As we rapidly come to the close of 2018, along with the anticipation of the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays, we look ahead to new year hopefully with great anticipation and hope. And it is traditional at this time as well, when the good stewards and members of our Church are asked to give some time and seriously reflect upon their giving, time, and support of our blessed Parish and ministry at Panagia, a ministry that that spreads the good will message of Jesus Christ. And so, we soon will be asked to again give some prayerful thought to the Christian ministry of “Stewardship” and commitment of our time, talents, and treasure to our Lord’s Church.

Among the questions many times people generally ask a priest or member of the stewardship committee is this familiar one: “Father, just how much should I give in support to the ministry of the Church?” Particularly, this question is made by members who are joining the Church for the very first time. However, I do know that it also is a question which is on the minds of most parishioners… “just what is an appropriate gift for the support of their Church”? Parishioners usually are aware that it is expected that they share the stewardship task of their Church, however many of them are without any real basis for knowing what the amount of their money gifts, their talent sharing, or their time commitment should be.

So, I believe it would be helpful for us to look, this morning, at some of the motives that people have in giving that suggest something less than an adequate answer to our question of how much we should give the Church.

- One motive which some people have for giving is to coerce God’s favor. And what I mean by this is, the logic here is that if I “freely give, I will freely get”. But Jesus did not endorse this practice of “I’ll scratch your back God, and then you will scratch mine.” Jesus did not suggest that if you give enough, you will somehow pressure God into giving you what you want. Yet, how many of us, when tragedy or failure or other misfortune befalls us, ask God belligerently how He could ever do this to us after all we have done for Him?

- Another wide-spread misconception and motive by some for giving is a fear of divine punishment. This is the “other side of the coin” belief! This is the theory or belief that “God will get you if you don’t believe.” In this motive, giving may be generous in dollars, but the real motivation for giving is only because of fear of divine judgment.

And, a third belief by some people is the theory of give to avoid guilty feelings. The feeling here is, somehow, I have learned, is that I ought to share in the support of the Church……and if and when I fail to do this, for whatever reason, I feel a little guilty, and somehow, I haven’t done my part. So, the person responds the next time with the hope that this will ease their guilty feelings.

But, is a guilt-free conscience sufficient motivation for Christian Stewardship? Not if we understand Jesus correctly, it isn’t! Unfortunately, there are even those who teach and preach, who incorrectly believe that one should give in order to assure himself of material prosperity. Yet, believe it or not, the vast majority of tithers, givers to the Church, are not in the upper financial brackets.

We have heard too many times that parishioners (stewards) often determine their giving or serving the Church upon what ‘others’ are doing or what they are giving. Far too often we respond to the question, “How much should I give to the Church,” with questions of ‘comparison’: “what’s the going rate” or ‘what are the rest of the members doing?”
You may have heard that our Church, like many institutions, occasionally receive gifts and bequests by individuals who chose to remember their beloved parish after they have departed. The result of these good-intentioned gifts and blessings has been a mixed bag. Remarkably some parishioners respond that since the Church has received such gifts, their personal giving should be eliminated or lessened. Is this the message that Christ teaches us? Is this how we equate our thanks to God? I’m sure when we look at it in this manner, we will better understand that ‘what others give should play no role in our gift to God?’ Some folks find their motive and method in giving to the Church solely on the basis of the current needs of the Church. Yet, if that is our primary motive for giving, haven’t we missed a good bit of what Christian Stewardship really means?

These are some of the issues often raised when the question of giving to the Church is raised. Jesus always preached that we are to give back to God as we have been blessed, and the Orthodox Church has remained true to that teaching. The Church and Jesus know that it is not possible for all people to give the same because we are not all the same. What if you are unable to meet the average, **your** portion of the equal load? What if you are more affluent, and have the resources far beyond the average? Jesus answers this question when He says, **“freely you have received, freely give!”** In other words, He instructs us that we are to give honestly **“as we have been blessed”**. Far too many times, the priest hears the words, **“Father, how much do I have to give?”** When it is approached in that negative way, no wonder why people are resistant to stewardship. It shows that they do **not** know or understand what it is to give proportionately of our **time**, our **talents**, and our **treasures**. In other words, the money, the time, and the talent we give is a response to God as He has blessed us!

