



St. Anthony The Great Antiochian Orthodox Church

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WELCOME TO ST. ANTHONY'S

Where people from around the world come together to serve God and our community.
 We are glad you are worshipping with us today! This Church is one community of many in the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. The Church of Antioch belongs to two thousand years of evangelization, teaching, history, and tradition which expresses the continued commitment of its members to the Orthodox Christian faith in the Lord Jesus Christ!
 St. Anthony Church is a Pan-Orthodox community, under the omophorion of Metropolitan JOSEPH within the Self-ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.
 If you are a first time visitor, please fill out the guest form located on the literature table.
 We want you to feel at home in prayer and worship. Please submit your names to the ushers and introduce yourself to Fr. Elia at the end of the service so he may welcome you personally.
 Following services, please join us for sharing of fellowship, coffee, and food.

FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON JANUARY 06 THE HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

****NOTE:** IF THIS FEAST FALLS ON A TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, INCLUSIVE, CELEBRATE THE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM. OTHERWISE, CELEBRATE THE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT.**

REFRAINS OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON

When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language; Judah was in his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion.
Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.
 The sea saw it and fled: Jordan was driven back. What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? O thou Jordan, that thou was driven back? (**Refrain**)
 Glory... Both now... (**Refrain**)

REFRAINS OF THE SECOND ANTIPHON

I am well pleased, for the Lord will hear the voice of my prayer. He hath inclined His ear unto me; therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live.
Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast baptized by John in the Jordan; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.
 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell took hold of me; I found trouble and sorrow, and I called upon the Name of the Lord. (**Refrain**)
 Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful. (**Refrain**)
 Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

REFRAINS OF THE THIRD ANTIPHON

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Israel now confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Aaron confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let them now who fear the Lord confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. (Now sing the Festal Apolytikion: "When Thou, O Lord.")

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Remaining Vigilant!

Over the past months, our country, state and local communities have witnessed a decrease in Covid 19 cases after the 'Delta' variant. We ask that you please be mindful of the following:
If you are experiencing any Covid symptoms, please contact your medical provider and refrain from attending church services.
There is currently No mask mandate at Saint Anthony's. However, for those who desire to have one, a box of masks have been placed on the table in the Church Narthex.
We ask that you please continue to maintain social distancing when possible, in particular while in line to receive Communion; and at the Dismissal while you are receiving the blessing at the end.
Please join us for coffee hour after the Liturgy.
May God bless us all and protect us and keep us safe.



TODAY'S FEAST SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH 2022

SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST

About the beginning of our Lord's thirtieth year, John the Fore-runner, who was some six months older than Our Saviour according to the flesh, and had lived in the wilderness since his childhood, received a command from God and came into the parts of the Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance unto the remission of sins. Then our Saviour also came from Galilee to the Jordan, and sought and received baptism though He was the Master and John was but a servant. Whereupon, there came to pass those marvellous deeds, great and beyond nature: the Heavens were opened, the Spirit descended in the form of a dove upon Him that was being baptized and the voice was heard from the Heavens hearing witness that this was the beloved Son of God, now baptized as a man (Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:1-22). From these events the Divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ and the great mystery of the Trinity were demonstrated. It is also from this that the present feast is called "Theophany," that is, the divine manifestation, God's appearance among men. On this venerable day the sacred mystery of Christian baptism was inaugurated; henceforth also began the saving preaching of the Kingdom of the Heavens.

Apolytikion of Sun. After Epiphany Fourth Tone

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hath appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

KONTAKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE FOUR

Today Thou hast appeared to the universe, O Lord, and Thy light hath been shed upon us, who praise Thee with knowledge, saying, Thou hast come and appeared, O unapproachable Light.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. The Lord is God and hath appeared unto us. Save us, O Son of God, Who wast baptized by John in the Jordan; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

~ After the Entrance, sing the hymns in the following order below.

APOLYTIKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hath appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

~ Do NOT sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.

KONTAKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE FOUR

Today Thou hast appeared to the universe, O Lord, and Thy light hath been shed upon us, who praise Thee with knowledge, saying, Thou hast come and appeared, O unapproachable Light.

THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN (Sung in place of "Holy God")

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (THRICE)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Dynamis!

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

THE EPISTLE

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to Titus. (2:11-15; 3:4-7)

My son Titus, the grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world; awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, Who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for Himself a people of His own who are zealous for good deeds. Declare these things; exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you. When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by His grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (3:13-17)

At that time, Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by Thee, and Thou dost come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, He went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on Him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased."

MEGALYNARION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE TWO

Magnify, O my soul, her who is more honorable and more exalted in glory than the heavenly hosts. Verily, all tongues are at a loss to praise thee properly; and every mind, even though transcending the world, is distracted in thy praise, O Theotokos. But because thou art good, accept our faith, having known our divine longing. Wherefore, since thou art the helper of Christians, we do magnify thee.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF THEOPHANY IN TONE EIGHT

The grace of God our Savior hath appeared to all men. Alleluia.

~ After Communion, instead of singing "We have seen the true light", sing the Festal Apolytikion: "When Thou, O Lord."

ABOUT THE DIVINE LITURGY

The Divine Liturgy expresses the entire Christian faith in a continuous song of praise and prayer addressed to God. It is focused on God, not on us. There is nothing just for amusement or entertainment. Since much of the service is the same every week, worshippers know it and can participate personally, either by singing along or just by prayerful attention. Worshippers are surrounded by icons (pictures of Christ and the saints), which remind us that we are participating, while on earth, in the worship of all the angels and saints in heaven. The entire service (except for the sermon) is sung. The words are all from Scripture or ancient Christian texts. Please follow the service in the books available in the pews. Weekly changes will appear below and marked with a corresponding letter in the service book.

COME BACK

We hope to see you next week. Each Sunday we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ with our morning Matins service at 8:45am followed by the main Sunday service, Divine Liturgy at 10am. Sunday School for the Children follows Communion. Fr. Elia would love to speak with you and answer any questions you may have. Please fill out our Guest Form (CONNECTION CARD). There's also a place where you can let us know any specific needs or concerns and we will lift them up in prayer. We welcome everyone who would like to learn more about the Orthodox Christian Faith. Please contact Fr. Elia either by E-Mail (elia_shalhoub@yahoo.com) or on his cell phone (305) 812-4940

Announcements



January 9th
January 16th
January 23rd
January 30th

EPISTLE READING

Isaac Vaughn
Ionica Dragu
Adrian Matos
Jennifer Riter

St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:7-13)
St. Paul to the Colossians. (3:4-11)
St. Paul to St. Timothy. (1:15-17)
St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:7-16)



2022 Calendars

They are here with beautiful iconography inside. Perfect Holiday gift for only \$5. Your donations will be helping Sunday School.

Thank you to Eddie and Joyce Smeen at Skewers Restaurant for sponsoring our calendars!

**Our Annual General Meeting is January 23 after the Liturgy.
The 2022 Pledge Form is available.
Please remember to fill it out, so we can plan our budget.**



Please pray for the healing of John Thieme, Debbie Thieme, Ann Shark, Jennifer Glass, Luke and Beverly Delida, Lisa Zolton, Tatiana Jones, Gabriella Baika, Ted Theodoropoulos, Susan Perers, Lou Abraham, Alix Hall, Shirley, Nina and Diogo Penas, Beth Manzini, John Archambeau, Holly Blank, Alex & Soula.

Thanks to all of you, St. Anthony's Church have donated 260.89LB of food to the local food banks in 2021. May God Bless your homes for supporting this cause and always.



HOUSE BLESSINGS BEGIN THIS WEEK:

Fr. Elia would like to bless each of the homes of all of the parishioners of St. Anthony. If you have not yet filled out a House Blessing form, please do so by January 20th. This form is available at the Display table for your convenience.

Women Organization

"Mary as the early Christians knew her."

