

### *The Gift of Mercy*

A story is told about a little boy who was sent to the school principal for misbehaving. After the little boy told him what he had done wrong, the principal took out a piece of paper and wrote the boy's name upon it, as well as the date and the reason for which the boy had been sent to him.

Then, the principal told the boy, "Timmy, I know that you are a good boy and you've never before been sent to me for misbehaving. Therefore, if you are not sent to me again this year for misbehaving, I will tear up this piece of paper and no one will ever know anything about it." The little boy remembered this as the most powerful lesson in mercy that he had ever learned.

The most powerful example of mercy that

we, as Christians, have ever witnessed is our Lord's resurrection, which we still continue to gloriously celebrate. However, earlier this week, on Wednesday, we also celebrated the Feast of Mid-Pentecost. Mid-Pentecost begins to set our sights on the reception of another of God's great gifts of mercy - the Gift of the Holy Spirit, Who will descend upon us on Pentecost Sunday.

Through the Resurrection, we know of God's mercy in that He has given us the gift of eternal life. Through the Descent of the Holy Spirit, we know of God's mercy in that He has not abandoned us. Rather, He sent the Holy Spirit to dwell among us, to dwell within us, and to nourish us, bless us and heal us - especially through the Holy Mysteries.

## SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN



*Icon of Christ and the Samaritan Woman*

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**Schedule for Holy Days of Obligation:** Vigil Vespers: 6:30 p.m.

**Day of Feast:** 10:00am and 6:30 p.m.

**Confessions: See calendar or at any time by request.**

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## **May 15, 2022**

### **Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

**This Sunday: Epistle Acts 11:19-30**

**Gospel John 4:5-42**

Next Sunday: Epistle Acts 16:16-34

Gospel John 9:1-38

#### **Weekly Liturgy Schedule**

Monday 5/16

No Divine Liturgy

Tuesday 5/17

8:30am Divine Liturgy: H/S Fr. Steve Kovacevich

Wednesday 5/18

8:30am Divine Liturgy: +Ladies Auxiliary Members by the Ladies Auxiliary

Thursday 5/19

8:30am Divine Liturgy: +Theresa Orlando by Jack and Lori Petruso

Friday 5/20

8:30am Divine Liturgy: +Augusta-Octavia by Munteanu Family

Saturday 5/21

No Divine Liturgy

**Sunday 5/22**

**10:00am Divine Liturgy: Sunday of the Man Born Blind  
Parastas: Deceased members of the Carpathian Men's Club**

*Church Bulletin donated in May 2022 by Jesus and Leigh Ann DeLaCruz in thanksgiving for our children.*

All scheduled services will be held and can be viewed and prayed with at <https://stgeorge.click2stream.com/>. Make sure to click on the volume to unmute at the bottom right hand corner.

Coffee hour in the Large Hall provided by St. George Cathedral.  
Thank you!

**Sunday Collection: May 8, 2022**

Sunday envelopes	\$2,145.00
Paschal Offering	\$50.00
Candles	<u>\$196.00</u>
Total	\$2,391.00

**Donation**

A successful surgery for Fr. Ovi by Dr. and Mrs. Craciun \$100.00

**Online Donations: <https://www.stgeorgeoh.org/donate> \$00.00**

Someone lit a candle and prayed for you last Sunday:

In memory of all Zagan Family Members	The Zagan Family
+All family members and angel +Trisha	Del and Sandy
H/S All family members	Del and Sandy
+Our Mothers and Grandmothers	Danny and Cyndi Ardelean
Special Intention: Fr. Ovi	Danny and Cyndi Ardelean
Happy Mother's Day, Cyndi!	Danny Ardelean
+Parents and All Family Members	Chuck Roska Family
H/S Jerry Donahue, Aunt Alice Loop, Sheila	Chuck Roska Family
Diotale, Jordan, David, Kristin and Baby	
Gage, Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers!	
Health and Salvation	Liviu and Georgeta Barcutian
For all deceased loved ones	Mihai and Elena Florea
Health and Salvation	Mihai and Elena Florea
For a successful recovery for Nasu Fr. Ovi	Ann Fosnaught and Doru Jacobs