One Sunday, after hearing a sermon given by a priest on Stewardship, a young man said to the priest afterward, **“That’s the trouble with Christianity and the Church, Father, it’s always give, give, give.”** The priest looked at the man and said, **“I want to thank you for giving me the best definition I have yet heard of Christianity. And I say that to you because that is the entire record of Christianity...”**  **TO GIVE”.** God gave His only Son. In each Divine Liturgy the priest chants the words, **“This is My Blood, this is My Body, given for YOU”**. In other words, the Son, Jesus, came to give His life as a ransom for us. So, my son, I thank you for the best definition of Christianity I gave ever heard: **Give, give, give!!!”** And the young man walked away, having been given some spiritual food for thought.

**Christian Stewardship** therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, are two words that we all have heard year after year. But **“Christian Stewardship”** is simply this…it is our response of faith to God’s Divine grace. And here is where we come to the ultimate answer to the question of “our” giving. **By giving Stewardship in a Christian manner, there is no profit motive and no effort to accumulate great wealth. Stewardship is a response to having been blessed by God...it is simply our response to the goodness, to the Grace, and to the love of our Divine and Heavenly Father.** When we come to fully understand “why we give money and work for our Church”, to give “unconditionally and without ulterior motive”, we then have grasped the true meaning of Christian Stewardship where our giving is simply our effort to respond to God’s giving and forgiving love. God, through Jesus Christ, has offered each of us a fresh start in life if and when we turn to Him and seek His forgiving love. And Christian Stewardship, in terms of the use of time, of talent, and of our money, **IS** our response to this fresh start God offers us.

So finally, what are these gifts that God has provided for us to handle, administer, and use to His glory? Here are a few that I can think of: **Life** is His gift. Our time, the hours available to us through a lifetime, are His gifts given to us. Our **money** comes from His hand, and along with all other tangible property, is loaned to us during our lifetime. Our ability, in other words, our talents, are also given to us by God. **Friendship** is God’s gift, along with **freedom**, and are among the gifts from God as well. All these are ours in the fresh start God offers to us as Orthodox Christians and Stewards and caretakers of His Church. Christian Stewardship is our unconditional response to His unending love for us as His children.

So, as to the question **“how much should I support my Church?”** that is determined not by a series of reasons that some people use for giving. It is determined, rather, by the Christian on the basis of his human response to Divine grace, by our grateful acceptance of God’s ultimate gift of life, and by our unconditional and loving response in giving as freely as we have been given freely by God Himself. We give, my dear brothers and sisters, not to be blessed, or with the possible hope for something, but rather because we already have been blessed. It is our thank you, the acknowledge to God that He is our Provider and Comforter and Giver. Why on earth, then, would we deprive God of our stewardship of our time, our talents, and yes, our money?
**SUPPORTING MY CHURCH...Continued**

My dear brothers and sisters, Christian Stewardship in the giving of self is what the whole Gospel of Jesus Christ is all about. The specific question, for example, of *how* many dollars or *how* many hours or talents you are going to give your Church demands a prior question and answer: **“How much of yourself are you willing to dedicate to God through Jesus Christ and His Church”?** The answer to that question alone determines how much you support your Church. Our Church has mailed 2019 Stewardship packets to all stewards of this parish. We prayerfully ask that you make your pledge commitment of your time, talent, and treasure, and return it to the Church office. As always, your gift is confidential! —— + A M E N

**President’s News...**

**Important Fall Reminders**

*By James G. Lakerdas*

*Parish Council President*

As we start out the Ecclesiastical New Year, there are two important events we should be mindful of.

