

For the Record:

Please fill out the enclosed
TIME AND TALENTS
**“Stewardship and
Family Information Form”**
for our Church Records
and return it to us with your
Financial Pledge Card.

Thank you!



The Ministries of The Ascension of Our Lord

Below is a list of the various Parish Ministries your
2010 Stewardship contribution supports:

2010 Operational Budget (Annual Expenses) -
which includes: all Utilities (gas, water, electric &
telephone), all Maintenance and Repairs
(landscaping, snow removal, janitorial services &
supplies), all Salaries, all Insurances, Church
Office Operations (supplies and equipment),
Church & Ecclesiastical Supplies, Clergy Auto
Expenses, Archdiocesan Assessment,
Archdiocese Benefits Program, Religious
Education Programs, Youth Programs and
Philanthropic Outreach.

All Operational Expenses for the year are listed in
detail within the **Annual Financial Report**
submitted for approval each year at the annual fall
Parish General Assembly Meeting.

*“Out of all the gifts to you, you
shall present every offering due to
the Lord, from all the best of them,
giving the hallowed (blessed) part
from them.”*

Numbers 29

YESTERDAY'S THINKING

Customarily, in years past, people would
often look at their home finances and plan
their budgets according to their projected
earnings. They would make certain
provisions to pay their bills, and some may
even put money away for unexpected
expenses. However, after everything has
been taken care of within their budgetary
distribution, whatever is left over then goes to
the Church!

TODAY'S THINKING

Today's understanding of Orthodox Christian
Stewardship is much different. By now,
Greek Orthodox Christians should have
come to an understanding of just how **“Great
a God our God is”** in His love, caring and
benevolence toward us. The love we have
for our Triune God, in support of Christ's
Ministries, should be reflected in our annual
Stewardship Gift.



ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
GREEK ORTHODOX
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Lincolnshire, Illinois

**“FOR CHRIST
AND
HIS MINISTRIES”**

**2010
Ascension of Our Lord
Stewardship**



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Giving As God Requires of Us

A Financial Guide to Tithing

2010 Stewardship Commitment of Treasures

Many times people ask the question: "How much should I give?"

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Holy Scripture tells us how one should go about answering that very question by giving what is due the Lord.

Your annual Stewardship Gift of financial Treasures to the Ascension of Our Lord should reflect the giving that God requires of each and every one of us. Through our understanding and definition of "Christian Stewardship" our Church and Holy Scripture teaches us that our financial offering should be a proportion of our income and instructs us to give the first 10% back to the Lord. Your giving should reflect a percentage of your income.

"Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, He scatters abroad, He gives to the poor; His benevolence endures forever.

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness."

1 Corinthians 9:7-10



Here is a percentage guideline of annual giving based on one's annual income. When giving your annual Stewardship Gift to the Church, remember the card you fill out is in support of our 2010 Operational Budget which is projected to be a minimum of: \$432,000.00.



"So you shall present an offering to the Lord from all your tithes." Numbers 18:28

IF YOUR ANNUAL INCOME IS:	GOD'S TITHE (10%):
\$10,000	\$1,000
\$25,000	\$2,500
\$50,000	\$5,000
\$75,000	\$7,500
\$100,000	\$10,000
\$125,000	\$12,500
\$150,000	\$15,000
\$200,000	\$20,000

For some, giving 10% of what we earn seems like quite a bit. However, if someone offered you \$1,000,000.00 with the stipulation that you could only keep \$900,000.00 of that amount — wouldn't you take the money? Think about it for a minute. We should be able to live very comfortably with 90% of our income, if we budget our money correctly.

We seek your benevolent Stewardship Gift in support of "Christ and His Ministries". We pray that God continues to give you the ability to support His Holy Church at whatever amount you can, "for God loves a cheerful giver".

I/We offer this sacred contribution to the Ministries of our beloved Church. In giving to Christ, I/We offer this generous gift to the Ascension of Our Lord for 2010:

\$ _____ Total Offering

This total offering will be gifted as follows:

\$ _____ Initial Offering Enclosed (if any)

\$ _____ Installment Offerings

One Time Gift Semi-Annual Gift

Quarterly Gift Monthly Gift

Credit Card Option: I authorize my credit card to be charged as stated above in fulfillment of my:

Initial Offering Installment Offerings

Visa Number MasterCard Number

Exp. Date _____ 3 digit code _____

Signature _____

Last Name _____ First _____

Spouse's First Name _____ Orthodox Yes No

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Signatory's Cell Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

(Please return your TIME and TALENT Stewardship as requested on the sheet of paper enclosed with this card.)

2010 Ascension of Our Lord Stewardship Information

“FOR CHRIST AND HIS MINISTRIES”

As you seek God's Divine Guidance and Inspiration, please prayerfully fill out your
2010 MINISTRIES TIME AND TALENTS STEWARDSHIP

PARISH FAMILY INFORMATION

Last Name _____ Home Phone (____) _____

First Name (X) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

E-Mail Address _____ Work Phone (____) _____

Spouse's Name (XX) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

E-Mail Address _____ Work Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Would you prefer to receive all future correspondence from the Ascension of Our Lord via:
 E-MAIL ONLY REGULAR MAIL (US Postal Service) Check One Please

If your child(ren) are a part of our weekly Ministry program please include their first name(s), date of birth and Email address.

Child (1) _____ DOB _____ E-mail _____

Child (2) _____ DOB _____ E-Mail _____

Child (3) _____ DOB _____ E-Mail _____

Child (4) _____ DOB _____ E-Mail _____

Child (5) _____ DOB _____ E-Mail _____

We request that you “check” as many **TALENTS** you would be willing to share with the Stewards of your Ascension Parish Family through your “Life in the Church” involvement.

We **thank you** in advance for your Stewardship Gifts to the Ascension of Our Lord.

(Mark an **X** for yourself only- **XX** for spouse only - **XXX** for both)

_____ Bookstore	_____ Parents & Toddlers Helper
_____ Choir Member	_____ Philoptochos
_____ Cleaning / Organizing	_____ Prosfora Baker
_____ Community Outreach	_____ Sunday Church School Teacher
_____ Electrical / Plumbing	_____ Volunteer Office Help
_____ Epistle Reader	_____ Youth Ministry Work
_____ Fundraising	_____ Church Usher
_____ Greeter	Other(s) Please Specify _____

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2010 Financial Stewardship Pledge**