



Presentation of Christ Greek Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh
Reverend Father Constantine Kokanos, Presiding Priest

October 16, 2018



Dear Presentation of Christ Family,

The brochure enclosed with this mailing highlights some of the Lord's work that we accomplished in the last Church Year. This extensive list is a testament to what happens when we live out Jesus' exhortation in the Gospel according to St. Matthew (6:21) to put our time, talent, and treasure where our hearts are. Whether it was by baking for the festival, feeding the needy, weeding the church garden, or teaching church school, the love and dedication you have shown for Ypapanti and its ministries has been boundless.

The Parable of the Talents (Matt 25:14-30) tells us that our faithfulness to the ministries we took on last year will lead to the blessing of more opportunities in the future. We have a chance to not only continue the Lord's work in East Pittsburgh and surrounding areas, but to expand our reach.

In the coming year please consider how you can give of your time, talent, and treasure, perhaps in a new way. Please complete the enclosed Stewardship card and return it to the Church on or before *Stewardship Sunday, November 11, 2018*. I look forward to another year of worshiping and serving the Lord together.

See you at Church!

FRDK

Fr. Dean Kokanos



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Dear Presentation of Christ Family,

It is exciting to think that when our parish started there were only 45 stars on the American flag! The founding fathers of this community had a life expectancy of 47 years. Yet their sense of community lead them to work together unselfishly for a common dream. Some families have stayed in this community since the beginning, and some have had to move along; but I believe everyone that has passed through the doors has experienced that special warmth associated with “Ypapanti.” It is hard to say what “Ypapanti” means to anyone, only they know. But I am sure if you ask yourself these two questions you will know what I mean:

1. I especially enjoyed going to church during----- because it made me feel-----?
2. Or my fondest memory of Ypapanti was when-----?

It is amazing to think of how many families started at the Presentation of Christ on their wedding day, or how many children were baptized into Orthodoxy in this community. The people of Ypapanti, past, present and future, are what has allowed our church to endure. Your Parish Council would like to thank everyone past and present for their love and support.

Please fill out the enclosed stewardship card today whether you are close by or across the country, and we will continue to keep you updated on what is going on in our community. God has destined the church for great success, we can accomplish this together.

Thanks again,

Steve Markantone
Parish Council President and Stewardship Chairman

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT

Your unique talents make our ministries what they are!

Did you know, in 2018 we...

Landscaped the Church Garden

**Collected and distributed
nearly \$30,000 for the
Route 30 Relief fund**

**Painted and replastered the
Church ceiling**

**Handmade centerpieces and
designed new advertising for
the Festival**

**Hosted a Vacation Church
School for 14 Children**

**Cooked over 2000 meals for the
homeless**

**Coordinated "Learn to Greek
Dance Night"...twice!**

**Without your gifts of Time, Talent, and
Treasure, our Presentation of Christ
community could not do the Lord's
work. Please help us to help others
by contributing to the ministry where
you feel most comfortable.**

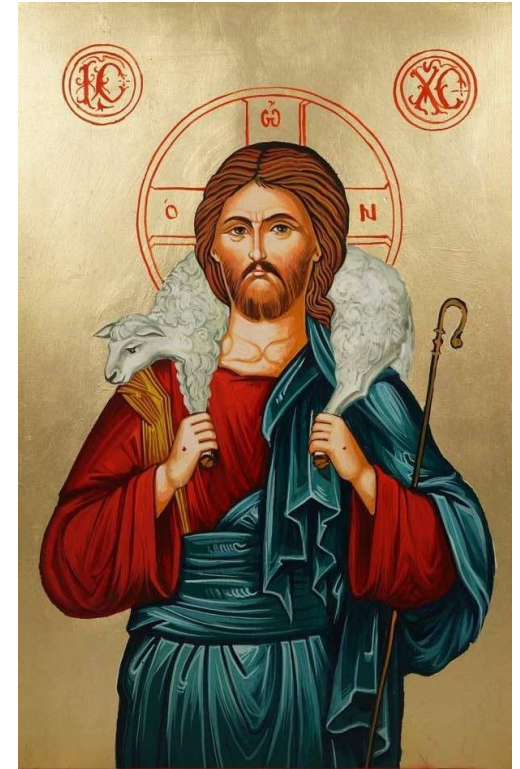
**"For where your (time, talent, and)
treasure is, there will your
heart be also."
Matthew 6:21**



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TIME

TALENT

TREASURE

**We can't do it without
YOU!**

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

Your offering of time is essential to the ministries of the Church.

Did you know, in 2018 we spent over...

100 hours tending the parish garden

24 hours cleaning the Church for Pascha and Lent

75 hours preparing mailings

80 hours cooking for the homeless

75 hours educating our youth in the faith

24 hours practicing choir hymns

1200 hours prepping for the festival

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Your generous gifts of treasure allowed us to do the Lord's work!

Did you know, in 2018 we spent over...

\$4500 to feed the needy

\$2500 educating our youth, including camp scholarships

\$750 on parish family retreats

\$5200 on a new chair lift for the church

\$9,500 for a new hot water tank for the community center

Other treasures included...

WIFI for the Church

A year's worth of Communion Wine, Bread, and Oil for the Altar

A new TV for the Library

"WE ARE STEWARDS BECAUSE..."



We value being part of such a caring community. The outpouring of love from so many new friends inspires us to donate time and effort toward making this community as welcoming to new members as it has been for us.

—Stephen and Christina Burns



Ypapanti has always been at the center of our family's life. Serving in many capacities has been an honor and a joy. We will continue to do so as long as God permits.

— George and Nancy Russon

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2019 CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARD

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matthew 6:21

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Children: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ EMAIL: _____

I/We would choose to support the Lord's work by offering a yearly financial commitment:

First Time Donor \$ _____ \$600 _____ \$800 _____ \$1000 _____ \$1500 _____ \$2000 _____ Other _____

To be donated: Weekly _____ Monthly _____ Yearly – one time _____ (Please Flip and Complete Back)

(To Be Printed 2 Sided)

I/We choose to support the Lord's work by offering my/our time and talents:

Administrative: ☐ Communications/Social Media ☐ Parish Mailings ☐ Garden/Maintenance

Fellowship: ☐ Young Professionals ☐ Parents' Group ☐ HOPE/JOY ☐ GOYA ☐ Dance

Philanthropy: ☐ Homeless Ministry ☐ Philoptochos

Religious Education: ☐ Bible Study/Adult Education ☐ Church School ☐ Outreach

Worship: ☐ Choir ☐ Chanting ☐ Greeters ☐ Readers ☐ Flowers/Icon Decoration

Please check areas of interest. You will be contacted soon.