

What is St. Gregory's Stewardship goal?

Our primary stewardship goal is 100% participation, at any level. That means we hope that all our parishioners give in some form of either time, talent, or treasure, or, ideally, a combination of all three.

In financial terms, we generally need to raise around **\$30,000** above and beyond what we collect in membership dues, plate donations, candle donations, gifts of love, bake sale proceeds and Armenian Fest. If everyone gave even 1% of their income, we would easily make that goal.

In terms of time and talent, if you have a specific skill and could give 20 hours throughout the year, we could save thousands of dollars in expenses. Or if you could help out during the Fest or other events, it would help ensure our events are successful and well-staffed.

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HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?

What does my Time, Talent and Treasure Support?

Here's a list of organizations, events and needs we have on a regular basis throughout the year. Your treasure helps us provide these services, and your time and talent help make them successful. Pick a few and join in!

- Nairi Choir
- ACYOA (Youth)
- Women's Guild
- Cultural Committee (helping organize and run events)
- Annual ArmenianFest (Chair, Section heads, food preparation, food, and drink service, set up, outside service organization and coordination, auction, ticket sales, and lots more!)
- Sunday School (teach, bring your children)
- Little Saints
- Community Outreach
- Lectures and presentations
- Instructional Liturgy
- Weekly Bible Study
- Home Blessings
- Visitations for sick and elderly
- Educational and Spiritual Retreats
- Office Administration
- Building Maintenance
- Landscape/building beautification
- Sunday Service Greeters
- Decorate for Events
- Bake for Events
- Fundraise
- Help promote Stewardship



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The Need for Stewards

Our church is a community and a family. It depends upon our parishioners for support and in return it provides a place to worship and gather, to educate and inspire, and to share our joys and sorrows with each other. The support the church needs comes in the form of your financial contributions, the talents you may have to help us operate or provide services, and the time you can contribute in connection with providing those talents or simply to lend a hand.

What Is Stewardship About?

Stewardship is about giving back. Every blessing in our lives – everything we cherish and treasure, even our very existence – is a gift from God. Stewardship is a way to recognize that gift and give back in a way that both serves God and helps others. The truly amazing thing about stewardship is that whatever you give, you get back tenfold.

*He who tends a fig tree will eat its fruit, and he who guards His master will be honored.
Proverbs 27:18*

How much should I give?

There is no minimum or maximum amount of stewardship we seek. Rather, we ask you to look into your hearts and offer what you feel appropriate. If you would like some guidance, the back of the pledge card offers some thoughts, but don't feel bound by it. Think about your monthly expenses or the things you buy and the time you spend doing other things and consider where your church should fit in in that context. How much money do you spend on a pair of shoes, or new clothes or a night out with friends for a nice dinner? Are you able to pledge a similar amount to support St. Gregory? How much time do you spend playing video games, exercising, or watching sports? Are you able to give some of that time to St. Gregory?

You will never overcome God's generosity, even if you give away all that you have.... And however much you bring to him, always more remains. (Gregory the Theologian Or 14.22).

How Can I Give my Treasure?

Financial support is easy to give. Simply fill out a pledge card and submit it to the church office or Fr. Andreas. No amount is too big or small. Rather, we seek 100% participation from our parishioners at whatever level they feel comfortable. We can also help you set up a monthly, quarterly, or annual payment to make it easy and automatic.

How can I give my Talent?

Let us know what you are good at. We always need a broad array of services, everything from plumbing, electric, IT, cleaning, legal, accounting, building maintenance, and gardening to snow removal.

How can I give Time?

We run several events through the year and need your help! You can take chair an event, serve on a committee or simply show up and help out. You can let us know in advance of areas that you have an interest in participating in, or volunteer when the call for help goes out. Any amount of time and commitment is appreciated!



*More questions?
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