

2022 Saint Matthew Pledge Campaign

This month kicks off our 2020 Pledge Campaign. Each member is asked to complete a Pledge to the church every year. It represents your annual financial commitment to your parish as well as to the support the work of the Orthodox Church in America and the Archdiocese of Washington. Your donations cover the costs to own and maintain the church facility; mortgage, utilities, maintenance, taxes, insurance, grounds, cleaning & supplies. It also covers clergy salary and related liturgical expenses. Finally, it covers our share of funding the Diocese and OCA obligations.

The goal in requesting a new pledge form each year is for each of us to review our commitment to support the work of the Lord through his Church, this parish family, in accordance with our personal commitment to our Lord and his Church, our conscience, and our ability. As you know, the primary source of income for our parish is our member's donations. We need help from each and every member, without exception, to help us keep this parish fiscally sound so we can continue to maintain the facility, as well as to pay our clergy and Archdiocese obligations.

Secondly, the annual submission of your stewardship commitment form satisfies a requirement to be considered a voting member in the parish. Thus, its submission enables you to fully participate in all aspects of the life of this Christian community.

According to the by-laws a member is considered "*in good standing*" when

Article V 3.b: *The member establishes and fulfills an annual financial pledged obligation to the Parish as provided in Article VI, unless waived by the Rector.*

Article VI-1: *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.*

We ask that you prayerfully consider the financial needs of the parish and your commitment to The Orthodox Church of Saint Matthew when submitting your 2022 Pledge. You can download the [2022 Pledge Form here](#). Please complete and return it as soon as possible. You can drop it off at church in the collection basket. You can mail it to the church PO Box, or you can e-mail it to the following address Pledge@stmatthewoca.org.

Copies of the 2022 Pledge Form are also available in the Narthex.

Please see Tom Lentscher, John Zahor or Debbie Mori if you have any questions on your 2022 Pledge.