

Frequently Asked Questions (continued)

4. What about Diocesan Dues and Parish Assembly Voting?

In obedience to current Diocesan bylaws, which assess an annual \$85/ person dues to parishes, St. George will pass on the first \$85 given by all individuals to St. George in the calendar year for Diocesan dues. This money supports the mission of our Diocese and world-wide church.

5. What benefits does pledging to St. George provide?

Of course, gifts to God cannot and should not be made from the perspective of seeking a return on investment. We are told in Luke 6:38 *Give and it will be given to you.* Your pledge gift is vital to St. George. Without our parishioners' financial support, our church could not exist. Above all, your gift enables St. George to sustain its mission to perpetuate Armenian Christian practice and Armenian heritage.

6. Can my family make a pledge as a unit or does every family member need to make an individual pledge?

Both individual and family pledges are welcome. If making a family pledge, please identify on your pledge form, all the names of each family member.

7. If I choose to make plate contributions rather than an annual pledge, is that option available?

Yes, we will continue to pass the plate during church services. You can make your contribution via check or cash. To have your pledge account credited, however, you will need to identify your gift marking "pledge" on the check or cash should be placed in an envelope with your name and marked "pledge".

8. Can I make my payment online?

Yes! You can make a one-time or repeated payment using the following link:
<http://www.sgarmenianchurch.net/stewardship-pledge-online/>

"The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

ST. PAUL'S SECOND LETTER TO THE CHRISTIANS OF
CORINTH (9:6-7)

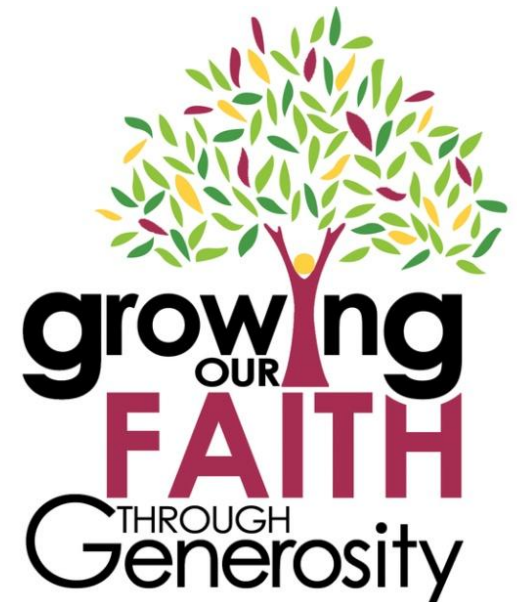


In the Gospel of Saint Matthew (6:19), Jesus instructs us, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal...." Often in life, we pursue and collect those things that do not last. We must ask, "One hundred years from now, where will our possessions be?" Our greatest blessing is our family. As Orthodox Christians, we are called to be stewards of this great gift. If we are faithful to this calling, perhaps our Lord will say to us as he did to the faithful steward, "Well done good and faithful servant" (Mt 25:23).

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2020 Stewardship Pledge Return Card



Information

Name:

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Email

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Treasure

In gratitude for God's blessings, my 2020 Stewardship Pledge:

- ☐ \$5,200 (\$100/week)
- ☐ \$2,600 (\$50/week)
- ☐ \$1,040 (\$20/week)
- ☐ \$520 (\$10/week)
- ☐ \$260 (\$5/week)
- ☐ \$104 (\$2/week)
- ☐ Other _____

My payments will be made:

- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Bi-Weekly
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ Quarterly
- ☐ Semi-Annually
- ☐ Annually

All Donations are tax-deductible. All pledges to be fulfilled by December 31, 2020.

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Time & Talent

I would like to offer my time & talents to the ministries of St George Church in the following areas:

Liturgical

- ☐ Greeter ☐ Choir ☐ Organist
- ☐ Altar Server
- ☐ Sanctuary care ☐ Mass Preparation

Youth

- ☐ Sunday School
- ☐ ACYOA
- ☐ Armenian School

Building & Grounds

- ☐ Exterior Landscaping ☐ Snow Removal
- ☐ Painting ☐ Carpentry ☐ Electrical
- ☐ Mechanical ☐ Plumbing
- ☐ General Maintenance

Administration

- ☐ Technology Committee
- ☐ Mailings
- ☐ Parish Newsletter
- ☐ Graphic Design

Event Support

- ☐ Grocery Shopping
- ☐ Supply Purchasing
- ☐ Food Prep Workshops
- ☐ Cooking- Dinner Events
- ☐ Consecration Banquet Committee
- ☐ Food Fest Committee
- ☐ Celebrate W. Hartford Committee

Ministries and Programs

- ☐ Sunday Coffee Hour Coordination
- ☐ Visitations- Shut-ins
- ☐ Social Committee
- ☐ Men's Club
- ☐ Women's Guild
- ☐ Parish Council
- ☐ Stewardship

Frequently Asked Questions About the New St. George Pledge System

1. When will the new pledge system begin?

St. George is participating in a Diocesan-wide pilot program for a new pledge stewardship system, seeking a more traditional, Christian and faith-based method of giving and membership. This becomes effective January 1, 2020.

2. How do I remain/become a member of St. George Armenian Church?

The new definition of membership is as follows:

Members of St. George Armenian Church are baptized Christians, committed to incorporating our Lord's teachings in their lives, and have made a monetary gift to support the church.

Beginning January 1, 2020, those who meet these criteria are members of St. George Armenian Church and are eligible to vote and run for office in the following year parish assembly. No longer is membership determined by a yearly "dues" of \$100.

3. Shall I no longer give my \$100 dues payment per person?

We hope that for the majority who are able, your \$100 payment will become just a part of your yearly pledge. For those who can afford to give \$100 a year or less to St. George, we are equally grateful to God for your pledge and you qualify as members.

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