+Terry Orlando, forever in my heart  
+Maria Sas  
+Family  
+Grandparents and Godparents  
H/S Ardelean Family  
Happy Mother's Day Nika!  
Living and Deceased Members of the  
Misbrener Family  
In thanksgiving for 27 years of priesthood  
For the Martyrs of the Ukrainian and  
Romanian Greek Catholic Church  
For the spiritual renewal of the Church  
Intentions of Gregory Heislman  
For the Priests and Religious of the Diocese  
of Youngstown and Eparchy of St. Josaphat  
in Parma  
H/S Baby Gage  
Special Intention: Brittani Putt  
Special Intention: Gary Kauth Family  
Special Intention: My wife, perfect mother  
+Amelia Botean  
+Nicholas Botean  
+Opal Junka  
H/S Fr. Ovi  
H/S Amparo  
H/S Suzie Dragos  
+Silvia Balaban  
+Mihai Balaban  
Health and Salvation  
Health and Salvation  
Fr. Ovi, Good luck on his surgery  
For all the Moms of St. George Cathedral

Tony Orlando  
Virginia Rogers  
Virginia Rogers  
Erik Ardelean  
Erik Ardelean  
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Fr. David M. Misbrener  
Fr. David M. Misbrener  
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Fr. David M. Misbrener  
Fr. David M. Misbrener  
Fr. David M. Misbrener  
Debbie and Josiah Muntean  
Debbie and Josiah Muntean  
Debbie and Josiah Muntean  
Scott Parker  
Mark Botean  
Mark Botean  
Mark Botean  
Dave and Debbie Murari  
Dave and Debbie Murari  
Dave and Debbie Murari  
Mihaela Balaban  
Mihaela Balaban  
Amparo  
Amparo  
Amparo  
Anonymous

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**Special Announcement:**

**Please pray for:** Fr. Ovidiu Marginean, Melanie Gallagher, Lanette Fliger, Kristin Roska and Baby Gage, Friedrich Neading, Clore Family, Rodriguez Family, Patron Family, Seesan Family, Suzie Dragos, Maria Marcu, Amparo Adkins, Barbara Greavu, Virginia Rogers and all who need our prayers.

**Sick and/or homebound:** Mary Cornea (Home), Alex and Theresa Gonyias (Home), Ann Stimer (Home), Aurelia Lupsor (Canton Christian Home), Doris Rotar (home in Florida) and Irene Pontones (Chapel Hill)

**For holy Baptism** contact the parish office at least one month prior to the date requested.

**For First Reconciliation** contact the parish office when your child turns 7.

**For Weddings** contact the parish office at least six months prior to the date requested.

**To guarantee announcements for the bulletin**, they need to be given to the office by Wednesday prior to the Sunday bulletin. Thank you!

To facilitate **accurate counting**, please use separate checks/cash for the special collection, candle and Sunday envelopes. Thank you for your attention!

Please let the office know if you have an upcoming surgery, illness, etc., so we can put you on our prayer list. Thank you!

**Altar Candelabrum** for May 2022 is donated by **Carol and Denny Popa and Family in loving meory of +George and +Arline Alecusan's Anniversary, parents and grandparents.**

**Left Iconostasis Candelabrum** for May 2022 is donated by **Jim and Esther Dershaw for our wedding anniversary on May 24.**

**Right Iconostasis Candelabrum** for May 2022 is donated by **Pat and Gary Simmons in loving memory of +Terry Orlando, sister.**

**Blessed Virgin Mary Candelabrum** for April 2022 is donated by **Rebecca Baumgartner in memory of +Lance corporal Peter James Clore, +Army**

**1st Lieutenant Aaron N. Seesan, +Sergeant Daniel J. Patron, +Corporal José Javier Rodriguez.**

**Prescura for 2022:** Amparo Adkins, Annie Collins, Esther Dershaw, Suzie Dragos, Elena Florea, Ann Fosnaught, Mariana Greavu, Ileana Hotiu, Nancy Maciag, Maria Marcu, Debbie Murari, Virginia Rogers, Kathy Walsh, P-sa. Patricia Wendt, Dodi Zbuka and P-sa. Gabriela Marginean

## **Announcements**

**Presentation Romanian Orthodox Church in Fairlawn Ohio will host their PRIMAVARA Festival on Monday, May 22, 2022.** See their website for ordering. Pick up is noon to 3pm. The outdoor terrace and grill are open noon to 5pm. <https://presentationorthodoxchurch.org/store/>

**Saint George Romanian Orthodox Church on 30<sup>th</sup> St will host their Romanian Festival on Saturday, June 4 from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM.** All are welcome to enjoy a day of food, beverages, music, dancing, pastries, etc. See their website [www.stgeorgecanton.org](http://www.stgeorgecanton.org) for more information.

