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**AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2021 – 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

*Procession of the Cross  
Seven Maccabees, Eleazar*

**ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.**

**[\(ORTHROS SERVICE TEXT CLICK HERE\)](#)**

**DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.**

**[\(LITURGY SERVICE TEXT CLICK HERE\)](#)**

**SUNDAY SERVICES ARE OFFERED INDOORS**

Los Angeles County is reimplementing its masks mandate indoors

Regardless of Vaccination Status.

**Everyone MUST WEAR a mask  
to attend Divine Services.**

**WE WILL CONTINUE TO BROADCAST ALL SERVICES VIA LIVE-STREAM**

**(CLICK THE LINKS BELOW):**

**[SAINT-ANTHONYSPASADENA](http://SAINT-ANTHONYSPASADENA.ORG/LIVESTREAM)**

**[FACEBOOK.COM/STANTHONYSPASADENA](https://FACEBOOK.COM/STANTHONYSPASADENA)**

**[YOUTUBE.COM/CHANNEL/UCXSG4uJFWmElsOEIjx96pCA](https://YOUTUBE.COM/CHANNEL/UCXSG4uJFWmElsOEIjx96pCA)**

**Upcoming Divine Services:** (*saint-anthonys.org/calendar*):

Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> – Small Paraklesis (6:00pm)

Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> - Small Paraklesis (6:00pm)

Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup> – Holy Transfiguration (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*)

Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup> – Small Paraklesis (6:00pm)

Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> - Small Paraklesis (6:00pm)

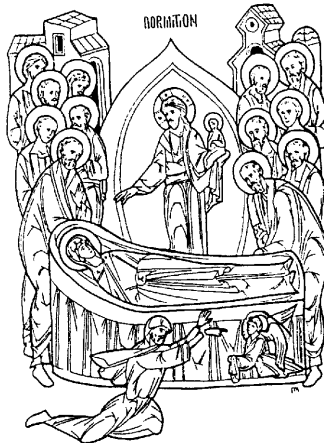
Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> - Small Paraklesis (6:00pm)

Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> – *Great Vespers of Dormition IN LONG BEACH (7:00pm)*

**Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>** – Dormition of the Theotokos (*Orthros 8:45am,  
Liturgy 10:00am*)

Friday, Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> – Phanourios the Great ( *Liturgy only 9:00am*)  
**BRING YOUR PHANOUROPIA**

**Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>** – Beheading of John the Baptist (*Orthros 9:00am,  
Liturgy 10:00am*)



## *HYMNS OF THE DAY*

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### ***RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. MODE PL. 1. (BEFORE ENTRANCE)***

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate \* with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born \* for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. \* For in His goodness He was pleased \* to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, \* and to raise up those who had died, \* by His glorious Resurrection.

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ἠϋδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγείραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

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### ***FOR THE CROSS. MODE 1.***

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth.

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

## *HYMNS OF THE DAY*

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### ***APOLYTIKION OF ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT. MODE 4***

Emulating the ways of Elijah the zealot, and following the straight paths of the Baptist, O Father Anthony, you made the wilderness a city, and did support the world by your prayers. Wherefore intercede with Christ our God, that our souls be saved.

Τὸν ζηλωτὴν Ἡλίαν τοῖς τρόποις μιμούμενος, τῷ Βαπτιστῇ εὐθείαις ταῖς τρίβοις ἐπόμενος, Πάτερ Ἀντώνιε, τῆς ἐρήμου γέγονας οἰκιστής, καί τὴν οἰκουμένην ἐστήριξας εὐχαῖς σου· διὸ πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

### ***KONTAKHION. GRAVE MODE.***

Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance.

Ἐπὶ τοῦ ὄρους μετεμορφώθης, καὶ ὡς ἐχώρουν οἱ Μαθηταὶ σου τὴν δόξαν σου, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἐθεάσαντο, ἵνα ὅταν σε ἴδωσι σταυρούμενον, τὸ μὲν πάθος νοήσωσιν ἐκούσιον, τῷ δὲ κόσμῳ κηρύξωσιν, ὅτι σὺ ὑπάρχεις ἀληθῶς, τοῦ Πατρὸς τὸ ἀπαύγασμα.



