



St. Sophia
SS. Faith, Hope & Agape
Greek Orthodox Church of Valley Forge



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2018 Stewardship Commitment Form
(Please provide all information requested)

Family Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State ____ Zip _____

	Husband's Name	Wife's Name	Names of Children	Ages of Children
Occupations				
Work. Tel. Numbers				
Cell Phone Numbers				
E-Mails				

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

In gratitude for God's blessings, I/we pledge to contribute for Christ's work at St. Sophia Church for 2018:

A total 2018 amount of: \$500 _____ \$1,000 _____ \$1,500 _____ **\$ 2,080** _____ More/Other _____

I plan to pay (please circle one): Weekly _____ Monthly _____ Quarterly _____ Semi-annually _____ Annually _____

Please consider being a Pacesetter (\$2,080 or more for 2018)—we can if we think we can!

TIME and TALENT COMMITMENT

Please check ✓ those items in which you or a member of your family has some expertise or interest.

Place name or initials of the specific family member after each item checked.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Buildings and Grounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday school | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greek Language School | <input type="checkbox"/> Church Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> Church Camp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visitation of Elderly/Infirm | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking-Events or Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scouting | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer - general | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal | <input type="checkbox"/> Ushering / Pangari / Welcome |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer – Web Site Mgt | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical / Plumbing | <input type="checkbox"/> Reader (in liturgy / services) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Baking Prosfora |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Website and Emails | <input type="checkbox"/> OCMC Missions | <input type="checkbox"/> Prison Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sanctuary / Altar Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Boys | <input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campus Ministries | <input type="checkbox"/> Blood Drives | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach (local charities) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feed the Hungry | <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IOCC Ministries | <input type="checkbox"/> Hall Rentals | <input type="checkbox"/> General Office Work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bookstore | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |



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2018 Stewardship Program

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord, not for men.” (Colossians 3:23)

A traditional American proverb says that, “God makes this request of his children: Do the best you can, where you are, with what you have, now.” The story of Jesus Christ feeding the 5,000 illustrates this through the boy’s offering of all that he had – five loaves and two fish. This boy did his best with what he had, and Jesus used it to perform an incredible miracle. Just like the boy who offered the loaves and the fish, if we offer what we have – however great or small our gift – God will receive our gifts and multiply them to feed His people.

This past year we built on many ministry programs in the areas of Youth, Seniors and Outreach including supporting food kitchens to feed the hungry. In addition, we made several repairs to our Cultural Center, completed additional beautification in our church proper and supported our national ministries and the rebuilding of the St. Nicholas shrine. It was a very busy year all around!

In 2018, by helping through your Time, Talent and Treasure, we will continue to grow our ministries to support our Orthodox faithful as well as the community at large. We cannot sustain and grow our parish and ministries without all three of these gifts. Ways you can make sure to start the New Year on the right track include:

- 1. Think about where you are now as an Orthodox Christian.** Checking in with Fr. Peter is a great way to begin! He would love to speak to you.
- 2. Worship weekly and partake in Holy Communion and Holy Confession regularly.**
- 3. Participate in our various ministries:** Philoptochos, PTO, Parish Council, Festival Committee, GOYA, Choir, Senior Parea, Grounds keeping, Baking and other programs.
- 4. Have your children participate too: Sunday School, Children’s Choir, Altar Service, GOYA, Hope, Joy, Greek School, etc.** All children are invited and encouraged to participate. We rely on the next generation to continue our faith!
- 5. Submit your 2018 Stewardship Commitment.** (A reminder that if you are 18 and over, you are an adult!).

God loves a cheerful giver! **Did you know that it costs over \$1,200 EVERY DAY, 365 days a year to run our parish?** Only fifty percent of our parish’s operating expenses are covered by our stewardship pledges. The remainder must be made up by fundraising activities. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if we could rely on our own contributions rather than holding festivals three times a year?

Before completing the enclosed Commitment form, please give prayerful consideration to the commitment you are making of your Time, Talent and Treasure. A check mailed to the church is most meaningful when accompanied by your **presence**, by your willingness to serve, by your prayers, and by your commitment. Giving is truly an expression of your commitment to God and thanks for your many blessings in life.

God bless you for your support of our parish. We look forward to seeing you in church!

Rev. Fr. Peter Thornberg and the Stewardship Committee