The first is our Fall General Assembly, November 4, 2018. This is an opportunity for all of the Stewards to meet and discuss the affairs of the Church. You will hear reports from the various committees of the Parish Council. You will hear about our accomplishments and our struggles. Our finances (a topic stymies most of us) will be explained. You will have an opportunity to ask questions, hopefully get answers, and discuss the issues that affect all of us. The Assumption Church belongs to all of us. We need to be well informed Stewards, and the lay leaders need to hear what are some of your concerns with respect to our Church. It is incumbent on us that as many Stewards possible attend the Assembly, so we can move the community forward.

The next important event is the Parish Council Elections (December 9, 2018). This is when you as stewards of the community choose which individuals you wish to administer the affairs of the Church. This is also the time, when any steward in good standing could submit their name for consideration to the Council. The parish Council is always looking for new individuals with fresh new ideas. Often time people feel that the same individuals are always on the Council. That does not have to be the case. All that is required is that you be a steward in good standing and have a desire to serve the Church. Please consider submitting your name.

We all need to be engaged. A handful of well-intended individuals cannot move our Church forward without your support and involvement.
Since our first Stewardship retreat, our Parish Council and Leaders of our Ministries have been working on organizing all our church's events and activities into a program called Council of Ministries. At first, the concept of Council of Ministries seemed a bit confusing, but we quickly learned about this program. All Ministries, events and activities of the parish are coordinated and managed by a partnership of the Priest, Ministry leaders (non-parish council members) and the Parish Council at large. This partnership or Council of Ministries (COM) helps ensure that each ministry is aligned with the Parish's Mission, Vision and Values. Most importantly, the COM ensures that our ministries are Christ-Centered. Our priests guide us in serving our Lord. The Ministry leaders and Parish Council work together in this endeavor.

Our parish is very excited to exhibit our many ministries to our community during our Ministry Fairs which will be held on October 14th and November 4th. Each ministry is a blessing and an opportunity to live our faith through action and participation. For example, the children of our community learn our faith through participating in Liturgy as Altar boys and choir members, as well as attending Sunday Church School, and grow in their friendships through athletics, GOYA, Junior GOYA, JOY and HOPE. Adults have the opportunity to grow in faith by attending our many worship services and by participating in Bible Class and Adult Education Classes. All ages in our community grow in faith and fellowship by enjoying our community events, participating in Outreach and Missions, catching up with old friends as well as meeting new friends at coffee fellowship hour.

Our community's Council of Ministries has great events planned for us. On October 28th, we will welcome all faithful to worship with us at our second annual Inclusion Awareness Sunday. On November 4th, we will learn about the philanthropic work of our Philoptochos. On November 17th, our community will enjoy a Fall Family Retreat at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center. These are only a few events with so many more wonderful opportunities to grow in faith and fellowship. Please visit our website or our weekly bulletins to see the full list of events. Most importantly, please invite your family and your friends to join us! Together we can grow through love and faith to serve our Lord.

Our Parish Council wanted to share with you the following beautiful saying that we found quite inspiring.

My church is comprised of people like me. I help make it what it is.
   It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am.
   Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work.
   It will be prayerful, if I pray. It will make generous gifts to many causes,
      if I am a generous giver.
   It will bring others into its worship, if I invite and bring them.
      It will be a church of loyalty and love,
      of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy,
   If I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.
Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being
   all the things that I want my church to be.
Philoptochohs News...continued

**Summertime Happenings and Heading into Fall**

*By Valerie Green*

The summer began with our annual Drury Lane outing on Thursday, June 14th with a luncheon and outstanding theater production of the musical *South Pacific*. Twenty-five ladies and gentlemen attended. We were captivated by the music, vocal performances of the talented cast and creative sets. Thank you, Francine for arranging a pleasurable afternoon!

On Thursday, June 21t we visited the Greek American Rehabilitation Care Centre in Wheeling. Father Dimitrios accompanied us, engaging the residents in conversation, “parea” and fellowship. We provided home baked goods and Andes gourmet ice cream bars, for seventy residents. We were delighted to present a $500 donation to GARCC. Once again, thank you Francine for arranging our visit!