***EPISTLE READING***

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew**

**The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 12:6-14**

**Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 1.**

**Psalm 11.7,1**

You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 12:6-14

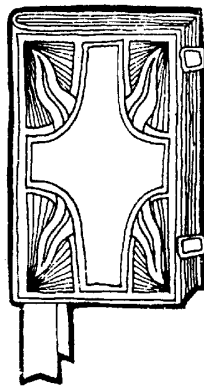
Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

***GOSPEL READING***

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew**

**The Gospel According to Matthew 9:1-8**

At that time, getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say 'Rise and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" he then said to the paralytic -- "Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.



## *METROPOLIS ANNOUNCEMENTS*

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### **Learning Through Serving**

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco is pleased to announce “**Learning Through Serving: Project Based Learning for Religious Education**”. This Zoom workshop will be held on Thursday, August 19, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. PDT and is ideal for clergy, religious educators, Sunday School directors and teachers, parents, and anyone interested in the implementation of Project Based Learning for Religious Education. This workshop will be led by Dr. Drew Baker. [Click here](#) for more information or [register now!](#)

### **Welcome Back to Saint Nicholas Ranch**

After a long hiatus, the doors of Saint Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center are opening again! Though there are still restrictions for in-person gatherings, the Board of Saint Nicholas Ranch is now permitting small groups with limited occupancy. If your family would like to visit the Ranch, or if your parish would like to offer a small retreat, please contact Ranch Executive Director Michael Pappas, [info@stnicholasranch.org](mailto:info@stnicholasranch.org) or call 559-338-2103.

### **Help Our Graduates Stay Connected to the Church**

College is just around the corner – and we want to keep our high school graduates connected to the Church. Help us connect them to their new church home and create a network of fellowship and support. Complete the [Online Form](#) or visit [www.gosfyouth.org](http://www.gosfyouth.org). The Metropolis will make sure that an Orthodox Priest and community near your student’s college connects with your loved one.

### **Music Scholarships Available**

There are just a few more weeks left to apply for the Frank and Xenia Anton Desby Memorial Music Scholarships from the Metropolis Church Music Federation Ministry. Eight (8) scholarships of up to \$500 each will be awarded to deserving church musicians in the Metropolis in 2021. Funds can be used to obtain education and training in singing, chanting, and conducting. Applications and information can be found online at [www.sfchurchmusic.org](http://www.sfchurchmusic.org). Deadline: August 15, 2021. For more information, please contact: [sfchurchmusic@sanfran.goarch.org](mailto:sfchurchmusic@sanfran.goarch.org).

## *PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS*

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### BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

Please help Foothill Unity Center reach its goal of providing 2,000 students of low income families with backpacks and supplies for the upcoming school year.

St. Anthony's Philoptochos will be collecting these items during the month of July and delivering them to the Center. On 7/25 and 8/1, you may drop off your donations at the table with a bin set up outside of church.

The bin will also be in the church office during the week; however, call the office first before dropping off. Cash donations also accepted. Any questions, please contact Jennifer (818) 515-1867, [jenniferwebster@me.com](mailto:jenniferwebster@me.com) or Nicolette (626) 808-8902, [nfuerst2018@gmail.com](mailto:nfuerst2018@gmail.com).

### SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Brand New Back Packs (NO blue or red)
- Calculators - Basic or Scientific
- Colored Pencils and Markers and Crayons (24-pack)
- Composition Books (College and wide-ruled)
- Erasers (pencil top and regular)
- Filler Paper (College and wide-ruled, 150 sheets)
- Folders (2 Pocket or 3-prong) and Binders
- Glue Bottle (Water-soluble) or Glue Sticks
- Highlighters and Post-It Notes
- Pencil Boxes and Pouches
- Pencil (Mechanical, 0.5 mm, bundles of 3)
- Pencils (Standard, bundles) and Sharpeners
- Pens (Black or blue ink, bundles)
- Scissors (5" blunt or pointed)
- Spiral Notebooks (College or wide-ruled)

### **Renew Philoptochos Membership Now**

We invite you to renew your membership or join us as a new member! Our Panagia Chapter has been contributing to our community on a local, national and international basis for more than 65 years. To renew/register online, go to [www.stanthonyphiloptochos.square.site](http://www.stanthonyphiloptochos.square.site) . Scroll down to "Annual Membership Dues". For more information, please contact one of our membership chairpersons, Lisa Xanthos or Helen Skandale.



# ST. ANTHONY STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

(July 28, 2021)

**248 PLEDGES TOTALING:                 \$355,532**

**COLLECTED AS OF 07/28/2021: \$274,043**

**AVERAGE PLEDGE GOAL:                 \$2,000**

**CURRENT AVERAGE PLEDGE:   \$1,434**

<b>Breakdown of Stewardship Pledges</b>			
<b>Stewardship Levels</b>	<b>Amount Pledge</b>	<b># of Pledges</b>	<b>% of Pledges Breakdown</b>
<i>Contributor</i>	< \$499	62	25%
<i>Friend</i>	\$500 - \$999	62	25%
<i>Supporter</i>	\$1,000 - \$1,999	65	26%
<b>Faithful</b>	<b>\$2,000 - \$3,999</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>Disciple</b>	<b>\$4,000 - \$6,999</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>04%</b>
<b>Guardian</b>	<b>\$7,000 - \$9,999</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>01%</b>
<b>Angel</b>	<b>\$10,000 - \$14,999</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>02%</b>
<b>Archangel</b>	<b>\$15,000 - &gt;</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL PLEDGES</b>		<b>248</b>	<b>100%</b>

To fully cover our operating expenses,  
our goal is to have our average annual giving to be \$2,000 per family  
or more.

**RIGHT NOW, 76% OF OUR STEWARDS ARE UNDER THAT GOAL**

## **St. Anthony's 2021 Pledged Members** *(Updated on July 28, 2021)*

Akrotirianakis, Joseph N. & Sherese  
Albeck, Irene  
Albeck, Mark Gregory  
Ananiades, Constantine & Sapho  
Andros, Gus & Lorena  
Angelos, James & Sophia  
Angiuli, Joseph & Elizabeth  
Antsos, Dimitrios & Judith Din  
Apostolos, Margo K.  
Argueta, Cris & Teresa V.  
Arviso, Ange  
Aspiotes, Georgia  
Athanasoulis, Chris & Tina  
Athans, Tesi & Craig Lareau  
Athans, Tina & Dean P.  
Attalla, Philip "Ted" & Michelle  
Reagan  
Balas, Argiro Julie & Dino  
Baliotis, Tina  
Balntas, Bill & Eleni  
Becker, Connie & Brian L.  
Becronis, Christina

Begakis, Nicholas & Bronwen  
Bichai, Anthony & Anna  
Bicos, John  
Bissias, Peter  
Bjorknert, Jan & Vicky  
Blaszczak, Frank  
Blosiu, Julian O. & Catalina E.  
Bonorris, Donna & Pete  
Bouras, Tom Athanasios  
Bozikis, Demetra  
Broussinos, Angeliki & Chris  
Brown, Niki  
Bryant, Dan & Karen  
Burkard Jr., Frank J. & Penelope  
Buzas, John & Pamela  
Buzas, Nicholas & Danielle  
Chames, Anastasia.  
Christodoulelis, Jimmy & Tanya.  
Christodoulides, Loucas & Andri  
Christodoulou, Christine & Christakis  
Christopoulos, Judie & Gus  
Christopoulos, Tony and Lynnette

