

Stewardship Message
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The Stewardship Program had its beginning in the Spring of 1985. A dedicated committee was formed to study the feasibility of this program for our Saint Demetrios Church. After much careful investigation, it was decided to move forward in this most Christian approach to fair share giving.

A presentation was then made to the Parish Council and then to the General Assembly.

Starting in October the community heard sermons from the pulpit pertaining to Stewardship. On November 10, Youth Sunday and Stewardship Sunday, we heard testimony from two very articulate young people, George Athas and Lea Loucas. These young people presented Stewardship as it has become a part of their lives.

That same afternoon the Stewardship Program was launched at the culmination of a commitment luncheon. Seventy-three families and individuals pledged \$44,467.00 for the year 1986. This is, of course, only the beginning.

During November, we heard from Diane Serevetas and Dr. Constantine Kaminaris who gave testimony to Stewardship at the closing of Divine Liturgy.

Gatherings were held in the Church as well as parishioners' homes to answer questions such as:

1. Will there be other pledge drives? No.
2. How can I pay my fair share? Weekly, Monthly, Quarterly, Semi-annually, or Annually, whichever is better for you (use envelopes provided for careful recording of your pledge)
3. Is there a minimum or maximum amount needed to sign the pledge card? No. Give as the Lord directs and blesses you. But, don't make His Church the recipient of your leftovers.
4. What happens if I don't come to Church Sunday? Bring or mail those offerings as soon as you can.

These are just a few questions asked. Do you have any? Please write them down and get them to me at Church and I promise to answer them.