

“Come and See”

2011 ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM
Saint Basil the Great Greek Orthodox Church

Dear Parishioners,

To be a member of the Church is not the same as being a member of a club or civic group. The Church is the “Body of Christ” (1 Corinthians 12). Just as every member has a different function in the human body, so do we each have a specific function or calling in His Church. God did not create each of us to do the same thing.

When Jesus called His disciples, we read that Philip brought Nathaniel to Jesus, telling him to “Come and See.” We extend this same invitation to you to Come and See what the Church can become with your time, talent and treasure dedicated to the Lord’s ministries.

In the past, we have carried two budgets: an operating fund to support the daily operating expense of the church, and a church fund to pay the monthly mortgage. For 2011, we are consolidating this process into a single budget, so we are also simplifying stewardship into a single program. This single program will help pay for all the church’s expenses, as well as sustaining its various ministries.

We ask you to support these worthy ministries. Giving to His Church is a way to thank God for His grace and generosity. The question is not, “How much do I give to stay in the club?” or “What are the dues?” but “How can I thank God for my many blessings?”

Before completing and mailing the enclosed Commitment Form, please give prayerful consideration to the commitment you are making. More information is included on the back of this letter to help you in your decision.

Based on the income which is reflected in our budget, our goal is to raise \$375,000 from stewardship pledges. In order to achieve that we all need to pledge at least \$1,875. This breaks down to a little over \$5 a day. If you think you can do more, then by all means do so. If you can’t then offer whatever you can. No offer is too small or too big and they are all of equal importance.

A check mailed to the church is most meaningful when accompanied by your presence, by your willingness to serve, by your prayers, and by your commitment. Giving is not a substitute for commitment – it is an expression of your commitment. **“Now you are the body of Christ, and individually members of it”** (1 Corinthians 12:27).

Yours in Christ,

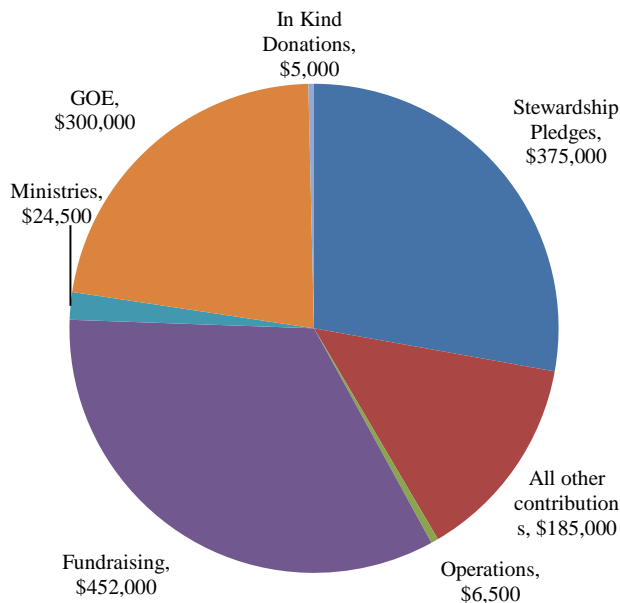
2011 STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

Your stewardship pledge helps pay for all the expenses of the church.

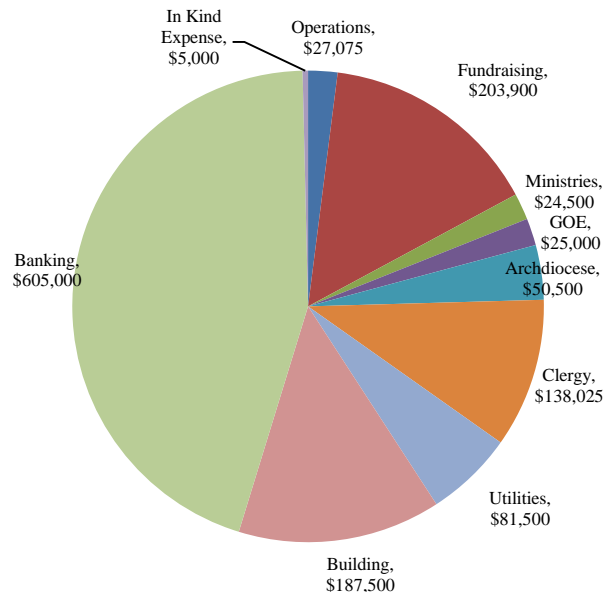
Stewardship is an opportunity to express our thankfulness and to give of ourselves, and to grow in grace. It allows us to participate in the work of God, which cannot be carried out without the resources and talents of each of us. Of course, we need your financial support. Below are some charts to illustrate the income and expenses we have budgeted – what will be needed to keep St. Basil running each day of the year. We hope this information is helpful to you in deciding what you will pledge to our stewardship program this year.

In addition to monetary resources, we also need the time and talents of our parishioners. On the Commitment Form, please mark the box beside any area that you would like to help with. Without the volunteer efforts of our parishioners, our ministries, services and programs will not be possible.

2011 INCOME



2011 EXPENSE



We have a total budget of \$1,348,000 for 2011. If we receive income from fundraising, ministries, operations and other contributions as budgeted, and we have no unexpected expenses, we will need \$1030 per day in stewardship pledges to meet our expected expenses. Please give as you can.

2011 COMMITMENT FORM

STEWARD INFORMATION

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Child / Age: _____

Child / Age: _____

Child / Age: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

2010 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE

In gratitude for God's blessings and after prayerful consideration, I/we make the following commitment to St. Basil's stewardship program for 2011:

_____ ½ day's expenses (\$515) _____ 1 day's expenses (\$1030) _____ 2 day's expenses (\$2060)
_____ 1 week's expenses (\$7210) _____ Other (\$ _____)

PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD

If you wish to pay your stewardship pledges by credit card, please provide the information requested below. When paying by credit card, please keep in mind that up to 2% of your payment is collected by the credit card companies as a fee.

Type of card (circle one): Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

Name as it appears on card: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Please charge my card in the following manner (circle one): Quarterly One-Time

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

I would also like to help our parish as follows (check all that apply):

Bible Study Youth Groups Vacation Bible School Thursday Spaghetti Lunch
 Sunday School Greek Language School Choir/Chanters Visit Sick/Elderly
 Newsletter Fundraising Greek Festival Altar Greek Dancing Office Work
 Construction Mechanical Computer program/set up Website

RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES

Many of our parishioners have donated icons, furnishings and other items (from an approved list) in addition to their stewardship commitment. There are still many opportunities available. Please see a member of the Growth and Development Committee for more information regarding specific donations.