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FIRST FRUITS

OWNERSHIP

ENGAGEMENT \* GENEROSITY

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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

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*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.

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



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