Pages 1-25

Zoom Book discussion.
Fri., January 14 at 7PM



Epiphany of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Beloved in Christ,

Theophany is the Feast which reveals the Most Holy Trinity to the world through the Baptism of the Lord (Mt.3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22). God the Father spoke from Heaven about the Son; the Son was baptized by Saint John the Baptist and Fore-runner; and the Holy Spirit descended upon the Son in the form of a dove. From ancient times this Feast was called the Day of Illumination and the Feast of Lights, since God is Light and has appeared to illumine "those who sat in darkness," and "in the region of the shadow of death" (Mt.4:16), and to save the fallen race of mankind by grace. At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, the Blessing of the Water takes place in which the priest prays: "Therefore, O Master, be present here now by the descent of the Holy Spirit, and sanctify this water. Give it the blessing of Jordan. Make it a fountain of incorruption, a gift of sanctification, a remission of sins, a protection against disease, a destruction of demons... and may it be for those who will partake of it, to the cleansing of their souls and bodies, to the healing of their passions, to the sanctification of their homes, to every expedient purpose..."

Home Blessings will commence on Thursday, January 6th. Information regarding the scheduling of a Home Blessing may be found in 'The Weekly Bulletin.'

In Christ,
Fr. Elia Shalhoub
Very Rev. Fr. Elia Shalhoub, Pastor

2022 PLEDGE DRIVE

Thank you to the following Parishioners who already signed their pledge card.

Very Rev. Fr. Elia & Kh. Odette Shalhoub

Patricia Smith

Debbie Thieme

Dr. & Mrs. Alex Skaff

Subdeacon Jean Najjar

Alix Hall

John and Joanne Karas

Lou Abraham

Gabriella Baika

Mark and Lori Sorenson

Susan Perers

Ionica Dragu

Michael and Janet Gorczynski

Peri Kiros

Adrian and Carrie Matos

Deborah Abdo Dambrosio

Michealle Carey

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jackson

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dodge

(Our Goal for 2022 is \$75,000.00)

**THE ARCHDIOCESE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT (\$50.00) PER BAPTISED SOUL
EVERY PARISHIONER IS RESPONSIBLE TO PAY THIS ASSESSMENT ONCE A
YEAR BESIDE YOUR PLEDGE TO THE CHURCH.**

**IF YOU HAVEN'T SUBMITTED THE ASSESSMENT MONEY YET,
PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS YOU CAN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

Saint John the Baptist in the Wilderness

It was necessary for God to send a prophet to prepare the way by opening the hearts and minds of the people for a coming Messiah Who did not fit their preconceived notions. Few people were comfortable around for he was a strict ascetic, living in the desert, eating only locusts and honey, and wearing camel skin. Like many of the Old Testament prophets before Him, St. John the Baptist, and Forerunner of our Lord was outrageously bold. In addition to his stark appearance and lifestyle, his message was severe to the point of being insulting. He proclaimed God's truth and did not care who might be offended. Instead of gently welcoming the Pharisees and Sadducees into his movement, St. John mocked them as a brood of vipers—a bunch of slimy snakes. He told the rich to share with the poor, soldiers to stop abusing their authority, and tax collectors to stop stealing from the people. He went beyond offending those powerful groups by criticizing the immorality of the royal family and lost his head as a result.

God shook up Israel with St. John, who began to open their eyes to a Messiah Whom they did not expect. Gentle words from a respectable rabbi would not have worked, for everyone had seen and heard that before. The Jews needed a call to repentance from a wild and holy man who was absolutely fearless in calling everyone to repent by changing the direction of their lives in relation to God and neighbor. The Forerunner called everyone to greater holiness in preparation for the coming of the Messiah.

As we prepare for the Feast of Theophany, St. John's message should certainly get our attention. We must conform our character to Jesus Christ's. Having celebrated His birth as Orthodox Christians, we already proclaim that our Savior is the Son of God. In Him, we are "partakers of the divine nature" by grace as members of His Body, the Church. The more that we share in His life, the more clearly we will see how infinitely much more room we have for embracing the healing of our souls, for our lives have not yet become perfect epiphanies of what Christ's salvation means for those who bear the divine image and likeness.

As we prepare to celebrate Theophany, let us gain the spiritual clarity to behold the glory of Christ's baptism by straightening the crooked areas of our lives. Instead of finding ways to ignore the preaching of the Forerunner, let us take his sobering message to heart reorient ourselves to our Lord and His Kingdom. The Messiah is born and is on His way to the Jordan where His divinity will shine forth. Will we have the eyes to see His glory? Will we be ready for Him?

