

## What Guide Can I Use to Determine my Giving?

### Proportionate giving involves two things:

1. Our level of income.
2. Giving out of thanks and sharing a fair portion of our income for God's work.

The Bible gives much guidance by teaching us that direct giving to God and His work should be proportionate to our income, wealth and possessions. Each person is to give according to his or her own ability and blessings.

**Every person 18 years of age or older and married couples, should be Stewards of the Community offering their time, talent and treasure to the Church.**

## Monthly Contributions

In an effort to assist our Parishioners in determining their contribution, **we suggest that when making your pledge you consider what you can afford monthly, rather than annually.**

It is hoped that a majority of our Parishioners will challenge themselves this year to reach the \$50 per month pledge. This type of contribution will enable us to reach **our goal of sustaining the annual expenses of the Church by Stewardship income alone.**

This would allow us to use all monies from Festivals and other fundraisers to enhance our ministries and prepare for future expansion of our facilities.

## House of Stewards

Every Parish has faithful individuals who are blessed with material wealth and prosperity. For a community of faith to truly prosper and grow these families are encouraged to take a leadership role by joining the **House of Stewards**. This is an anonymous group of faithful Orthodox Christians who pledge \$1,000 a year or more. Last year, we had over fifty stewards in our Parish make that commitment. This year, we hope that number will increase.

For those that can give more, we encourage them to be **Grand Stewards**. These faithful persons offer \$5,000 a year or more to our parish. With this type of support and commitment, our Parish of Saint George will be able to envision her goals and enhance her ministry and Christian outreach.



Rev George Orfanakos  
Pastor



Rev John Orfanakos  
Pastor Emeritus

*"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."* 1 Peter 2.9

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday Services

Orthros 8:30am  
Divine Liturgy 10:00am  
Sunday School 11:15am

### Weekday Services

Orthros 8:30am  
Divine Liturgy 9:15am



## Directions to Saint George

### **George Washington Bridge**

Route 80 West to exit 57A, Paterson/Clifton (Route 19 South). Take left fork at exit ramp to Route 19 South, Clifton. Go approximately 100 yards and take the first exit on right which is Market St. / Valley Rd. Bear right onto Valley Road. Church is approximately 2 miles on your right side.

### **Lincoln Tunnel**

Take Route 3 West till you reach the merge with Route 3 & Route 46. Take exit for Valley Rd/Paterson North.

### **Garden State Parkway - South**

Take Exit 154 to Route 46 West. Get off at the Valley Rd/Paterson exit.

### **NJ Turnpike - North**

Take Exit 16W to Route 3 West. Follow directions above for Lincoln Tunnel.

## For More Information

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# Greek Orthodox Church of Saint George

and the Shrine of Saint Nectarios

Clifton, NJ



## Stewardship 2005

*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*  
2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

## SAINT GEORGE PARISH MINISTRIES

- **Sunday School**  
Pre-School to Teen Rap  
Oratorical Festival  
Missions Outreach  
Food Drives
- **Youth Ministry**  
HOPE—Ages 4-7  
JOY— Ages 8-12  
GOYA— Ages 12-18
- **Youth Ministry Team**
- **Young Adult League**
- **Altar Boys**
- **Music Ministry**  
Choir and Chanters
- **Greek School**  
PTO  
Greek Dance Classes
- **Spiritual Life**  
Divine Services  
Family Retreats  
Bible Studies  
Adult Religious Education  
Saint George Bookstore
- **Philoptochos Society**  
Circle of Hope  
It Takes Two
- **Kali Parea**
- **Micri Parea**
- **Parish Council**
- **Computer Ministry Team**
- **Parish Publications**  
*The Orthodox Light*  
The Sunday Bulletin

## WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR YOUR CHURCH?

As baptized Orthodox Christians we are all part of the living body of Christ. Together, we have been called to worship our Heavenly Father as one family united in prayer. Each week, we are invited to pray the Divine Liturgy and receive the Sacred Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In doing so, **we become united not only to one another, but to our Lord Himself.**

We are called in like manner to take care of the Lord's House and to be stewards of His Home. In other words, **we are invited to offer our time, talent and treasure to support His Holy Church.** First, we must all find time to become involved within the family of faith and to dedicate ourselves to service, *Diakonia*. Second, we are to find ways to use our God given talents to help His Church grow. Consider how you can help in one of the many ministries of our parish. And third, we are to financially support our Parish and dedicate ourselves to helping her meet all of her financial obligations.

**Alone we can do nothing, but together we can move mountains!** We invite you this year to please commit yourself to a life of Stewardship. Not just by making a significant financial gift to the Church, but by becoming integrally involved in our community of faith.

Without question, our Lord rejoices and rewards those who love the beauty of His house. **We invite you then to take this leap of faith in the year 2005, and to offer unto the Lord a portion of those things that He has given to you.**

## STEWARDSHIP OFFERING 2005

*"He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."* 2 Corinthians 9:6

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### MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

\$50x12    \$40x12    \$30x12    \_\_\_ x12

### HOUSE OF STEWARDS (\$1,000 or more a year)

\$1,000    \_\_\_\_\_ (Other)

### GRAND STEWARDS (\$5,000 or more a year)

\$5,000    \_\_\_\_\_ (Other)

Method of Payment    Check    Cash

### Personal Contact Information

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Office Use Only:  Posted

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Offer Received

Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_ Payment Received