

# HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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“Without Humility There Is No Virtue”



Dear Parishioners,

How Do We Abide in Christ? We abide in Him when we follow His example by loving, serving and supporting the Church, which is His Body. When we abide in Christ, we express this through generosity and devotion; especially in our stewardship and acts of personal generosity. Bearing fruit in the world is the visible result of our abiding in our Lord.

Just as the vine bears fruit only through its branches, so Christ has chosen to work in the world through us. We are the members of His Body. We are the branches through which the True Vine must bear fruit. We bear fruit when we serve and support God and His Church.

This past year we initiated ministry programs in the areas of Youth, Seniors and Outreach including over six new fellowship ministries. In the coming year we expect to continue to grow our ministries to increase our service to our Holy Trinity community and the greater Raleigh community as well.

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?”

Our goal for this year’s Stewardship campaign is a 10% increase in both the average amount pledged and the number of pledging families. Why a 10% increase? Simply put, to meet the budget set for 2012, we need to increase both the number of pledging families by 10% and the average pledged amount by 10%. More importantly, an increase in the number of pledging families and the average pledged amount will provide the necessary resources continue to grow our ministries at Holy Trinity.

Before completing and mailing the enclosed Stewardship Pledge Form, please give prayerful consideration to the commitment you are making. 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. **“By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit.”** (John 15:8).

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Paul N. Christy  
Parish Priest



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