u>
First Name	_____	_____	_____
Baptized or Chrismated Orthodox Christian?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Name Day (or Baptismal Name)	_____	_____	_____
Birthday	___ / ___ / ____	___ / ___ / ____	___ / ___ / ____
Cell Phone Number	(___) _____	(___) _____	(___) _____

e-mail address	_____	_____	_____
	@ _____	@ _____	@ _____

PARENTS :

Okay to send church e-mail to this child? (Sunday School or Youth Group news, for example)	_____	_____	_____
	<i>(please initial if okay)</i>	<i>(please initial if okay)</i>	<i>(please initial if okay)</i>
Okay to send Father's "Daily Study" to this child?	_____	_____	_____
	<i>(please initial if okay)</i>	<i>(please initial if okay)</i>	<i>(please initial if okay)</i>

School	_____	_____	_____
Grade	_____	_____	_____
Sunday School Grade (if different)	_____	_____	_____