



Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral
930 Lunalilo Street ~ Honolulu, HI 96822 ~ 808-521-7220
Stewardship Commitment Card 2017

In gratitude for God's blessings, I/We commit to Christ and His Church the following Stewardship amount which will serve to support and sustain Orthodoxy in the Pacific and the many ministries of this parish.

Pledge amount for 2018: \$ _____ annually

PLEASE PRINT

Name(s) _____

Please check the appropriate box below:

Our information has not changed **since 2017** Our information has changed as indicated below New Steward

Address _____ City/St/Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email(s) _____

I would like to receive weekly envelopes: Yes No

I am a new Steward of the Church: Yes No

Membership in the Orthodox Church begins at baptism (Chrismation for some) and continues throughout our life. We are united with Christ through the sacraments, or mysteries, of the Church and through our faithful offering of our entire selves to Jesus Christ. Our Archdiocese requires each parish to distinguish between voting members and non-voting members. A voting member is over 18 years of age and turns in a signed stewardship commitment card, committing a portion of time, talent and treasure to the Church. The Archdiocese also requires the voting member to remain current through the year on their commitments

CHURCH DIRECTORY:

As a Steward of the Church the above information you provide will be included in the 2017 Church Directory.

Yes No, do not include

*If yes, please indicate any information you would like **excluded** from the directory:*

CHURCH BULLETIN:

I would like to receive monthly eBulletin: Yes No

Please be sure to include an email address above to receive the Monthly Bulletin

Monthly Bulletins are emailed unless otherwise requested. Contact church office to request your copy by mail.

"Let us contribute alike money, eagerness in helping, care for others, and all things for our neighbor's benefit. For the talents...are each person's ability and power, whether by caring for others, or by giving money, or by teaching, or by any other such means. Let no one say, 'I have but one talent, and I can do nothing.' For you can bring about fruit even with one talent. You are not poorer than the widow of the Gospels. You are not more unlearned than Peter and John who 'were uneducated, common men' (Acts 4:13); but nevertheless, because they showed zeal and did all things for the common good, they attained to heaven. For nothing is so pleasing to God, and makes one His friend, as to live for the common benefit." St John Chrysostom



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the difference between a member of the church and a Steward?

Every Orthodox Christian can be said to be a Member of the Church. Membership in the Orthodox Church begins at baptism (Chrismation for some) and continues throughout our life. We are united with Christ through the sacraments, or mysteries, of the Church and through our faithful offering of our entire selves to Jesus Christ. However, our Archdiocese requires each parish to distinguish between *Stewards* and *Members*, in other words, voting members and non-voting members. A Steward or Voting Member is over 18 years of age and has turned in a signed annual stewardship commitment card, committing a portion of time, talent and treasure to the Church. The Archdiocese also requires Stewards to remain current through the year on their commitments. Keep in mind that true membership in the Body of Christ involves living according to His word and within His Church.

What is a Steward?

An Orthodox Christian Steward is an active participant in the life of the Church. The parish encourages all who accept the Orthodox Faith to become practicing Stewards. Each year the Steward is expected to carefully review his or her personal circumstances and make a commitment of time, talent, and treasure to support the Parish and her Ministries, which in turn support the National Ministries of our Archdiocese, Metropolises, and related institutions.

I donate regularly, why should I be a Steward?

All donations and contributions to the Church are greatly appreciated and a blessing to receive. To be a Steward affords each one of us active participation in the direction and future of the Church and her ministries. Only Stewards are eligible to vote on Church matters and serve on the Parish Council and as Ministry Leaders.

Why must I indicate an amount to pledge?

A successful Orthodox Christian Stewardship Program should provide for the entire Parish Ministries and Operating Budget as well as the growth of those ministries. The parish, in time, will not find it necessary to depend on festivals and other events to meet its financial responsibilities. While we strive towards this goal, a pledged amount affords us the ability to plan our future to not only meet our financial obligations but more importantly to ensure the future of our Faith by supporting our current ministries.

The Church needs a budget to operate. The budget should be an expression of the vision of the parish – its priorities, concerns and plans for the future - a budget which includes all the ministries of the Church. The future of our parish and of Orthodoxy in the Pacific depends on it.

In addition to my Stewardship Pledge, how else can I support the Church?

Planned Giving is an excellent way to ensure the future of our Faith and Church. The impact of your gift will be felt for years and generations to come. A charitable gift may also give you substantial current tax benefits as well as estate tax benefits. There are many ways to participate in Planned Giving. For more information see Father Alexander Leong.



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Stewardship Commitment 2018

Dear Parishioners

Enclosed is the 2018 Stewardship Commitment Form, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and a Time and Talents Form.

It has been an ongoing effort of both the Parish Council and the Stewardship Committee to streamline the Stewardship Ministry. This past year we have made tremendous strides and have achieved great success in improving our documentation system. As a result, if you were a Steward in 2017 and your contact information has not changed, you only need to check the appropriate box under your name. Please indicate if there was a change in your contact information, by checking the appropriate box and providing the updated information. All new Stewards and those prior Stewards before 2017 will need to complete the form in its entirety.

Please take the time to complete the Time and Talents card which is a very important component of Stewardship. By utilizing the time and talents of our parishioners we fortify our faith, fellowship and finances. Everyone has gifts that can benefit our parish.

Please return your Stewardship Pledge Form to the office. If you have any questions, please contact the Stewardship Committee at Stewardship@greekorthodoxhawaii.org.

In Christ's Love

The Stewardship Committee

“Whatever you do work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord, not men”
~Colossians 3:23