

Stewardship Message
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As we celebrated the anniversary of our Church last fall, many thoughts came to mind. Some from the past, some from the present, and some for the future.

We can reflect on the history of our Church, view the many challenges we have faced and take a great deal of pride in our progress. Our Church started as a “dream.” This dream was placed in our hearts by the Spirit of God. We were compelled by love for our Blessed Savior to establish a House of Worship to bring Honor and Glory to His Name. This dream was packed in a suitcase and moved from one location to another until we came to rest in our temporary home – the auditorium of Parkville Senior High School.

This suitcase that held the artifacts of our Church was carried back and forth by the Parish Council members every Sunday morning. It was stored in the trunks of our cars during the week and on Sunday morning. It was opened and the artifacts set up so that we could celebrate Divine Liturgy. This procedure continued week in and week out and as we grew, it became apparent that this suitcase contained some mystical power or light that we could no longer pack in a suitcase.

We were led to seek land and build a permanent home that we could call our Church. It was the fellowship of the faithful, this love of our Lord and for one another, this Stewardship, this mystical light that we could no longer store in the suitcase that had to come out and be seen and heard! It united us, it bound us together, it gave us strength when we needed it, for we were stewards of our Lord and didn’t recognize it at the time.

We were practicing Stewardship then; we were giving of our time and talents and treasure and were not fully aware of it. This mystical power or light that drove us to purchase the 30 acres on Cub Hill Road and build our Ecclesia was our strong belief in our love of our Lord.

It was our Lord who challenged us and invited us to share the responsibility of building our Saint Demetrios Church.

Today it is that same challenge that He has given us to rediscover the need to participate in the Life of our Church—Spiritually, Educationally, Culturally and Socially.

For this purpose our Church’s organizations have been developed to enrich the lives of our families. We must perpetuate both the spiritual and physical growth of our Church to enrich the lives of our children and to help preserve a heritage.

For it is our children who will inherit the Church and become its future leaders. The challenge before us – 1986 – “Our Challenge” is to achieve a total participation in a Stewardship program. It is the means by which our Church’s needs can be fulfilled with care, dignity and equity.

Above all, it places the responsibility of sustaining the Church where it belongs—in the hands of our parishioners.

Your support, your concern, your prayers and your commitment are necessary for our Church to continue so that we can pass it on to the future generations.

“Let us commit ourselves and one another to Christ our God.”