## STS. CONSTANTINE & HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for people"

Colossians 3:23

## STEWARDSHIP 2018

Beloved in Christ, whatever our work profession, and whatever work we do for the church, the Bible calls us to do it with all our heart. Especially in our work for the church, let us know that we are doing so not to please people, but to serve and work for our Lord – who sees and blesses our devotion to serve Him.

We are truly honored and grateful for all who work and labor in our parish vineyard within the many ministries of our parish. 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 2018. 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 19 – or simply mail it to the church office during the 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).

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

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

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Christopher

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