## St. Anthony's 2021 Pledged Members (July 28, 2021) *Cont...*

Christou, Nicholas  
Coccia, Tina & Ginseppe  
Cokias, Jason & Karen  
Dallas, Saterios & Athena  
Damilatis, Dimitrios & Eleni  
Darlas, Paula  
Daughters, Janine & Chris  
Demopulos, Elizabeth & Andrew  
Dewar, Mary & Andrew  
Dupas, Katherine  
Dupas, Theodore & Evangeline  
Edwards, Nancy C.  
Efsthathiou, Teddi & Dean  
Elhaj, Elizabeth and Richard  
Giannoulas, Irene  
Goettling, Mimika & Eckhard C.  
Grafos, Thean  
Grafos, Tom & Tania  
Grover, James & Maria  
Halias, Joanne & John  
Haniotis, Nick  
Haralambos, Aliko,  
Haralambos, Anthony & Kathleen  
Haralambos, Tom & Page  
Horaites, Anthony M.  
Horaites, George & Olympia  
Horaites, James  
Hronas, Maria & James W.  
Hunter, Nicole  
Ioannou, Christos & Elleni  
Johal, Demetra G.  
Johnsen, Eleni  
Kades, Christine  
Kades, Cleo  
Kades, Vicki & Louis  
Kalambakas, Vivian N.  
Kalivas, Elene & George  
Floutsis, Penny & Ted  
Fryer II, Norman & Kay  
Fuerst, Nicolette & Jay  
Gallagher, Eleni & Matthew  
Gallanis, Pete & Danica  
Ganis, Maria C.  
Garbis, Spiros & Antigoni  
Manousopoulou  
Gavalas, Cleola & George  
Gelt, Brian & Pana  
Genkos, Mary  
Georgakopoulos, Eleni & George  
Gerontides, John & Angelike  
Giannoulas, Demetra  
Kalivas, Pota  
Kallas, Mark & Debra  
Kamar, April  
Kaparos, Lily & Stefanos  
Karaioannoglou, Phaedon & Jeanne  
Karamaras, Andriana  
Karnezis, James  
Karras, Maria  
Katsas, Alexandra K.  
Kazaltzes, Gina & Nickolas  
Kefalas, Evelyn & John  
Kefalas, Mike J.  
Kefalas, Modestos & Nina  
Kefallinos, Vicki & Nick  
Kiotas, Stavroula  
Kirimis, Nitsa & John  
Kitchens, Christopher  
Kitridou, Rodanthi C.  
Kokoris, Maria & Nicholas  
Kolettis, Iliana  
Kolokotronis, Carolyn & James A.  
Koudanis, Helen  
Koulakis, John and Gisele

## St. Anthony's 2021 Pledged Members (July 28, 2021) *Cont...*

Koulos, Joanna & Konstantinos  
Kousoulas, Gus & Johanna  
Koutras, Alexander E.  
Koutsoukos, Lin & George  
Kundanis, Christine  
Kypreos, George & Shana  
Kypreos, Maria & James  
Lagousis, Ted & Kendra  
Lambros, Helen L.  
Lappas, Virginia  
Loutsos, Anna & Georgia & John  
Grajeda  
Lubian, Daniel & Stephanie  
Lucas, John S. & Anthia  
Lucas, Katherine  
Macris, Catherine & George  
Magaziotis, Phophi & Panteli  
Makris, Ted & Maria  
Malina, Dorothea  
Malisos, Fontaine  
Malisos, Samantha A  
Martin, Sam & Debbie  
Maslen, Larissa & Mark Carpenter  
Mathioulakis, Claudia & Stan  
Mavredakis, Vivian  
Maysenburg, John & Mary  
McCann, Liam  
McGregor, Richard & Kristen  
McNulty, Jennie & Chris  
Mechalas, Bess  
Meysenburg, John H. & Mary Ann  
Mitropoulos, Daphane  
Mitropoulos, Nick & Venetia  
Mitsinikos, Emmanuel & Natalia  
Mobayen, Chrissa & Syrus  
Molinari, Yngrid  
Moreno, Eva Elizabeth

