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“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart,
as working for the Lord, not for men....”

Colossians 3:23

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Dear Parishioners,

A traditional American proverb says that, “God makes this request of his children: Do the best you can, where you are, with what you have, now.” The story of Jesus Christ feeding the 5,000 illustrates this through the boy’s *offering of all that he had – five loaves and two fish*. This boy did his best with what he had, and Jesus used it to perform an incredible miracle. Just like the boy who offered the loaves and the fish, if we offer what we have – however great or small our gift – God will receive our gifts and multiply them to feed His people.

This past year we continued to grow our ministry programs in the areas of our Youth. In the coming year we expect to launch additional ministry initiatives as our parish continues to thrive and grow. We also are in the beginning stages of making our Educational Center accessible to all and a total corresponding remodeling of the rest rooms.

We ask you to support these worthy ministries and projects. 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 your Stewardship pledge, 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 and an expression of thanks for the many blessings in your life.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Fr. Christopher P. Foustoukos,
Presiding Priest

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Parish Council President