

Dear Parish Members,

As we prepare to celebrate of the birth of Christ, I wanted to remind everyone of a couple of things.

**2022 Donations:** Please remember to complete your 2022 financial pledge before the end of the year. If you're looking to give a special gift to the church this year, an end of year Donation to the **Mortgage Buydown** would be very beneficial. Please mark "Mortgage Buydown" in the memo of your donation. All electronic donations received by the end of the year or checks written with the date of 2022 will be credited to the Member's 2022 Donation Statement.

**2023 Pledge:** The **2023 Donation Envelopes** and **Pledge Forms** are available in the Narthex. Please pick up your Donation Envelopes even if you don't use them. Also, please complete your 2023 Pledge Form and deposit it in the box on the table. Alternatively, you can download the 2023 Pledge Form from the church website and email it to the **Pledge Secretary, Debbie Mori**, at: [pledge@stmatthewoca.org](mailto:pledge@stmatthewoca.org), or drop it in the collection basket during services.

Please remember, according to the by-laws, *"A pledge is a member's prayerful commitment to our Lord and Savior to support the financial needs of The Orthodox Church of St. Matthew as established by the annual spend plan, including the annual assessment or obligations to the Orthodox Church in America and to the presiding diocese"* In order to be a member in good standing, the member must establish and fulfill an annual financial pledge to the Parish.

May the Lord Jesus Christ grant you peace and renew your strength for the years ahead.

In Christ,  
Tom Lentscher  
Council of Stewards Chairman