

# Information

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Spouse *(if married)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/ZIP

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mobile Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address of Spouse *(if married)*

Dependent Children's Names and Birthdates:

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May we include your contact information in the parish directory?

Yes  No

May we add you to our parish email list?

Yes  No

## *Christian Stewardship*

In the Gospel of Matthew (6:19), Jesus instructs us "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal...." Often in life, we pursue and collect those things that do not last. We should ask, "One hundred years from now, where will our possessions be?" As Orthodox Christians, we are called to be stewards of these great gifts. If we are faithful to this calling, perhaps our Lord will say to us as He did to the faithful steward, "Well done good and faithful servant" (Mt 25:23).

### Treasure

In gratitude for God's blessings, I/We commit to Christ and His Church the following amount for the Budget Year January-December 2021:

\_\_\_\_\_ Repeat my 2020 Commitment

\_\_\_\_\_ Here is my 2021 Commitment:

### Tithe/General Fund

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ each week or

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ each month or

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annually

### North Campus Fund

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ each week or

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ each month or

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annually

## Frequently asked Questions:

### How do I become a member of the parish?

Membership in the Orthodox Church begins at baptism (Chrismation for some) and continues throughout our life. We are united with Christ through the sacraments, or mysteries, of the Church and through our faithful offering of our entire selves to Jesus Christ. An important part of that membership is a commitment to support the church financially with tithes and offerings side by side with your brothers and sisters. In doing this, we are true members of the Body of Christ involved in living according to His word and within the Church. *("The whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love." Eph 4:16)*

### Why must I commit to give a specific amount?

Please keep in mind that your stewardship of money is kept in the strictest of confidence. However, we do compile the amounts anticipated to better plan our budget.

### What if I cannot fulfill my stewardship commitment?

During the course of a year, people's circumstances change. Your stewardship is valued because it is made out of your love for God and His Church. Please do not be concerned if you are unable to meet your stewardship commitment—we are glad you are a part of this parish. When circumstances change, just let the pastor or our office administrator know.

## Christian Stewardship Is...

...learning how to be a responsible and concerned caretaker of Christ's Church; it is learning how to enjoy Church life and be happy in Church work, for in Her dwells the fullness of the Spirit of God.

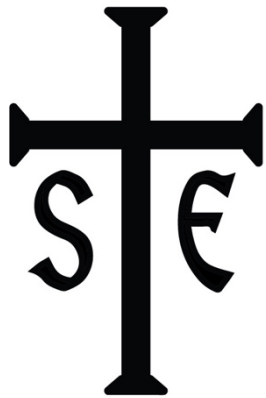
...our active commitment to use all our time, talent and treasure for the benefit of humankind in grateful acknowledgment of Christ's redeeming love.

...caring for the needs of others.

...offering one's self to God as He offered Himself to us.

...what a person does after saying "I believe..." as testimony of that belief.

...devotion and service to God and His Church as persons, as families, as Diocese, as Archdiocese and as Church universal.



**Return this Form Today!**

Please mail your 2021 Commitment Form to the Church Office or bring it to Church with you on Sunday!

St. Elias Orthodox Church Office  
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Austin, TX 78728

## Focus on the Goal before Us



*I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (Phil 3:14)*

**St. Elias 2021 Stewardship Commitment Form**

**St. Elias Orthodox Church  
Austin, Texas**