The second annual Assumption Philoptochohs Bake Sale, on Saturday, July 14th was off to a dismal start with rain and dampness, persisting intermittently throughout the day. Despite inclement weather, we persevered, setting up our tent and baked goods. Remarkably, almost all baked goods were sold with proceeds equal to that of last year. Chair Jette Georgopoulos, kept our spirits up and was most engaging to our customers. From our proceeds, we were delighted to make a $300 donation to Sara’s Inn, an Oak Park organization which provides comprehensive services for families affected by domestic violence. Thank you Jette, Tina and ladies for your enthusiasm and commitment! Special thanks to Nick Mansour, as well!

In July, Corresponding Secretary, Maria Lakerdas and I had the privilege to attend the National Philoptochohs Clergy-Laity Conference in Boston, MA (photo below, left). As first-time convention delegates, we were in awe of the enormity of the event and the sisterly com- radery of all who attended. Most days we attended meetings from 8:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. which enabled us to meet and interact with many delegates learning about their events and how they varied, sometimes based on geographical locations. All the presentations and speakers were remarkable, and their work for the good of humanity was inspiring, demonstrating the true meaning of philanthropy.

In August, we celebrated the Feast Days of our beloved church, the Dormition of the Virgin Mary on August 14th and 15th with His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael officiating with numerous clergy. In preparation for the fellowships, a loyal group of volunteers baked Lenten Melomakarona and served approximately 300 guests at both fellowships. The Philoptochohs and Parish of Panagia especially thank Demetra and Connie Andrews for their generosity and steadfast support of our Church for sponsoring the Feast Day meal. May God always bless you!

On Saturday, October 6th, we participated in the Austin Community Outreach Luncheon (below, center), serving approximately ninety guests. Nick PapafoTopoulos volunteered his culinary talent, preparing chicken, salmon and beef stir fry. Sophia PapafoTopoulos and Betty Tsoliis prepared the delicious briami and rice. In addition to the Philoptochohs ladies, several volunteers from the neighboring ministries also participated. The opportunity to serve the community along with our neighbors was indeed a gratifying experience!

We extend our warmest congratulations to Betty Tsoliis (below, right) in recognition of her nomination for the 2018 AGAPE Award. It was bestowed by Metropolitan Nathanael at the Metropolis of Chicago Philoptochohs Luncheon this September. AXIA!
The Little Church in the modern world

Leading our Families into the Kingdom

By Fr. Dimitri Burikas

Over the next several issues of the Assumption Newsletter, I will be writing articles based on lectures and discussions given at the Family Ministry Conference hosted by the Center for Family Care in Pittsburgh, PA from September 20th -23rd, 2017. This month’s article focuses on a lecture by the second keynote speaker, Orthodox author and podcaster, Elissa Bjeletich.

What do you do when your child wants to become the next LeBron James, but you can’t even find the basketball department at the local sports goods store? What do you do when your child want to learn the beautiful music of classical piano, but you don’t know what the difference between the white and black keys are? What do you do when your child is aspiring for the Ivy League, but your math skills are a little dusty since junior year geometry?

We all want the best for our kids, so when we can’t fulfill a need or desire of theirs, we do our best to find someone who can. Whether it’s a basketball coach, a piano teacher, or a math and science tutor, we bring that person in to help our children fulfill their dreams. As long as that coach, teacher, or tutor is good at their job, your children won’t be forever cursed by your own lack of skills. Crisis averted!

But what about when our children look up to Christ, the Panagia, and our saints and want to be like them? What happens when holiness is the goal, but you don’t consider yourself a modern day St. George or St. Catherine? Following the pattern, you would find someone who could help guide them down that road of holiness. Whether it’s a priest, a Sunday School teacher, or a youth advisor, that person could be the one to take the responsibility of training your child in Christianity. Again, your children won’t be forever cursed by your own struggles in the Christian life. Crisis averted!

Unfortunately, that’s not really how it works.

Being an Orthodox Christian is not a life skill or area of study. It is a life. As such, it is most effectively developed where we live. For our children, that means that the first school of the Christian life is not the parish, but at home. For our children, that means the first teacher of the Christian life is not the priest or Sunday School teacher, but you, their parents. There is no way around it, life at home is critical to the development of spiritually engaged Orthodox Christians.

