Sept.-Oct. 2025

THE LIGHT

"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." – John 8

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Unexpected Gifts, 8th Sunday of Matthew (14:14-22)

by Fr. Thomas Manuel

Today is our very last Sunday in the warehouse. The Holy Apostles community has been in this space now for about 18 years. If given the chance, I do not believe most people would have chosen to worship in a warehouse as the place to begin the Holy Apostles community. It is simply not most people's idea of "church".

I have to admit, when I first heard of the warehouse church, I too was a bit skeptical. As the son of an Orthodox priest, I had grown up in many large and beautiful churches. My father was first ordained and served at the cathedral parish of Sts. Constantine and Helen in Richmond, Virginia.

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Message from Fr. Thomas continued...

After graduating seminary, I served for five years at the Annunciation Cathedral in Norfolk, Virginia. It was there I met my wife and was married. Even in Guatemala, the main church that I served as a priest for nearly two years was yet another Cathedral parish. By the standards of Guatemala, it was quite luxuriant and always full of hundreds of faithful on a Sunday. The idea to move from large and beautiful cathedral parishes to a smaller warehouse church at first took me back. But I knew that this is where God was calling me to be. And it has been an unexpected blessing since then.

Why do I say that my time here has been an unexpected blessing? Where was the blessing in it? Our Lord often offers to us the unexpected blessing, the blessing we did not have in mind, or that we did not think was a blessing. We can see the pattern of this in today's Gospel reading of the feeding of the five thousand in the wilderness. In today's gospel we encounter Christ in the wilderness, a deserted place with no food, with thousands of people who are flocking to him to be healed both in body and in soul. These were desperate people indeed. They were seeking healing despite the harsh conditions around them. There was no food available, no grocery store, fast-food restaurant, or hotel to spend the night. Yet they were all there to receive healing, a blessing from the Lord.

And indeed, the Lord did not disappoint. He blessed His people. But perhaps in a way that they were not expecting. They perhaps were thinking to be healed and have enough time to return to the cities to find food and shelter for the night. As the day wore on though, many of them must have known that was not going to happen.

We read, "Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied." (Matthew 14:19)

The Lord fed His people out of scarcity. They were rewarded for their faithfulness, for their endurance to wait for the Lord and to follow Him into a challenging place. Our Lord always blesses us, He always pours forth His blessings upon His children who await Him faithfully. "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19) The Lord does indeed bless us, but not always according to our conception of a blessing.

We as modern Americans always have in mind what is good for us. Ask your average American what they would need in life to be happy, and they may come up with a list of some of the following items: stress free, perfect health, financial security, happy family, etc. We each think we know what is best for us. But our knowledge and ideas of what is best for us comes from our limited and broken perspective of the world that can only see but so far. God has his own plan for us. Our Lord has in mind what is good and necessary for us. What we deem good, what we see as beneficial, is not always what the Lord deems as good and beneficial.

In as word, as modern Americans we seek after happiness. This is built into the very fabric of who we are as a people. "We hold these truths to be selfevident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." (Declaration of Independence) Note what the founders say. This is a shocking statement, but the Lord does not seek for our happiness, he seeks for our holiness. "Be Holy, as I the Lord am Holy." (1 Peter 1:16) The goal of the Christian life is not happiness, but holiness. There is a great deal of difference between happiness and holiness. Happiness seeks to avoid strife and struggle while holiness embraces the Christian fight whenever it comes. Happiness seeks to fulfill the desire and pleasure of one's own thoughts, holiness seeks to offer oneself up for the benefit of the other. And the Lord seeks our Holiness, not our happiness. His blessings therefore are according to the measure in which He wants us to be Holy.

These holy and unexpected blessings come with a major difference over our happy ideas of blessings, they come with challenges, struggle, temptation, spiritual warfare, in a word, they come with the Cross. The building we have been in has been an unexpected blessing of the Lord for several reasons:

First, this property has been a blessing to us because it has forced us as a community to focus on our spiritual and liturgical life as the main focus of our gathering as opposed to any other focus. Are not Churches meant to be places where people go

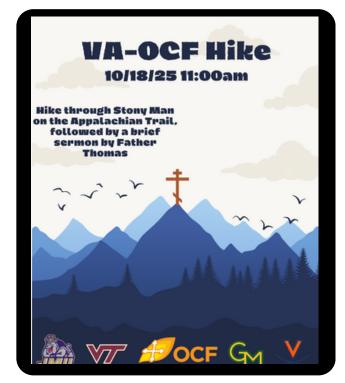
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Join Us!

