

Saint Peter Antiochian Orthodox Church



Dear Members and Friends of St. Peter's,

December 2020

Two things determined our flourish in the past year: God's benevolence towards us and your faithfulness. Your support of St. Peter's enables us to experience God's benevolence.

People who follow Christ need to come together. Our parish offers that. Without a place to meet, there would be no Divine Liturgy, no Eucharist, no place for anointing when we are sick, no place where those who are seeking Christ can call home, no place to meet dear friends every week, no place for baptisms and weddings, no place where the children can grow up with their Church friends, and much more.

All this occurs because we support the Church. And when we support the Church, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ works among us in ways that would otherwise be impossible. "We love Him because He first loved us," St. John tells us in Scripture (1 John 4:19). This is why we have flourished.

We are again in the season where we have to consider our Regular Annual Stewardship and financial commitment to St. Peter's. Our budget is growing because the parish is growing. We are adding a Deacon in 2021. We estimate that our budget will increase 19% in 2021.

Our future looks bright. Plans are underway to move into a new facility (God willing), we see people embracing the Orthodox faith among us, we have a baby boom (imagine what it will look like in three years if the trend continues), and more.

The flourishing is exciting, challenging, and demanding. It requires us to meet new and developing needs. We have plans – youth programs, young parent fellowships, senior fellowships like the luncheons, and more. We need the resources to build them out.

We thank you for your recent Capital Campaign contributions. However, please prayerfully consider your Regular Annual Stewardship Pledge to St. Peter's for 2021. Increase it if you can. Your increase will add increase to your own life as well as the parish. Consider these words of St. Paul: "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."

2021 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE

NAME: _____

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AMOUNT PLEDGED: _____ WEEKLY MONTHLY ANNUALLY (Please circle one)

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