In recent findings of the National Study of Youth and Religion, 82% of children raised by faithful parents who talked about their faith at home and were active in their parish life remained religious during their young adult years. On the flip side, only 1% of teens whose parents were not faithful considered themselves religious in their college years.

Those are some “woah” numbers. The bottom line is that as parents, you are critical to your children’s salvation. While this is terrifying for those of us with young children (A.K.A….me), it can also serve to reshape our understanding of our family unit, family roles, and family goals.

You and your family comprise of one unit, which we can understand as the “little church”. In this little church, you have the spiritual leaders (parents, who fulfill the role of the priest) and parishioners (your kids). The goal of this little church is the same as our parish: to lead the faithful into the Kingdom of God. To achieve this goal, all the same things happen in this little church that happen in the larger church, our parish. The members of the church pray together and eat together. They read the Scriptures and the lives of the saints together. They support each other in times of loss and grieving. They argue and forgive. They fall and repent. They struggle together in their search for God and the Kingdom.

The life of the little church flows into the life of the greater Church, and vice-versa, quite naturally. When the little church is spiritually engaged, it serves to strengthen the parish and the other members of it. When the parish is strong and active, it will support our families when we don’t match the model presented (which will be often). Ideally, the Sunday School and Youth Ministries of the parish will support, but not supplant, the good spiritual work that is taking place in your little church.

If you are reading this and thinking, “this isn’t what my family is like at all”, do not be afraid. Every family is different and has its own unique struggles and challenges, as I discussed in the last issue. What is paramount is for you as the parent, as the priest of your
little church, to make a conscious decision and put forth the effort to be spiritually active and engaged yourself, setting the tone for the rest of the family that the life of the Church is important to you. This does not mean that you will all of a sudden become a saint, but it means that you will become a struggler for the sake of the Kingdom. This struggle then becomes the context for everything that takes place in your family and your little church.

I will close with a line from St. Paul’s letter to the Romans on the fruit of this struggle. May it inspire us all to open our hearts and our homes to God’s love and grace so that our little Church can shine the light of God into our families and all the world.

“We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us” (Romans 5:3-5).

Sunday School News

The Sunday Church School Year Begins!
By Lynn Reid Voulgarakis

On Sunday, September 9, we began our church school year with Divine Liturgy and the Agiasmos service in St. Catherine's chapel. After Divine Liturgy, we all went to Plato Hall for our kick-off event to celebrate and get fired up to attend Sunday Church School. We had a dance party to the sound of a live band, Serendipity, played games and enjoyed refreshments with classmates and friends.

Our theme for this SCS year is "Shining a Light in the World." Through the Sunday Church School at Assumption, we strive to teach our students the principles of Orthodox Christianity, using the fundamental tools of Worship, Community, Discipleship, Service and Witness. It is our hope that our children in turn will reach out to others to spread the faith, as the children grow and mature in their own faith. By learning about the Light of God, the children can reflect that Light into the world.

The Sunday Church School has been blessed with its many volunteer teachers, teaching assistants, substitute teachers and countless parents and relatives who are always willing to lend a hand to make our programs a success. Many thanks to the returning teaching staff and also the new staff members who have come forward. A special thanks to outgoing SCS Director Christina Arvanites, who lead the SCS tirelessly for many years and has provided a solid foundation upon which the current staff can build upon. Under the spiritual guidance of Fr. Timothy and Fr. Dimitrios, and with educational support from Presv. Danielle, we are on our way to year filled with learning about God's Light and how we can shine it into the world.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matt. 5:16
Upcoming Events...

Open Minds  Open Hearts  Open Doors

Inclusion Awareness Sunday
Creating access and inclusion in worship for people with special needs

10.28.18
8:30AM Orthros
10AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour Fellowship to follow

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
601 S. Central
Chicago, IL
Upcoming Events...

MAMMA MIA!
Here We Go Again

Feeling Lucky?...“Take a Chance on” Assumption
and join us for an evening of food and fun!