Message from the Parish Council President

Dear Brothers & Sisters In Christ:

I know I speak for the whole community when I say just how exciting it is being in our new Poland Road church! A huge thanks to everyone who, after the move, pitched in to help with unpacking and cleanup. Another thank-you to the broader community for your patience as we continue to unpack and figure out how to best use the space.

In September, we held our first parish picnic on the property. It was terrific fellowship, and much appreciation goes to the Stewardship Committee (led by Ron & Mina Baldinger) for coordinating. Also in September, our sister church St. Katherine's in Falls Church welcomed the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew for an historic visit that included a Great Doxology and a blessing of the faithful. To His All Holiness: Χρόνια Πολλά, Many Years!

In October, we look forward to the installation of the iconscreen and the buildout of the altar, neither of which would be possible without your generous donations to the Church Registry. Also in October, we joyfully welcome His Eminence to lead not only Orthros and Divine Liturgy but also Thyranoixia (the Blessing of the Doors of the Church), and to join us for a commemorative gala. I look forward to celebrating with everyone the years of hard work that went into securing our new Poland Road church!

Our vibrant ministries are launching Fall programs, including:

- We started the 2025-2026 Sunday School year in our new classrooms! Thank you to Dena Kozanas, our Sunday School Director, and all our teacher volunteers for your dedication to our youth.
- Other youth ministries are meeting as well: Hope & Joy (up to age 12) held its kickoff event in September, and GOYA (age 13-18) will put on a fall-themed party in October. Later this Fall, Greek Dance, the Home School Co-Op, and the Greek School will launch. Thank you to ministry leadership, including Marina Zagaris, Lia Economou, Maria Plevrakis, and Noelle Bryce.
- Philoptochos sponsored a special workshop Marriage Retreat with Fr. Alexander Goussetis. The St. Andrew's Brotherhood met for fellowship and discussion at the Wenzel Home. Thank you to ministry leadership, including Alexis Wenzel and Artem Koker.

Looking ahead, we're underway with planning our 2026 Mission Trip with Appalachia Service Project (ASP). For the third year in a row, we'll partner with St. George in Bethesda to travel into Appalachia and help with home repair & construction for low-income families. Registration coming soon!

There are so many opportunities to get involved with our church – from attending Bible Study, to participating in Orthodoxy 101/Adult Catechism Classes, to Prosphora Baking. Now that we're at our new Poland Road church, there's never been a better time to join in!

In Christ,
Greg Joiner
Parish Council President

Future Planning Committee (FPC)

We are blessed to welcome His Eminence this coming Sunday to our church! Now that the move to our facility is behind us, it is time to review the financial plan we prepared as part of purchasing this property.

How did a church of our size manage to acquire a \$7M property in Loudoun County? It was the result of over 19 years of hard work by many parishioners plus the vision of our leadership today. Purchasing this property took a combination of a large down payment that we had from selling our previous land in Sterling and the shared commitment of our current parish members to support building for our future.

We held a parish-wide survey last May (2024) and received replies from over 100 families. In it, our families expressed the clear happiness with our parish and ministries, yet also expressed the clear desire to move to a new location. Additionally, over 90 of these families signaled their financial support of a building fund contribution in addition to maintaining their stewardship commitment. This was important as we needed an indication that we could continue to fund our operating expense needs (Stewardship) while raising additional funds to provide for the increased expense of being in a new building. After much study, we arrived at a plan where the combination of building fund resources, stewardship, daycare rental income, and some land use income could support our plans to move.

Our parish organizations have been focused on preparing the new church and moving us to this location. Now is the time to pick up the funding plan where we left off in March.

We will be restarting our building fund outreach and financial plan communications. If you were one of the families who indicated building fund support but have not yet make a pledge, please reach out to Greg Joiner, Father, Niki, or myself. If you are new to our parish and wish to learn more about our plans and vision for the future, please reach out to any of us as well. We are excited to share our plans with you!

Here is our contact information:

Greg Joiner, Parish President, <u>gregjoiner@gmail.com</u>; Niki Lelis, Building Fund, <u>Nlelis1@gmail.com</u> George Pappas, Future Planning Committee, <u>george@pappasonline.net</u>.

