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ST. THOMAS  
STEWARDSHIP  
PROGRAM

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*"For we are co-workers in God's service;  
you are God's field, God's building" 1 Cor. 3:9-10*

*Ye Are God's Building*



# *Father's Message*

*Beloved Parishioners and Friends of St. Thomas*

*This is an exciting era in the life of Saint Thomas Greek Orthodox Church. We are in the midst of beautifying our church proper. The “For The Ages” iconography program, a once in the lifetime of the church project, is but a fraction of what this community is truly about, Glorifying our home for the Glory of God.*

*What else is your Saint Thomas church about? It is about you. It is about us. It is about future generations. It is about proclaiming Christ in our Midst.*

*We need your support. A true support that is unwavering. This community has so many programs and ministries to tend to and together we have the ability to do so together.*

*This booklet is merely a reminder, and a plea to you as participation in greater stewardship has many forms. We are here for you. We await you.*

*V. Rev. Archmandrite Avgoustinos Psomas*



# *Ye Are God's Building*



Don't just attend church.

Love the church.

Serve the church.

Give through the church.

Invite people to church.

Worship Jesus with the church.

Encourage the church.

Participate in the church.

Pray for the church.

Be the church.

# Stewardship Message

*When we look at all of the great works we have done and continue to do here at Saint Thomas Greek Orthodox Church we experience in real life the importance of building our Christian lives on a proper foundation. The Foundation is Christ. The building is the church:*

***“For we are labourers together with God: ye are God’s husbandry, ye are God’s building. (1 Cor. 3:9-10, )***

*According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.”*

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# *Stewardship Message*

*Stewardship is more than building a strong Foundation for our church.*

*It is about building a spiritual Foundation.*

*We build on a proper foundation and with the proper materials.*

*The Foundation of the church is not built with division. A strong Foundation continues in a constant progression. Building the church with wood, hay and stubble is not the answer. We cannot build with wood, hay and stubble, nor with division and partiality and expect God to be pleased with our work.*

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# Who is a steward?

## WHO IS A STEWARD?

*Definition: Greek: oikonomos; "Manager or overseer"*

*A steward is a manager or overseer; one with a very special calling. We are all stewards. God has made us managers over all His business here below. We read in Luke 12:42,*

*"And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?"*

### Stewardship is about Faith

*Paul states:*

*"Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ." 1 Cor. 4-1*

*We are accountable to God for our stewardship. One day each of us will give an answer. The writer of Hebrews said, "As they that must give account" (Heb. 13:17b).*

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Community outreach

# *Let us all give cheerfully for the glory of God*

*God expects His stewards to be faithful*

*Paul said (vs. 2), "Moreover, it is required of stewards, that a man be found faithful."*

**Let us all give cheerfully for the glory of God**

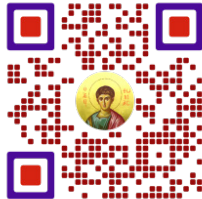
***“Ἰλαρόν γὰρ δότην ἀγαπᾷ ὁ Θεός»***

***“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”***

***2 Cor. 9:7***



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