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“All things are possible to the one who believes”

Mark 9:23

STEWARDSHIP 2019

Beloved in Christ, the Church is a place that teaches us that all things are possible through *believing* in Jesus Christ. And it is through believing in Him that we have new life. It is through believing that we receive joy, comfort, peace, and fulfillment. And it is through the Church that we are provided with a place to truly believe and grow in our faith through worship and the many ministries and activities of our parish.

We are honored and grateful for all who work and labor in our parish vineyard within the many ministries of our parish (see enclosed pictures and listings). And your generous financial stewardship giving provides the resources necessary for our parish to be a strong place of faith – where the main work and goal is to change hearts and renew lives for Jesus Christ.

Therefore, in order for our parish to continue the good Work of our Lord, we humbly ask that you please make your heartfelt Stewardship Pledge for 2019. And we also ask that you prayerfully consider becoming a *Torchbearer, Good Shepherd, or Pacesetter*, as over 100 families already have (see the stewardship commitment form) and bring your stewardship pledge to the Church on Stewardship Sunday, November 18 – or simply mail it to the church office during this month of November.

And if you are able to increase your pledge over last year, even a little bit, it would be greatly appreciated. The Bible teaches that this is what all Christians should be striving toward - *tithing* (giving 10% of our income to God’s work of salvation through His holy Church).

Our 2019 parish budget is \$560,000. This supports all the ministries and parish expenditures listed on the parish ministries summary form enclosed. As you can see, we need everyone to contribute in order to operate our Church and serve our people.

Also, our parish believes in the Orthodox and Biblical teaching of weekly giving – which makes contributing toward your annual pledge easier (*i.e., a pledge of \$1,000 is only \$20 per week*). Simply use the stewardship envelopes you receive in the mail for each week.

We deeply thank you for your generous work, and we thank you for your gifts of time, talent and treasure to your beloved parish.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Christopher
Council President, *Buzz Stapczynski*
and the Stewardship Committee