

Requirements, Rights and Guidelines of Stewards in Good Standing

Requirements

Any person 18 years of age or older who was baptized in the Orthodox Church and has met his/her stewardship financial obligations to the Parish, is referred to as a **Steward** or a **Parishioner in Good Standing**.

Any person 18 years or older participating in a ministry is required to be a Parishioner in Good Standing. We recommend that parents of children under 18 years of age who participate in youth programs, become Parishioners in Good Standing.

Guidelines

To be a Parishioner in Good Standing, the minimum annual financial obligation to the Parish is \$650.00 (\$1.78 a day/\$12.50 a week). The contribution guideline recommended by the Church and used in parishes across the country is 2-10% of one's income.

Parishioners, who are experiencing financial hardships and are unable to fulfill their stewardship obligations, but still want to participate in the rights above, are encouraged to contact one of our priests.

Rights

Parishioners in Good Standing are welcome to join the Parish Ministries, attend all Parish Assemblies, participate in their discussions and vote therein, and be nominated for election to the Parish Council Board of Directors.

Parishioners in Good Standing participate in Sacraments without paying additional fees and receive reduced tuition at the Hellenic Academy.

Stewardship Goals

As we count our blessings and evaluate our priorities, please help us reach our yearly goals by responding to the needs of our church with a kind and generous heart.

COMPLETE YOUR STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARD

To better plan our budget, we kindly ask you to please commit to a specific Annual Pledge amount. If during the year your circumstance change, please let us know. **Your stewardship is always valued because it is given out of your love for God and for His Church.**

YOU MAY ALSO PLEDGE, PAY AND VOLUNTEER ONLINE

<https://saintsophia.org/stewardship/>

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2022 STEWARDSHIP AT
SAINT SOPHIA
CATHEDRAL

***"...those who seek the Lord will not
lack any good thing"***



Believe
Belong &
Be Loved

To Our Stewards

2022

Believe, Belong and Be Loved

The Joy of Believing comes from believing in God, to whom we give our love, loyalty and trust.

The Joy of Belonging comes from becoming practicing Stewards by being responsible caretakers of His House of Worship and lovingly participating in the life of His Church.

The Joy of Being Loved in our faith community, you experience the love of God and the love we have for one another.

Christian Stewardship

It is a way of life and a way for our Church, like all churches, to meet our financial obligations in order to be able to care for our Parishioners. Participation acknowledges accountability, reverence and responsibility before God.



Thank You

We are truly grateful to you for your stewardship devotion which enables our Church to faithfully serve our families. Your stewardship directly provides for the following:

- Meeting our spiritual needs
- Providing the religious and cultural education for our children
- Sustaining our ministry programs
- Offering us support and spiritual care in times of pain or suffering
- Reaching out to those in need within and outside our community
- Celebrating life's most special moments through the Holy Sacraments
- Offering us social satisfaction through our culture and traditions
- Keeping us informed via publications & website
- Carrying on the legacy entrusted to our care

Our Commitment to You

Safeguarding Your Funds Entrusted to Our Care

As we ask for your **stewardship sacrificial maximum giving** during these most difficult financial times, we commit to be good stewards of your funds entrusted to our care through our **sacrificial minimum spending**.

Cathedral's Operating Budget

EXPENSES include the following categories:

- Salaries and Wages: Clergy, Office, Cathedral and Maintenance Staff
- Payroll Taxes
- Medical and Workers Compensation Insurance
- Property Taxes
- Ministries
- Utilities
- Website
- Gardening, Maintenance and Repairs
- Supplies: Office, Cathedral, Maintenance
- Office Equipment and Repairs, Printing and Mailing
- Security Guards, Alarm and Patrol Service
- Archdiocese and Metropolis Dues

INCOME is generated from the following categories:

- Plate Candle
- Sacraments
- Memorials
- Miscellaneous: Holiday offerings, Cathedral tours, ministry donations, parking lot rentals, etc.
- Stewardship
- Festival
- Hall rentals