

Discover the Light

John 8:12— “I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the “light of life.”



One of our most important needs in life is to belong. As we pursue having a meaningful life, we see the value of belonging; to belong is to embrace love and acceptance from one another and from God! That is why our Church and our home are so important; they are the places where we experience love from God and His people. Jesus, the light of the world, tells us **You** are the light of the world. Let your light shine and discover what God has in store for you!

Christian Stewardship is...

...learning how to be a responsible and concerned caretaker of Christ's Church; it is learning how to enjoy Church life and be happy in Church work, for in Her dwells the fullness of the Spirit of God.

...our active commitment to use all our **time**, **talent** and **treasure** for the benefit of humankind in grateful acknowledgment of Christ's redeeming love.

...caring for the needs of others.

...offering one's self to God as He offered Himself to us.

...what a person does after saying "I believe...", as proof of that belief.

...devotion and service to God and His Church as persons, as families, as diocese/metropolis, as national Church and as Church universal.

Through your stewardship commitment, in 2016, our parish has been able to accomplish:

- ◆ In addition to Philoptochos' monetary donations to various charities and the less fortunate, its members committed numerous hours comforting and assisting sick, elderly and others in need.
- ◆ Saint Haralambos donated approximately \$33,000 to assist the poor, the homeless and various charities.
- ◆ Through the Outreach Committee 900 meals have been prepared and served at Bessie's Table (Soup Kitchen) in Des Plaines
- ◆ Meals on Wheels prepared and delivered approximately 300 meals for families in need.
- ◆ Saint Haralambos clergy made over 200 hospital and pastoral visits
- ◆ Saint Haralambos had thirteen (13) weddings and thirty-nine (39) baptisms this year.
- ◆ Our Morning, Afternoon and Saturday Greek Schools have over 250 children enrolled! Sunday School has 235 registered students.

THE 2017 CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP FORM APPEARS ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE.

Please take the time to carefully consider your 2017 Stewardship Commitment and fill out all of the information requested in the form. This information is helpful in planning for the future of our community, and it will allow us to provide improved services to our Stewards. Don't forget to identify the ministries that interest you and/or your family!

HOLY TAXIARHAI AND SAINT HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

2017 CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT FORM

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Please indicate in which of the following ministries you and/or your family has an interest:

Children, Youth, Young Adults

- Little Angels (4 and younger)
- Family Night (Pre K—5th)
- Junior GOYA (grades 6-8)
- GOYA (grades 9-12)
- Young Adult League (YAL)
- Sunday School
- Pre-School
- Greek School
- Cub Scouts / Boy Scouts
- Oratorical Festival
- Camp Fanari
- Crossroads
- Vacation Church School
- Altar Boys

Philanthropy / Outreach

- Philoptochos
- Stewardship Committee
- Service Project/Outreach
- Feed my Starving Children
- Meals on Wheels
- Feed The Homeless
- Youth Worker/Advisor
- Welcome Committee
- Internet/Social Media
- Bereavement Support

Hellenic Heritage:

- Greek Parade
- Greek Movie Night
- Greek Dance Troupe

Athletics

- Basketball (ages 6-17)
- Adult Basketball
- Junior Olympics
- Coaching
- Annual Golf Outing

Education

- Sunday School Teacher
- Youth Ministry Leader
- Bible Study
- Greek School Volunteer
- Morning School Volunteer
- Guest Speakers
- Christmas Pageant

Liturgical

- Byzantine Music/Chanting
- Holy Week Reader
- Adult Altar Leader
- Prosporo Baking
- Kolyva Preparation
- Floral Decorating

Volunteer at the Church

- Parish Council
- Building and Grounds
- Bookstore
- Office Volunteer
- Monthly News Letter
- Greek Festival Volunteer
- Graphic Artist/Designer

Please list any skills and talents that you would be interested in offering: _____

STEWARD

First and Last Name _____ Baptismal Name _____

Name Day or Patron Saint _____ Birthdate ___/___/___ Orthodox Christian? Yes / No

Mobile # (_____) _____ - _____ Email address _____

Occupation: _____ Preferred correspondence method: [] Email [] Postal Service Mail

SPOUSE

First and Last Name _____ Baptismal Name _____

Name Day or Patron Saint _____ Birthdate ___/___/___ Orthodox Christian? Yes / No

Mobile # (_____) _____ - _____ Email address _____

Occupation: _____ Preferred correspondence method: [] Email [] Postal Service Mail

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone # (_____) _____ - _____

CHILDREN (Adult children, too!)

	Name	Baptismal Name	Birthdate	Name Day	Special needs (if any)
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

With gratitude for God's blessings, my/our giving from January through December 2017 will be:

[] \$500 [] \$750 [] \$1000 [] \$2000 [] \$3000 [] \$5000 [] \$_____

Enclosed is our initial gift of \$_____.

I would like to fulfill my Stewardship by: [] Automatic Credit Card Deduction [] Check or Cash Payments

___ Weekly ___ Monthly ___ Quarterly ___ Semi-Annually ___ Annually

Credit card Number: _____ expiration date _____ (___ Visa, ___ Mastercard ___ Discover)

Signature: _____ Date: _____