

*2017 Stewardship Pledge to St. Elias the Prophet Church*

*Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first-fruits of all your produce!*  
*(Proverbs 3:9)*

I offer up my time, talent, and treasure to my Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ for the glory of His Church, and for the salvation of the world!

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*I offer myself to Christ by pledging of my treasure!*

I pledge (annual dollar amount) for 2017: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to contribute (circle one): weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually.

*I offer myself to Christ by pledging my time!*

I wish to pledge my time by serving the Church in this

way: \_\_\_\_\_.

*I offer myself to Christ by pledging my talent!*

I wish to pledge these talents: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

This is my/our commitment to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to His Church, as signed \_\_\_\_\_, date

\_\_\_\_\_.

THANK YOU for your ministry to St. Elias, and may God bless you for sharing with your brother and sisters in Christ!

## IDEAS

As baptized Orthodox Christians we are called to "...adhere to and live according to the tenets of the Orthodox faith; faithfully attend the Divine Liturgy and other worship services; participate regularly in the holy sacraments; respect all ecclesiastical authority and all governing bodies of the Church; be obedient in matters of the Faith, practice and ecclesiastical order; contribute towards the progress of the Church's sacred mission; and be an effective witness and example of the Orthodox Faith and Traditions to all people." (Uniform Parish Guidelines of the GOA)

Here are some ideas to help you carry out your ministry to the fullest.

### **Treasure:**

We pledge our treasure to help St. Elias meet its financial obligations, which include a beautiful temple, a full-time priest, and ministries for the community. The biblical recommendation is that families give a tithe (10%) of their income (Lev. 27:30). If that isn't possible, perhaps you can consider working one hour for your church every week and donating one hour's wages every Sunday. Whatever you give, it will become a blessing for our community, and may God bless you for your gift!

### **Time and Talent:**

We give of our time and talent to St. Elias so that we can be nurtured in our faith and grow to be mature Orthodox Christians. By giving of our time and talent we work towards our calling to invite all peoples to be baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19). Here are some ways you may be able to grow in your faith and minister to your fellow brothers and sisters at St. Elias:

- Become a greeter to welcome members and visitors to St. Elias
- Volunteer for coffee hour so that St. Elias is welcoming to all.
- Signup to read the Epistle and help proclaim the Good News of Christ!
- Help organize a public lecture or outreach program to bring new members to St. Elias.
- Dedicate yourself to attending all services so that you can commune with God.
- Invite your family and friends to attend services with you.
- Invite children of your family and friends to attend Sunday School.
- Men may want to volunteer to help Father in the altar (all ages are invited).
- Practice the hymns of the church and volunteer to sing and chant.
- Help organize family outings, and other fun activities, for members and guests of St. Elias.
- Invite people to attend Bible Study.

There are **MANY** more ways to use your time and talent at St. Elias. Be creative and share of yourself. The point is that being a non-active member isn't really being a member. Become active at St. Elias today and contribute to it being an active, healthy community! May God bless!