Also, if you have attended our church and decided that you would like to make this our spiritual home, please join us as a steward. You can reach out to Mina and Ron Baldinger at mina.baldinger68@gmail.com

George Pappas

PROSFORA BAKING CLASS

SATURDAY, NOV. 15 10:00AM - 12:30PM AT HOLY APOSTLES



Join our baking class where you'll learn how to make this special altar bread as an offering from your family to God.

YOU ONLY NEED

- · Three ingredients
- · Two bowls
- · A few kitchen tools

EMAIL

LIAECON@COMCAST.NET

TO RSVP AND GET THE COMPLETE LIST OF MATERIALS AND INGREDIENTS TO BRING



Join our Holy Apostles Mission Team 2026 Trip to Appalachia *June 21-27, 2026*

Making homes warmer, drier, and safer.



For more information, contact Liza Faour (lfbolting@gmail.com) or Cynthia Glakas (glakas@cox.net)

Adults and Teens can register by Jan. 15th on our website.

Our Church has moved!











Saturday, November 1st @ 11 AM 1 St. Josephs Wy White Haven, PA 18661

Holy Protection Monastery of the Theotokos



as we embark on a day's journey to a Holy Monastery that has been built on endless, devoted prayers, continuous repentance and meticulous labor work for both the nuns and the piety. A little piece of paradise and Greece hidden in the deep, glorious mountains of Pennsylvania.



7:00AM Departure from Holy Apostles (No cost but gas share if carpooling) 11:00AM Arrival & Tour followed by lunch

4:00-5:15PM Vespers 5:15 PM Departure (After Vespers is a good time to leave but you're free to leave at anytime during the





More Info and to RSVP Contact: Mina Nejadian Yasamine411@gmail.com

All are Welcome!

Stewardship

FALL greetings!

Hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful Fall weather and feeling those slightly cool mornings and nights. We recently had our FIRST Stewardship Picnic at our new Church home and had a fantastic turnout. We were able to enjoy the picnic on our own Church grounds, set some games up, and use our wonderful outdoor space to the fullest.

We have had some very busy Sundays and very full church services. We continue to see more and more new faces in church every week. Our ministries are busy and full of energy. Our growth is exciting and we know it is our warm and welcoming community that continues to make us special and unique.

We will be hosting our 2025 Stewardship Sunday on November 2nd where we will discuss the importance of Stewardship and kick off our 2026 Stewardship Drive. We hope you will be there!

If you haven't yet, please fill out your 2025 pledge card - it is not too late. You can even set up recurring payments online at or just just send me an email at stewardship@hagoc.org telling me your 2025 pledge and I will take care of the rest!

Finally, as always, we thank you for your incredible generosity. Your pledge is as important as ever. We have a full slate of ministries this Fall with Bible Studies, GOYA, Sunday School, the Greek Dance Group, Stewardship events and many more! We look forward to a wonderful Fall season!

In your service,
Ron and Mina Baldinger
HAGOC Stewardship Chairs, ron.baldinger@gmail.com

GOYA Teenagers

GOYA, Greek Orthodox Youth of America, is our dynamic teenager group, open to all kids ages 13-18. We had our first meeting of the school year on September 28th, and it was great to see so many new and returning teens. We discussed a lot of great ideas for our 2025-2026 calendar.

Join us for our first event, Spook'tober on Saturday, October 25th, at my home. See the flyer and email me for more details and to RSVP. In November we have a joint event with Hope & Joy and Philoptochos to make bag lunches for the Loudoun Homeless Shelter.

If you have a teen interested in joining GOYA, please complete the registration form and you will be added to our distro:

https://forms.gle/gT86HWj55uKvzXrn9.

In His service, Lia Economou, goyaathagoc@gmail.com



HOPE AND JOY

I pray everyone had a fun and relaxing summer! I am looking forward to another year with our youth ministries! Hope/Joy is our youth group for the younger members of our parish, up to age 12. The purpose of Hope/Joy is to help our youth continue to grow in the life of the church outside of Sunday services. Our gatherings will service projects, include lessons, fellowship time with one another.

Our next event will be held on Monday October 20th at Great Country Farms in Bluemont, VA. It is a school holiday for both Fairfax and Loudon County schools so we hope everyone will be able to join us for some fall fellowship on the farm!

