

## Stewardship Frequently Asked Questions

### ***How do I become a steward of St. George Orthodox Church?***

Stewardship in the Orthodox Church begins at baptism (Chrismation for some) and continues throughout our life. To join St. George please complete a Stewardship Commitment Pledge Card and return it to the church office. Stewardship Commitment Cards are available in the church Narthex and on our website ([prescottorthodox.org](http://prescottorthodox.org)).

### ***Why must I commit to give a specific stewardship amount?***

We use commitments to better plan our budget for the year just as you might plan your own home finances. We keep your stewardship contribution in the strictest of confidence.

### ***What is the right amount for a stewardship of money commitment?***

This is a personal decision based on your own heart and finances. The general rule of thumb is 10% of earnings. We want you to be a member of the parish and welcome you to the church regardless of the amount of your stewardship commitment. We ask that you be as generous as your heart and finances allow.

### ***What benefits do I get as a steward?***

You become part of the St. George Parish and you will feel the joy of supporting St. George as a viable and thriving church. Your stewardship also helps fund local charities as we donate 10% of stewardship treasure collected. Stewardship also gives you the right to vote at the General Assembly where we decide on the annual budget and plans for the next year. By being a steward you are full-fledged member of the St. George parish.

### ***What if I cannot fulfill my stewardship commitment?***

During the course of a year, people's circumstances change. Your stewardship is valued because it is made out of your love for God and His Church. We will understand if you are unable to meet your stewardship commitment – we are glad you are a part of this parish.

### ***How can I make payments towards my stewardship commitment?***

Please make a check out to St. George Orthodox Church and note on the check that it is for your stewardship commitment. You may place your check in the offering basket at Church or mail your check to the Church Office. We do not accept debit/credit cards or PayPal at this time.

### ***If I do not have money to donate as a steward can I become a steward by donating time and talent alone?***

Please donate stewardship of money in any amount you can afford. Any amount will help the Church reach its goals and will help demonstrate that it is a growing parish. Donating your time and talent is an equally important part of stewardship. Please complete the Time and Talent portion of the Stewardship Pledge Commitment Card and a Stewardship Committee Member will contact you. See Father Jeffrey if you would like to further discuss any financial concerns relating to stewardship.

### ***Must I be an Orthodox Christian to be a steward?***

Yes although you can make general contributions to support St. George programs and charitable activities prior to your baptism. Please note on your check that the contribution should be applied toward the general fund or a specific charitable activity.

### ***Can I get married or have other services performed such as baptism for my children performed at St. George if I am not a steward?***

Although there are exceptions, in general one ought to be a steward of St. George to be married or to have other services performed at the Church.