

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church, Terryville, Connecticut

2023 Stewardship Pledge Form

Please respond at your earliest convenience

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and faithful support.

Everything we have is a gift from God. And, we all have the opportunity and responsibility to return to God an appropriate portion of what He has given us. This gift is the first expenditure we make, the first “line item” in our personal budget. It is a “first-portion” gift made as a percentage of our income. Sometimes this gift is called a “tithe.” It is given to support God’s Holy Church.

In the past, our Pastor, Fr. John Hopko, has suggested that every Christian should prayerfully consider donating 5 cents of every dollar earned to their Parish Church, and another 5 cents of every dollar earned to other charitable causes. In truth, we will answer to God for how we manage the entirety of our income, every full dollar. Beginning by donating 5% to our local Church, and 5% to other charitable causes, is certainly part of preparing to offer “a good defense before the dread judgment seat of God,” to quote words we pray during the liturgical services of the Church.

This year, 2023, we are asking, respectfully and gratefully, that every member of the Parish at least maintain their financial support at the same level as 2022, prayerfully considering a pledge increase if that is possible for you. In addition, we ask that you consider the following:

First, if you did not contribute to the Parish in 2022 at a level proportionate with your true ability to support the Parish, we, respectfully and gratefully, ask that you, please, consider increasing your level of financial support in 2023, and join those other members of the Parish who are giving generously to support Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church.

Second, if you are suffering genuine economic distress right now, please, contact our Pastor, Fr. John Hopko, directly and confidentially, so that the Parish can assist you. Fr. John will keep any such contacts completely and fully confidential.

We are grateful for your prayerful consideration of this information. If you have any questions or concerns, please see Fr. John, or any member of the Parish Council.

My name is (Our names are) _____

For the past year, 2022, my (our) annual Stewardship Pledge in support of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church was: \$_____

My (Our) annual Stewardship Pledge for the coming year, 2023, is:

\$_____

Signature(s) _____