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"The rich man is not one who has much, but one who gives much.
For what he gives away remains his forever" St. John Chrysostom

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How do you use the gifts Our Lord has given you? Stewardship is one way: the meaningful use of our time, talent and treasure. Serve Our Lord with love and gratitude; acknowledge that He provides us with all things needful. We enter the world with nothing and depart with nothing. God bestows all that we need: material wealth, time and talent to use responsibly. Live the words heard in Divine Liturgy: 'Let us commit our whole life to Christ Our God.'

Enclosed is the 2024 Annual Commitment Form. We ask that you prayerfully consider your commitment to His Church of St. George as you complete your 2024 stewardship pledge. We are very excited about the future of our St. George Church, our organizations, ministries and our new and exciting initiatives that are making such a positive difference. Come to Church, get involved and support our St. George Stewardship program in 2024. Become an integral member of our Church family. We welcome you with open arms.

Our National Stewardship Sunday has been scheduled for **Sunday, January 14, 2024**. On that day, we kindly ask you to please bring in your completed 2024 Stewardship Pledge Forms and that you offer them to our Lord in prayer and then place them in the tray that will be passed around by the Parish Council members. If you need a Pledge Form, we will have plenty available in the Exo-Narthex on that Sunday. A pledge or donation mailed to the Church is most meaningful when accompanied by your presence, by your willingness to serve, by your prayers and by your commitment.

May our Lord's great sacrifice and many blessings be examples as He asks us to look out for one another and our beloved St. George Greek Orthodox Church?

Wishing our St. George Family a Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year 2024.

Yours in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ,

+Rev. Fr. Andrew Eugenis Protopresbyter George Costidis President, Parish Council

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