Admission is \$12 if prepaid with the group and includes a hay ride, corn maze, a play area & farm animal viewing. Please see the attached flyer for information and don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

HOPE/ JOY (AGES 3-12) PUMPKIN PATCH MONDAY OCTOBER 20 [AT]11:00AM GREAT COUNTRY FARMS BLUEMONT, VA School's out! Join Hope/Joy for some fall fellowship, hayrides, corn maze, play area & more! Families welcome (ages 2 and under free)

\$12 per person prepaid

 Please RSVP to Marina Zagaris and pay via paypal to mnchrist86@gmail.com by October 13

contact mnchrist86@gmail.com with RSVP or questions



All future Hope/Joy events will be in announced in the weekly bulletin as well as email communications. We plan to host a monthly activity for our youth from September-May. We are so blessed with a young and active community, I hope you can join us!

With love in Christ. Marina Zagaris, mnchrist86@gmail.com



PHILOPTOCHOS

Welcome to the new Ecclesiastical New Year. We hope you are well and had an enjoyable summer.

As I write this article, we have not had our first meeting of the new year. It will be on Sunday, September 28th. We plan on discussing the events we hope to have this year. We are excited to engage all parishioners in our efforts to come together

We look forward to the Fall Children's Agape Tea that will be held on Saturday, October 25th at 2 - 4 PM at St. George's in Bethesda. Please consider attending to support our worthy cause in assisting children who are ill. We try to assist those who have medical expenses that insurance doesn't cover. The ladies at St. George will host a lovely afternoon and it is a wonderful opportunity to join with our fellow sisters in love and fellowship and support those in need.

Our bookclub hopes to resume this fall. Dust off those books and watch for an announcement soon. Don't have a book? We've got you covered! We have some to sell in our bookstore. Each chapter is unique which makes joining in easy.

With love in Christ, Alexis Cleveland apcphiloptochos@gmail.com



summer at our new church



PARISH



Sept. 14, 2025







Men's Group: St. Andrew's Brotherhood

St. Andrew's Brotherhood Update
Our most recent gathering took place at
Scott's house, where Scott Wenzel shared a
thoughtful presentation on engaging with
people outside the faith. His words
encouraged us to reflect on how we can
share Christ's love in daily interactions and
build bridges with those who may not yet
know Him. The evening was both enriching
and uplifting, and we continue to give
thanks for the blessing of coming together
as a brotherhood in faith and fellowship.

Feeding the Hungry Ministry Update
The Feeding the Hungry ministry remains a
beautiful witness of Christ's command to
care for those in need. Volunteers continue
to serve with love and dedication,
providing meals and encouragement to our
brothers and sisters who are struggling.
Each effort not only meets physical needs
but also strengthens our community
through acts of compassion and mercy. We
are grateful for everyone who has taken
part and invite others to join in this
important work.

In Christ, Artem Koker





Feeding the Hungry







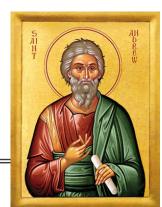
Financial Summaries and Building Fund Report

Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church Budget vs. Actuals: FY25 Budget - FY25 Profit & Loss January - August 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Income			
41000 Church Donations	221,549	322,500	68.70%
42000 Fundraising Event Revenues	7,550	3,000	251.67%
43000 Program Service Revenues	2,833	7,000	40.48%
45200 Interest Checking	734	0	
46000 Facility Rental Revenue	15,000	58,500	
Total Income	\$247,667	\$391,000	63.34%
Expenses			
52000 Fundraising Event Expenses	10,926	2,000	546.29%
60000 Payroll	99,039	168,200	58.88%
61000 Professional Services	5,825	21,590	26.98%
64000 Church/Office Operating Expenses	11,469	28,000	40.96%
65000 Information Technology	4,622	4,650	99.40%
66000 Occupancy Expenses	204,821	387,980	52.79%
67000 Ministry Expenses	1,847	7,700	23.98%
68000 Conferences and Meetings	2,035	4,000	50.89%
90000 Parish Obligations & Charitable Giving	15,897	21,320	74.56%
Total Expenses	\$356,481	\$645,440	55.23%
NET INCOME	(\$108,815)		

Building Fund Activity	Jan - Aug 25	
Income		
41000 Church Donations	773,499.07	
45100 Interest Building Fund	34,670	
Total Income	\$808,169	
Legal Fees	60,991	
Proessional Services	209,425	includes broker fee
Repairs/Move Costs	183,263	
	\$453,679	
NET INCOME	\$354,491	

Bank Accounts	On 8/31/25			
Operating AccountS	338,910			
Escrow for Property	259,050			
Building Fund	651,753			
TOTAL	\$1,249,713			
MORTGAGE BALANCE	\$4,735,559			



AHEPA Chapter 542 Christmas Wreath Fundraiser

Order by October 27 - order at https://ahepa542.square.site/

AHEPA is continuing its tradition of once again selling lovely,, decorated Christmas wreaths. All funds raised support our AHEPA Chapter 542 Scholarship Fund. Purchase a Christmas wreath for yourself and/or have a Christmas wreath FEDEXed anywhere in the continental US.