**New Itinerant Consulate** organized by the Romanian Consulate in Washington DC, to take place in Cleveland between June 9-12, 2022. *Consulatul Onorific General al Romaniei in Cleveland, OH are placerea de a anunta un nou consulat itinerant organizat de Consulatul Romaniei din Washington DC in Cleveland, intre 9-12 iunie 2022, pentru a indeplini anumite acte consulare pentru membrii comunitatii romanesti din Ohio. Consulatul itinerant se va organiza în perioada **09-12 iunie 2022** la sediul St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Cathedral din Cleveland, OH - 3256 Warren Road, Cleveland, OH 44111. Consulatul itinerant va funcționa exclusiv pe bază de programare online la adresa de e-mail [washington.itinerant@mae.ro](mailto:washington.itinerant@mae.ro) . **Perioada de programare va incepe la data de 10 mai 2022, iar data limita pana la care se pot transmite cererile de programare este Marti, 31 mai 2022 orele 14.00***

*Doritorii vor comunica codul cererii/cererilor din SIMISC (format PE xxxxx ) ce au fost validate în portalul <https://www.econsulat.ro/> , conform procedurii.*

*Mesajul prin care se va solicita programarea trebuie să conțină și următoarele:*

- *numele și prenumele solicitantului de servicii consulare;*
- *serviciul consular solicitat;*
- *consulatul itinerant pentru care se solicita programarea;*
- *un număr de telefon de contactat al solicitantului de servicii consulare;*
- *documentele justificative scanate aferente serviciului consular solicitat – în cazul persoanelor pentru care nu s-a validat cererea în portalul <https://www.econsulat.ro/> sau nu s-a inițiat o astfel de cerere în portalul menționat. Programul consulatului itinerant va fi:*

*Joi, 09 iunie 2022 în intervalul orar 16.00-19.00*

*Vineri, 10 iunie 2022 în intervalul orar 09.00-17.00*

*Sâmbătă, 11 iunie în intervalul orar 09.00-17.00*

*Duminică, 12 iunie în intervalul orar 14.00-17.00*

*Vor fi efectuate următoarele servicii consulare:*

- *acte notariale (procuri, declarații);*
- *obținere acte din România;*
- *înscrisuri acte stare civilă;*
- *titluri de călătorie;*
- *pașapoarte electronice;*
- *verificare a statutului juridic față de statul român;*

*Va rugăm să contactați Consulatul din Washington DC la adresa [washington.itinerant@mae.ro](mailto:washington.itinerant@mae.ro) cu orice întrebări.*

*Alin Rosca; Consul Onorific General al României în Cleveland, OH*

St. George Cathedral is holding a **drive for the Pregnancy & Parenting Center** for the month of **May** in honor of our Blessed Virgin Mary. See a list of requested items in the bulletin or on the bulletin board. A table will be set up by the choir loft for donations to be dropped off. Thank you for your support of this worthy cause!

Enclosed is a flier that Bishop John Michael wanted to share with those interested in a peace event. He will be one of the speakers. You can attend virtually or in person.

***Ecumenism as a Peace Movement: the Case of Ukraine***

Friday, May 20, 2022; 7:00-9:00 pm EDT; St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral  
3500 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20007

See the website for more information or to sign up.

[https://washtheocon.org/wtc\\_events/ecumenism-as-a-peace-movement-the-case-of-ukraine/](https://washtheocon.org/wtc_events/ecumenism-as-a-peace-movement-the-case-of-ukraine/)

**From the Ladies Auxiliary:**

**TODAY, Our next Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be after Divine Liturgy.  
Hope to see everyone there to discuss future projects and events!**

**Parish events:**

**Stewardship Committee** will meet on Wednesday, May 18 at 6:30pm.  
See Fr. Ovi for an invitation to the online meeting.

**Pastoral Council** will meet on Thursday, May 19 at 6:30pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend!

**Carpathian Men's Club** will meet on Sunday, May 22 with social at 5:30pm with a meeting to follow. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

**To Tickle Your Funny Bone 😊**

Lost and hungry in the desert for a week, and American tourist finally spies a little church on the edge of the wilderness. Tired and weak, he collapses on the front porch, where missionary finds him and cares for him. When the tourist is rested and ready to go on his way, he asked directions to the nearest town.

“Would you like to borrow my horse?” The missionary asks.

The American responds “Yes!”

“Well, there is something special about this horse. You must say ‘Thank God’ to make him go and ‘Amen’ to make him stop.