Moutzouridis, Vasiliki & Peter  
Mowrey, Anthony & Tina Boykin  
Nicolaidis, Nicolas  
Nunez, Alyssa & Angel  
Ochoa, Alexa  
Otis, Robert  
Panagiot, Harry & Anastasia  
Pantazis, Aleka & George  
Pappas, Constantine & Hope  
Pappas, Dean C. & Jennifer  
Pappas, Dr. James P.  
Pappas, Dr. Peter A.  
Pappas, Steven & Christine  
Pappas, Tony & Stergiani  
Paras, Gus  
Pastis, Leah  
Pastis, Patricia  
Patsavas, Bertha  
Patzakis, John & Andrea  
Paziouros, John  
Paziouros, Konstantina & Nick  
Paziouros, Patricia  
Pegadiotes, George S.  
Pegadiotes, Georgia & Sam  
Pegadiotes, Stan S.  
Petrossian, Stacy & Rafic R.  
Plumtree, Martha & Wayne  
Pollalis, Dino J.  
Polychronis, Eleftheria & Theodore  
Polychronis, Thalia  
Poulos, Anastasia  
Poulos, Yiota  
Reese, Helen  
Rellos, John, Theodora & Vasilios  
Riley, Thomas & Evangelia  
Russo, Rebecca A.  
Saigh, Mark & Mara R. Suchy

## **St. Anthony's 2021 Pledged Members** (July 28, 2021) *Cont...*

Samaan, Evette	Tsaggouri, Eleni& Anastassios
Scolinos, Michael & Stephanie	Petropoulos
Scordelis, Alexander & Melissa	Tsigkounis, Charalambos & Catherine
Shankwiler James & Alexandria Darras	Tsouvalas, Charles
Sideris, Athanasios & Anastasia	Tsouvalas, John & Jenny
Sipsas, Pantelis & Nafsika	Udria, Juan & Mary
Skandale, Elizabeth	Ukropina, Mark
Skandale, Helen	Vacalo, Eleni
Smith, Herman & Helen	Vagenas, Alex & Tashia
Soewers, Stephanie & Randy	Vagenas, Dino & Krystina
Stafylis, Chrysovalantis	Vagenas, George & Polly
Stamos, Andy & Mary	Vagenas, John & Georgia
Stamos, Nikos A.	Vagenas, Peter & Mindy
Stavropoulos, Fonta (Xenofon)	Vagenas, Sophia
Stavropoulos, Peter T & Theodora	Vagenas, Spiros and Family
Stavropoulos, Ted & Georgia	Vagenas, Vasilios & Nicolicha
Stephens, Kenneth & Angelina Maria	Varvitsiotis Varvas, Fotiny
Stratos, Fr. Peter/Pres. Aida	Vezzuto, Christopher
Tarazi, Ellie	Vezzuto, Robert & Stephanie
Tirado, Elizabeth	Vidalakis, Nick and Nancy
Treantafelles, George T. & Helen	Vlahos, Tasia & Effie
Treantafelles, Stan & Vivian	Vorgias, Zacharias & Alma
Triantafyllidi, Ioanna & Galino Barmparas	Voyagis, Eleftherios & Pauline
Tripodes Zacharias N.	Webster, John & Jennifer
Tripodes, Dena	Wood, Grant & Cindy
Tripodes, Georgia E.	Woodward, Scott & Katerina Ananiades
Tripodes, Koula J.	Xanthos, Lisa
Tripodes, Marika	Zarian, Vincent & Maria
Tripodes, Stella	Zarifis, Peter & Tina
	Zoumberakis, Haralambos and Nikole

***Please call the Church office if you have any questions or corrections.***

**2021 Stewardship Financial Commitment.** We thank all those who have been sending donations and stewardship especially during this time. If you have not filled out a pledge card for 2021, please return your completed commitment card (included below) to the church office as soon as possible. To fully cover our operating expenses, our goal is to have our average stewardship be \$2,000 or above per family.