Classic Wreath

- Pick Up (\$48) est. available Nov. 23
- Delivery (\$69) delivered first week of Dec.



Victorian Wreath

- Pick Up (\$55) est. available Nov. 23
- Delivery (\$75) delivered first week of Dec.

The delivery option wreaths include:

Personalized greeting card message (on website) Attractive Decorator Gift Box packaging Includes FEDEX delivery (within 48 states)

If you have questions or need assistance with ordering, please email John Drapas at <u>johndrapas@hotmail.com</u> or Michael Hadjimichael at <u>mike.hadjimichael@gmail.com</u>.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

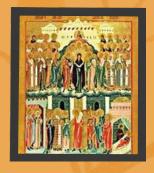
*The schedule is subject to change Please check our website for any updates.

OCTOBER

18th - St. Luke the Evangelist Orthros 8:30am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am

23rd - St. James Brother of the Lord Orthros 8:30am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am

28th - Holy Protection of the Theotokos Orthros 8:30am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am



NOVEMBER

13th - St. John Chrysostom Orthros 8:30am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am

22nd - St. Iakovos of Evia Orthros 8:30am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am

25th - St. Katherine @ Falls Church

26th - Thanksgiving Liturgy Orthros 8:30am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am

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Marriage Retreat at HACOC





Marriage Retreat at Holy Apostles on Saturday, Sept. 13 with Fr. Alexander Goussetis of the Archdiocese.

Message from Fr. Thomas continued...

to worship Jesus the Christian God? Yes, in theory. But often practice falls short of theory. It is common for parishes to have people gather on a Sunday for a variety of reasons. There are big gymnasiums attached to the church so that people bring their children to play sports or to dance after church on a Sunday. What often happens though in these communities is that people begin to stop going to church in the morning and to only go to these other activities later on in the day. God has blessed us by allowing us the space to worship Him.

Another unexpected blessing of our building and our situation as a "mission" community, is that it has made us quite hospitable and welcoming as a community. One can see in other parts of the country communities that are very closed off and unwelcoming. If you do not come from a certain country, or even a certain village or island, you are seen as an outsider and have no natural place in the life of the community. Again, this is not the case in our situation. We are the only Orthodox Church within Loudoun County and we bring in people from all walks of life and background. We are all welcome here.

Finally, the unexpected blessing from this property has been that it has engendered a flexibility and toughness that abides in us that perhaps it not present within other parish communities. What is simpler to do in other properties has been difficult here. Running a Sunday School Program with limited space, hosting a luncheon with no kitchen, operating a summer day camp with no space for the kids to play. All of these and many more situations have created within many of you all a flexibility and strength that otherwise would not be there had you had every laid out for you. A kitchen to make meals with, a large playground for our children to play in, comfortable and well-equipped classroom to help educate our children. It has been a challenge, but the Lord has been with us and blessed us in each of those challenges presented to us.

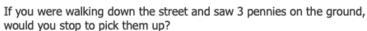
For all these reasons, I will miss this warehouse church our ours. It has been a real unexpected blessing from the Lord. Like being fed by the Lord in the midst of a deserted place, this building has helped forge us into the community we are today. My prayer moving into our new church home this coming week, is that we do not forget the lessons and the unexpected blessings the Lord gave to us in this place. May we always remember that our church home is primarily for the worship of Jesus Christ, plain and simple. May we remember to always be hospitable to the outsider, since we ourselves we in a sense outsiders in our church. May we always be flexible and have strength of character to adapt with changing conditions. The Lord will continue to Bless us as we move into our new home. Some will be expected blessings, many will be unexpected blessings. May the Lord continue to always bless us, in order to make us Holy, as He is Holy. Amen.

Fr. Thomas



STEWARDSHIP

The Three Pennies Challenge



Probably Not!...how much of a difference can 3 pennies make? Take the 3 Pennies Challenge and find out!

We are asking our families to consider offering at least 3 Pennies out of every 1 dollar of their monthly income to support our Church. You keep 97 cents!...and you give just 3 Pennies to support your Church!