Rabble Dinner

Door Prize!
Entertainment!
Cash Drawings!

“Money,
Muney, Muney”

Jim and Pete’s Restaurant
7806 W North Ave., Elmwood Park

Single ticket $25, 5 Tickets for $100 (not including dinner)
6 Tickets for $125 - Includes Dinner
To purchase (6) tickets and reserve dinner please contact the Church Office at (773)626-3114

Thursday, November 8th, 2018
• 6:00pm Cocktails • 7:00pm Dinner
Upcoming Events...

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Please join us for our first ever...

Fall Family Retreat

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

RETREAT TOPIC: WHY CHURCH?
MAKING THE LIFE OF CHRIST RELEVANT FOR OUR FAMILIES

9:30AM-6:30PM
NO COST TO ATTEND

ST. IAKOVOS RETREAT CENTER
920 224TH AVE.
KANSASVILLE, WI

Worship Sessions
Family activities
Fellowship
Meals provided

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**BABY BLESSING:**
The daughter of Andrea and Michael Tierney was churched.

**WEDDING:**
Christina Panton and Sam Wotzka were joined in Holy Matrimony
  **Sponsor:** Constance Panton

Alicja Lenard and Peter Markos were joined in Holy Matrimony
  **Sponsor:** John Markos

Fotini Panagopoulos and Angelos Varagiannis were joined in Holy Matrimony
  **Sponsors:** Bill Dellis and Penelope Koskiniotis

**BAPTISM**
The son of Steve and Lauren Apostolou was baptized, given the name Dimitrios.
  **Godparents:** Bill and Joanna Apostolou

The son of Jean Iskos was baptized, given the name Christos.
  **Godparent:** Bill Iskos

The daughter of Michael and Andrea Tierney was baptized, given the name Eleni.
  **Godparent:** Melaine Carol

**FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD**
Kalliope (Pope) Skoulikaris
Andrew Collis
Aspasia Sepsis
John Fotias
Georgina Zaeske
Vivian Pappas
Maria Fotopoulos
Michael Panos

**MEMORIALS**

**40 Days**
Andreas Collis
Aspasia Sepsis
Katina Siaperas
Pope Skoulikaris
Paraskevi Pappas
George C. Tsatsos
George Varvitsioties
George Zaeske

**6 Months**
Ilias Loutsidis
Nick Thomopoulos

**1 Year**
Vasiliki Gangas
Metropolitan Iakovos
Efstathios Kopsaftis
Raymond R Riha Sr
Christopher Simms
Maria Yannias

**2 Years**
Atoigoni Koulouris
Claudia Panos
Stefan Wiseman

**6 Years**
Paraskevas Kopsaftis

**9 Years**
Georgios Takoudis

**10 Years**
Alexandros Kalasountas

**15 Years**
Eleftherios Yannias

**20 Years**
Constance Chrones

**23 Years**
Ifigania Copitas
Aphrodite Tsatsos

**42 Years**
Leonides Copitas
William Jatos

**43 Years**
Fr. Emmanuel Foustalierakis

**50 Years**
Demetris Copitas
Andrew Veremis

**76 Years**
George Copitas
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Dates to Remember:

November 1st
Feast of Saints Cosmas & Damianos
Orthros/Divine Liturgy—8:30 a.m./9:30 a.m.

November 3rd
Austin Community Neighborhood Luncheon,
Plato Hall, Noon - 4:00 p.m.

November 4th
Ministries Fair/General Assembly Meeting

November 5th
Adult Bible Study
St Catherine’s Meeting Room, 7:00 p.m.

November 8th
Synaxis of Archangels, Orthros/Divine Liturgy
8:30 a.m./9:30 a.m.

November 8th
“MAMA MIA” Church Fundraiser
Jim & Pete’s Restaurant, 6:00 p.m.

November 9th
Feast of St. Nectarios, Orthros/Divine Liturgy
8:30 a.m./9:30am

November 10th
Youth Outing (Bowling)

November 13th
Feast of St. John Chrysostom
Orthros/Divine Liturgy, 8:30 a.m./9:30am