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"Freely you have received, freely give." Matthew 10:8

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November 1, 2018

Dear Beloved Parishioner,

Stewardship involves giving the first fruits of our time, our talents and our resources to the glory of God. EVERYTHING we do must find us behaving in ways which glorify God. This is not only our duty as Orthodox Christians, it is a way of life which brings us the greatest joy and fulfillment.

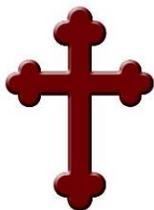
Our parish provides all of us with a place to worship and with a place to receive the Holy sacraments of the Orthodox Faith. For this, we must be eternally thankful. However, with an annual budget of close to \$1 million, we are barely making ends meet and have run deficits in previous years. St George provides services to over 600 families (and thanks be to God, we continue to grow). Yet, less than half of these families contribute or pledge any financial amount. This is a great challenge, but I am confident that we can and will do better.

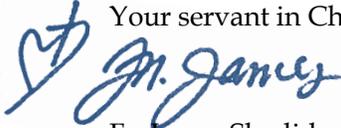
God works through people, and our work continues. Now, no more than in the beginning, and no less than yesterday, your help is needed as our one loving family continues its faithful witness to the Orthodox Christian Faith in Southeast Texas.

The goal of this campaign is to have 100% participation. Every couple or single adult should prayerfully complete a pledge form. I believe the time when we complete our pledge or commitment card presents each of us with an important opportunity in our ongoing journey as members of the body of Christ. You have already heard some things about the mission work, community outreach, youth programs, and other offerings of our congregation as we begin planning for a new year of mission and ministry. Additionally, it is necessary to complete an annual pledge in order to be considered a voting parishioner. As believers in God, we give Him thanks for who we are and for what we have been given. Our lives and ALL that sustains it is a gift from God and a reflection of God's love.

Biblically, we are told that we are to pledge and commit to tithe (10%) as the minimum standard of Christian giving. Your gift is between you and God. It costs the church \$2,460 to cover 1 day of operations. If you are unwilling to tithe the 10%, please at least consider pledging to cover 1 day of operational expenses. We encourage you to prayerfully walk in your faith and ask that your adult children also complete their own Pledge forms.

Please complete the enclosed 2019 pledge remittance envelope and mail it back to the church office or drop it into the Pledge Box at Church before December 31st, 2018.



Your servant in Christ,

Fr. James Shadid