## **Frequently Asked Questions about Stewardship:**

*“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's grace.” (1 Peter 4:10)*

### **Q: IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN “DUES” & “STEWARDSHIP”?**

A: Yes! Three or four generations ago, it was commonplace for families throughout our Archdiocese to pay their annual “dues” or required membership fee to be a member of their local parish. Over time it was clear that this was not the healthiest way of committing to a local church as giving remained stagnant and the authentic Christian commitment of sacrificial giving became an afterthought. (note: the annual “dues” of \$300-350 *back then* would equate to roughly \$2,500-\$3,000 *today*) Stewardship, however, offers us the chance to recognize our unique blessings from God, and to give back based on what we have received. Stewardship is management of another’s property, and all our blessings and gifts we have been given ultimately belong to God. We are but his caretakers, his priests, his **stewards** on this earth.

### **Q: HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?**

A: The foundations of Christian stewardship is both from Scripture and the teachings of our Lord. You may have heard the term *tithing* (the word *tithe* literally means *tenth* in Hebrew), and this refers to the biblical giving goal of 10% of your household income to your local church (*Lev. 27:30; Num. 18:25-28; Deut. 14:22-24; 2 Chron. 31:5-6*). Yet, we also hear from our Lord Jesus Christ that true giving is when we offer sacrificially “all that we have” (*Luke 21:4*), “store up your treasures in heaven” (*Matt. 6:20*), “it is more blessed to give than to receive” (*Acts 20:35*), “for God loves a cheerful giver” (*2 Cor. 9:7*). With this in mind, you are invited to prayerfully reflect on your own household income, and make your sacrificial offering based on what you receive. Consider also what you offer to Christ’s Church in comparison to your monthly utility/service payments. (“*Am I giving my phone more than my Church?*”) Use the chart to the right as a guide.

<b>Annual Income</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>15%</b>
<i>\$20,000</i>	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
<i>\$50,000</i>	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$7,500
<i>\$75,000</i>	\$1,875	\$3,750	\$7,500	\$11,250
<i>\$100,000</i>	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$15,000
<i>\$250,000</i>	\$6,250	\$12,500	\$25,000	\$37,500

**Q: WHAT DOES MY STEWARDSHIP PAY FOR?**

A: It costs approximately \$2,000/day to keep the church open. Most operating expenses are paid from stewardship. Some examples are mortgage, utilities, office staff and pastoral salaries, candles, permits, and facilities maintenance. Additional costs are directly related to church programs.

**Q: WHAT IS THE EASIEST WAY TO FULFILL MY PLEDGE?**

A: The easiest way is online! Pledging and paying online is fast and EASY and is the preferred method for many of our families. Simply go to our website [saint-anthonys.org](http://saint-anthonys.org) and click the DONATE button and this will take you to our online giving platform. Under “Regular” click the Make a Donation button, then click Create a Recurring Donation, enter your weekly/monthly/semi-annually amount and fill in the necessary information. You can always call the church office for assistance in setting up easy recurring giving payments. Paying your pledge can also be done by check, envelopes, or credit card payments, though these are not as convenient for you.

**Q: WHEN SHOULD I MAKE MY ANNUAL PLEDGE?**

A: We would ask you to turn in your pledge card by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Our church budget is based on our expected annual income and expenses. Forecasting stewardship in January helps meet our parish goals.

**Q: I DON’T LIKE TO PAY MY PLEDGE UNTIL DECEMBER. SHOULD I STILL PLEDGE IN JANUARY?**

A: Yes. January pledging allows for effective fiscal budgeting. Pledge your annual amount, then pay weekly, monthly, semi-annually or annually.

## Procession of the Precious Cross

Because of the many diseases that occur in the month of August, the custom prevailed of old in Constantinople to carry the precious Wood of the Cross in procession throughout the city for its sanctification and its deliverance from illnesses. It was brought forth from the imperial treasury on the last day of July and placed upon the Holy Table of the Great Church of the Holy Wisdom; and beginning today, until the Dormition of the Theotokos, it was carried in procession throughout the city and was set forth for veneration before the people.

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