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2022 HOUSE BLESSING FORM



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR HOUSE BLESSED,

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORM ASAP.

CHOOSE THREE ALTERNATE DATES AND TIMES, AND GIVE DIRECTIONS TO YOUR HOME AS WELL.

When the priest comes to bless your home please make sure to have an Icon; a candle ready and your list of the names (Living & Deceased) to be prayed for.

Thank you, V. Rev. Fr. Elia Shalhoub, Pastor

NAME: _____
(PLEASE PRINT)

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____
(HOME) (OFFICE) (CELL)

DATES/TIMES REQUESTED (Please list three date/time options):

(Please let me know if you are available or not during the day on Saturday & Sunday only from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m. or if you prefer an Evening Visit.)

Option #1: _____

Option #2: _____

Option #3: _____

DIRECTIONS & EXACT ADDRESS

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO FATHER ELIA NO LATER THAN JANUARY 20, 2021.

EPIPHANY 2022 – BLESSING OF HOMES

The central sign of our acceptance of God's sanctification of the creation is the blessing of the homes of faithful Orthodox Christians.

We bless homes:

- To reveal the home as what God created it to be, a way to heaven.
- To rid the home of every evil.
- To know that the family is a small church unit in Christ, to consecrate the home and all activity in it to God.
- To have the home and all who live in it with the fullness of God. Only the Church reveals what life is, and she alone is the Kingdom of God on earth. The Church lives within Christ, revealing Him to us. As the Church, we sprinkle blessed water throughout the home, as we chant, ***"When you, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the Fathers voice bore witness to you and called you His Beloved Son, while the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed these words. O Christ our God, who has appeared to us and has enlightened the world, Glory to you."***

The priest consecrates the home to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in this act, the Church blesses, reveals and sanctifies.

When the priest comes for the house blessing, please adhere to these guidelines:

1. Have as many family members there as possible.
 2. Setup a place for prayer, in the dining room or kitchen, with an icon and a candle.
 3. Print the first names of those for whom specific prayers are to be offered, including all family members on a sheet of paper, making a clear distinction between living and departed.
 4. Take this time to get to know Father Elia better, asking any questions you may have.
 5. If a child needs some time to talk to Father, respect his/her privacy and make the opportunity.
 6. Make Father Elia aware of any special needs you may have.
 7. Tell Father Elia about any family members who are in nursing homes or in need of a visit
- Please remember that Father Elia will be making many visitations. A lengthy social visit may not be possible at this time. If you would prefer a visit outside the Epiphany season, please let Father know.*

**ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**2022 Annual General Meeting Proxy
January 23, 2022**

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

The undersigned voting member(s) of St. Anthony the Great Antiochian

Orthodox Church hereby constitute and appoint

_____ as PROXY with powers of

substitution for and in the name and place of the undersigned, to act on my

behalf to establish a quorum and vote on any issues that are presented for

a vote by the membership at this Special Meeting on Sunday, **January 23, 2022**

at St. Anthony the Great Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church located at

4031 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, FL 32934.

Dated: _____

Member

Dated: _____

Member

**St. Anthony Antiochian Orthodox Church
4031 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, FL. 32934
Notice of the 2022 General Assembly Meeting**

January 23, 2022

Dear Parishioner:

In compliance with St. Anthony Antiochian Orthodox Church's Constitution, I, as the Parish Council Recording Secretary, am required to notify you of the Annual General Assembly meeting. This Annual General Assembly meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 23, 2022**, immediately following the 10:00am Divine Liturgy in the St. Anthony Church, located at 4031 Aurora Rd., Melbourne, FL 32934.