Click on the videos and information provided below to learn more, and take the 3 Pennies Challenge.





How Do We Give?

Giving our First Fruits to God...not giving left-overs from our disposable income!

Trying to give God 10% back as it says in the Bible (see below)

Begin by trying to give at least 3%

That's just 3 Pennies out of every \$1...and that's the 3 Pennies Challenge!

TABLE OF MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME & PERCENTAGE OF STEWARDSHIP

Monthly Income	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
\$1,000	\$100	\$90	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10
\$2,000	\$200	\$180	\$160	\$140	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40	\$20
\$3,000	\$300	\$270	\$240	\$210	\$180	\$150	\$120	\$90	\$60	\$30
\$4,000	\$400	\$360	\$320	\$280	\$240	\$200	\$160	\$120	\$80	\$40
\$5,000	\$500	\$450	\$400	\$350	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$100	\$50
\$6,000	\$600	\$540	\$480	\$420	\$360	\$300	\$240	\$180	\$120	\$60
\$6,500	\$650	\$585	\$520	\$455	\$390	\$325	\$260	\$195	\$130	\$65
\$7,000	\$700	\$630	\$560	\$490	\$420	\$350	\$280	\$210	\$140	\$70
\$7,500	\$750	\$675	\$600	\$525	\$450	\$375	\$300	\$225	\$150	\$75
\$8,000	\$800	\$720	\$640	\$560	\$480	\$400	\$320	\$240	\$160	\$80
\$8,500	\$850	\$765	\$700	\$595	\$510	\$425	\$340	\$255	\$170	\$85
\$9,000	\$900	\$810	\$720	\$630	\$540	\$450	\$360	\$270	\$180	\$90
\$9,500	\$950	\$855	\$760	\$665	\$570	\$475	\$380	\$285	\$190	\$95
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$900	\$800	\$700	\$600	\$500	\$400	\$300	\$200	\$100
\$11,000	\$1,100	\$990	\$883	\$770	\$660	\$550	\$440	\$330	\$220	\$110
\$12,000	\$1,200	\$1,080	\$964	\$840	\$720	\$600	\$480	\$360	\$240	\$120
\$13,000	\$1,300	\$1,170	\$1,044	\$910	\$780	\$650	\$520	\$390	\$260	\$130
\$14,000	\$1,400	\$1,260	\$1,125	\$980	\$840	\$700	\$560	\$420	\$280	\$140
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$1,350	\$1,205	\$1,050	\$900	\$750	\$600	\$450	\$300	\$150

How do I take the challenge?...

- Keep an open mind and think about your role as Christ's steward.
- Don't decide on a random dollar amount and pay a "membership fee" or make an annual "donation" to the Church.
- Take the 3 Pennies Challenge and offer at least 3% of your household income to support your Church.
- If you have already made your pledge...Thank You! But it's still not too late to take the 3 Pennies Challenge!
- Please make your 2021 Stewardship pledge TODAY!

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE & PAYMENT

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Marina and George Afentakis Eleni Aliozi Gregory Allis Luke and Valerie Avramides Tom and Patti Ayers John and Kristina Ayoub Vasilios Bakopanos Ronald and Mina Baldinger Daniel and Barbara Balkey Kaio Rafael De Souza Barbosa Christopher and Maria Billis Carolyn and Eric Blaylock John and Penelope Broening Matthew and Noelle Bryce Chad and Julie Burke William and Smaro Caras

THANK YOU TO OUR 2025 STEWARDS!

Yeorgia and Adrian Ackles Tatyana Adams and Talent Shevchenko Ricardo Cavero Ariane Casper and Matthew Cleveland Edward and Alexis Cleveland Dean and Maria Coulopoulos Dimitrios Darras Aristos and Anna Dimitriou John and Maria Drapas Nick Ducich Dean and Lia Economou Paris Economou Dina Hanna and Rami Elsarraf Nathan and Alexa Engle Liza Faour Vasilios and Joan Fotopoulos Bill and Evelyn Gacis Angela Galanos Jim and Cynthia Glakas Michael and Constantina Glover Petros Gourlides William and Mary Louise Grias Alexander and Christina Hajost Meghann and Austin Hall Nadim and Vera Hawa Dan Hong Matthew and Melissa Mimidis Horwatt Alissa and Philip Iatridis Neil and Alexandra Jesuele Greg and Ashley Joiner Jaime and Jill Karalis Spiros Karousos Jennifer Kavoukas Artemy Koker Clifford and Marina Koker

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