



COMMITMENT + 2026



Three pillars of Orthodox Stewardship are Ownership, Engagement and Generosity, as carried out by offering the First Fruits. Here are a few ways to accomplish this:

Ownership

- Your relationship with Christ belongs to you
- St. Mary's family is your family
- St. Mary's is your spiritual home

Engagement

- Engage with your family in prayer at home
- Engage in relationships with your St. Mary's family
- Engage with your full being in the many worship opportunities
- Engage in studying your faith
- Engage in a ministry

Generosity

- God's generosity is visible in His gifts to us
- Our generosity is love of God poured out toward our neighbor
- Our generosity should be purposeful and intentional
- Our generosity, as with everything in our spiritual life, must be disciplined



“The first of the first fruits of your land you shall bring to the house of the Lord your God”

– Exodus 23:19 –

Through your **Ownership, Engagement, and Generosity**, we would encourage you to **Commit** Your First Fruits to:

- ✦ Saint Mary's in 2026
- ✦ Filling out the **2026 Time and Talent Pledge Form**
- ✦ A personal rule of prayer
- ✦ Attending more services
- ✦ Serving at least monthly
- ✦ Fasting within the tradition of the church
- ✦ Joining a church ministry
- ✦ Bringing your children to Church School and GOYA
- ✦ Visiting a parishioner that you haven't seen in awhile

Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the first fruits of all your increase. —Proverbs 3:9 (NKJV)



What's the difference between a **Steward** and a **Donor**?

Steward: A baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christian who lives the religious and moral practices of the Church, is at least 18 years of age, abides by Archdiocese Regulations and Parish By-laws, cooperates in every way to the wellbeing of the parish, and completes a Stewardship Time, Talent, and Financial Commitment Pledge form yearly. *Please note that the amount (if any) of the pledge does not impact the steward's ability to be in good standing. This is accomplished by merely completing a Pledge form.*

Donor: Makes a financial donation to the parish without signing a Pledge form, does not receive the discounted Steward rate for Sacraments, and cannot vote or run for office in the parish assembly.

Become a committed steward of Saint Mary's by completing the **2026 Time and Talent Pledge Form.**



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