



# SAINTS CONSTANTINE & HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*The Story of the Magi is not simply a cute part of the Christmas Story. It represents central characters who model a path of faith we are called to imitate: 1) A sincere search for God and an authentic desire to listen to Him; 2) A willingness to overcome any obstacles or challenging inconvenience in their journey towards God; and 3) An offering of the best they had in humble worship to their Creator.*

*Reflect on this beautiful mystery, and take to heart the words of St. John Chrysostom: "The rich man is not the one who has much, but the one who gives much. For what he gives away remains his forever."*

**I/We would like to pledge to following amount to the ministries of Saints Constantine & Helen for 2014**

Weekly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Semi-Annually \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annually \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

	Husband	Wife
<b>Name</b>		
<b>Email</b>		
<b>Orthodox Christian</b>	Yes _____ No _____	Yes _____ No _____

Our "Auto Recurring Donation Program" can be accessed online at through "Just Give" at [www.orthodoxcheyenne.org](http://www.orthodoxcheyenne.org).

**Please complete your pledge card and return it to the Church Office at your earliest convenience.**

*I am also interested in offering my time and talents to the following ministries*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Youth</li> <li>○ Philoptochos</li> <li>○ Stewardship Committee</li> <li>○ OCF (College Ministries)</li> <li>○ Internet</li> <li>○ Medical</li> <li>○ Hospital/Home visitation</li> <li>○ Parish Newsletter</li> <li>○ Greek Festival</li> <li>○ Baking</li> <li>○ Office</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Outreach &amp; Evangelism</li> <li>○ Maintenance/Building &amp; Grounds</li> <li>○ Sunday School (St. Macrina's Academy)</li> <li>○ Adult Education</li> <li>○ Office Work</li> <li>○ Adult Education</li> <li>○ Altar Boys</li> <li>○ Greeting Committee</li> <li>○ Chanters/Music</li> <li>○ ZOE for Life</li> <li>○ Other (                    )</li> </ul> |
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# STEWARDSHIP 2014

## Questions & Answers

### What is Stewardship?

Stewardship is a simple, equitable and Christian way by which each parishioner (family or individual) determines the amount he or she shall commit for the support of the Church, proportionate to his or her income. It is believing in our Church and wanting to support and keep its mission alive.

### Why the Stewardship Program?

Such a program eliminates inequities and places the responsibility of Church support where it belongs – in the hands of each parishioner. It is the one way that views the support of the church as a matter of personal commitment and conscience. It is the way taking financial responsibility for our church with Christian concern, dignity and equity. The emphasis is on equal sacrifice, not equal giving. We give according to our means.

### Who is included in my family stewardship commitment?

A pledging family includes husband, wife, and children under 18, or attending college and not self-supporting.

### What about single working adults?

Each working, self-supporting adult over 18 should make his/her own commitment.

### Who determines the level of offering?

The chart in this brochure outlines levels of support based on annual gross income. These are suggested levels. We hope that our Mother, the Church, merits sacrificial giving and our best gifts.

### Is there a specific minimum amount required?

No, there is no mandatory minimum. However, in order for us to continue to have a functional budget, we encourage everyone to set an honest and fair portion of one's income for the ministries and support of the Church.

### How do I become a pledged steward?

By simply filling out the enclosed pledge form and either mailing it or bringing it to the Church office.

### When should I fulfill my Stewardship pledge?

Stewardship occurs on a calendar year basis. Parishioners are asked to fulfill their pledges by December 31 of the year in which they are pledging. Payments toward a pledge can be made on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis.

### Will my pledge amount be confidential?

Yes. All pledge amounts are kept in the strictest confidence. The names of all pledged stewards will be published in the monthly newsletter "Going Forth."

### What happens if I need to revise my commitment?

You can change your pledge according to your changing financial situation by advising the parish priest or parish council. Again, this is always kept in strict confidence.

### SUGGESTED LEVELS OF OFFERING

The following table of income and suggested yearly/monthly offering is based on a 3-5% pledged amount. Remember, the biblical standard of sacrificial giving is to give 10% of our income. The standard of our Orthodox Faith demands 100% of our time, talent, and treasure.

Yearly Gross Income	Suggested Yearly Amount	Monthly Payment
\$ 20,000	\$600–1,000	\$50–83
30,000	900–1,500	75–125
40,000	1,200–2,000	100–167
50,000	1,500–2,500	125–208
60,000	1,800–3,800	150–250
70,000	2,100–3,500	175–292
80,000	2,400–4,000	200–333
90,000	2,700–4,500	225–375
100,000	3,000–5,500	250–417

Your pledge may be given in the manner that best suites your needs. This may be monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annually.

Whether you are a long-standing member or new to our community, Saints Constantine & Helen will always need your support. Your Christian Stewardship commitment and support provides our Community and the greater Church at large with the necessary financial means to operate and maintain our Church.

After you have read this brochure and discussed it with your family, please complete the pledge card and return it to the Church office. We thank you in advance for your continued support.