The **Agenda** is as follows:

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| 1. Opening Prayer and Roll Call | 7. Treasurer's Report |
| 2. Reading the Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Assembly Meeting | 8. Organizations' Reports |
| 3. Pastor's Message (Appointment of 1 Member) | 9. Old Business |
| 4. Election of two (2) Members of the Parish Council (Nominations will be accepted through January 12, 2022) | 10. New Business |
| 5. Update on the Church Property | 11. Approving the 2022 Budget |
| 6. Chairman's Report | 12. Adjournment |

2/3 of the Total members in good standing shall constitute a quorum. As you enter the Church, the Treasurer and the Pastor will check your name. **Please fulfill your 2021 pledge before the end of the year (if you have not already done so.) According to our constitution, ONLY MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING (i.e. who have fulfilled their 2021 pledge and have turned in their 2022 pledge card) WILL BE ALLOWED TO VOTE/PARTICIPATE in the meeting.**

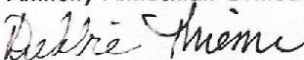
The following documents will be available one week before the annual meeting in the Narthex of the church: 1) The 2021 financial report. 2) The 2021 General Assembly meeting minutes. 3) The 2022 budget.

We encourage you to submit in writing any questions on the documents so that the Parish Council can prepare accurate and complete responses. **Anyone wishing to include any topic on the agenda MUST submit it in writing to the attention of Fr. Elia no later than January 12th so that it may be appropriately considered for inclusion and the proper preparations made.**

We look forward to your presence and participation.

Sincerely,

St. Anthony Antiochian Orthodox Church Parish Council

x 

Debbie Thieme, Parish Council Secretary

ST. ANTHONY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

2022 PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

It is time for us to begin developing our Parish Council for the year 2022. Please consider nominating someone from the parish who would serve the community well. You could also consider nominating yourself.

Remember that the qualifications for election to the Parish Council are:

- **That the candidate is 18 years of age or older.**
- **That the candidate has been a voting, pledging member of the parish for at least the last six months of 2021.**
- **That the candidate has fulfilled the canonical requirements of the Orthodox Faith.**
- **That the candidate has completed a pledge form for the year 2022.**

In addition, it is required that the nominees' 2021 pledges, as well as Archdiocesan dues, be paid and up to date.

The Following Parish Council members' term is up:

Subdeacon Jean Najjar, who has already served 2 terms. He can't be elected for another Term but he can be appointed.

Olga Munoz who completed Alix Hall's Term, is eligible. She can be elected for another Term.

Being a Parish Council member means more than just attending a monthly meeting. This responsibility also requires the member to chair or be on committees when called upon, throughout the years of Parish Council membership. In addition, participation at functions and work days is also required. The nominating committee will arrange a meeting with each candidate to ensure their qualifications and willingness to serve.

Please turn in or mail completed nomination forms to Susan Perers (Chairman of the Nominating Committee) or Fr. Elia.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nominating Committee are Susan Perers, Debbie Thieme & Fr. Elia.

St. Anthony Antiochian Orthodox Church

Affirmation of Potential Candidate for 2022 Election to the

Parish Council of

St. Anthony Antiochian Orthodox Church of Melbourne, FL

I understand and affirm that I am willing to have my name placed in nomination for election to the (St. Anthony) Parish Council for a regular term of three (3) years.

I understand and agree that it is vital for Parish Council members to be active in the liturgical life of the Church, including attendance and participation in the Sunday Divine Liturgies, Saturday Vesper Services, Feast Day Services, and other services, including the Sacrament of Holy Confession, and affirm that I will participate in these services frequently and regularly.

I understand that the Parish Council operates according to the theology and practices of the Holy Orthodox Church.

I also understand that Council members must set good examples of Orthodox Christian Stewardship, including the offering of time and talents to the church, as well as sacrificial monetary support.

I understand that the Parish Council holds regular meetings once a month and special meetings as needed, and I affirm that if nominated and elected, or appointed, I will do my utmost to attend every meeting.

Furthermore, if nominated and elected, or appointed, I am willing to assume responsibility of chairing a standing or special committee, and/or making myself available to be elected an officer of the council.

I understand that the typical time commitment of a Council member is approximately ten (10) hours every month.

I understand that my agreement to fulfill the above requirements is a prerequisite for nomination.

In signing this affirmation, I pledge to fulfill the above requirements to the best of my ability, with God's help.

Signature of Potential Council Candidate

Print Your Name Here

Date