Not paying much attention the tourist says, “Sure, Ok.”



So the tourist mounts the animal and says, “Thank God”, and the horse starts walking. Then he says “Thank God, thank God”, and the horse starts trotting. Finally feeling brave, the man says “Thank God, thank God, thank God”, and the horse leaps into a full gallop.

Suddenly a bluff with a 300 foot drop appears on the horizon, and he does everything he can to make the horse stop. “Whoa! Stop! Help! Wow!” Finally, he remembers, “Amen!” And the horse stops four inches from the drop off. Exhausted, the tourist leans back in his saddle and breathes a prayer, “Thank God!”

### **Do Something Beautiful for God by Mother Theresa**

Don’t allow anything to interfere with your love for Jesus. You belong to Him. Nothing can separate you from Him. That one sentence is important to remember. He will be your joy, your strength. If you hold onto that sentence, temptations and difficulties will come, but nothing will break you. Remember, you have been created for great things.

### **Happy Birthday! La multi ani!!**

Mircea Cristea – May 15<sup>th</sup>

### **Advertising Opportunity – business card size:**



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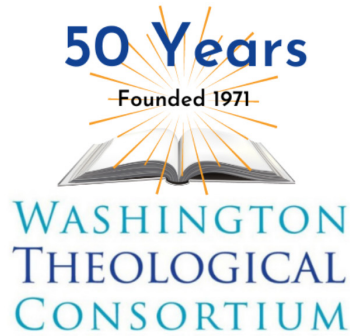
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	Mon 5/16	Tue 5/17	Wed 5/18	Thu 5/19	Fri 5/20	Sat 5/21	Sun 5/22
	Ven. Father Theodore	Andronicus & Junias,	Abstinence Peter, Dionysius and	Hieromartyr Patrick,	Abstinence Thallelaius, martyr.	+Rev. Fr. Mircea +Ss. Constantine and Dispensation (harti)	6th Sunday of Easter Basiliscus, martyr. LUCIAN Muresan's
8am		Liturgy: H/S Fr. Steve Kovacevich 8am - 9am	Liturgy: +Ladies Auxiliary Members by Ladies Auxiliary 8am - 9am	Liturgy: +Theresa Orlando by Jack and Lori Petruso 8am - 9am	Liturgy: +Augusta-Octavia by Munteanu Family 8am - 9am		
9am							
10am							Divine Liturgy 10am - 11:30am
11am							Parastas
12pm						Small hall rental 12pm - 4pm	Coffee: Maciag Family 11:30am - 12:30pm
1pm							
2pm							
3pm							
4pm							
5pm							
6pm							Carpathian Men's club meeting 5:30pm - 8pm
7pm			Stewardship Committee meeting Virtual Meeting - invitation needed 6:30pm - 8pm	Pastoral Council meeting Small hall 6:30pm - 8:30pm			
8pm							



## *Ecumenism as a Peace Movement: the Case of Ukraine*

**Friday, May 20, 2022; 7:00-9:00 pm EDT  
St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral  
3500 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20007**

While nations go to war, Christian churches can stand together to witness and work for peace. Cardinal Walter Kasper has called ecumenical dialogue a peace movement because it witnesses to and works for the reconciliation of all people made possible in Jesus Christ. At this event, participants will hear from three leading figures of churches involved with the citizens, refugees and the grieving in Ukraine:



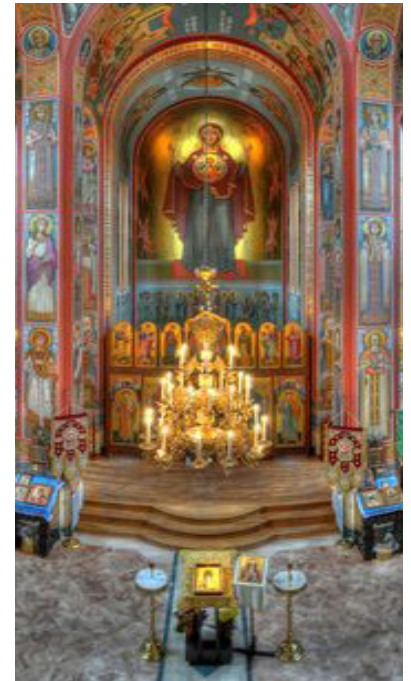
Archbishop Borys Gudziak  
Archeprarchy of Philadelphia, PA  
Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church  
President, Ukrainian Catholic University, L'viv



Bishop John Michael Botean  
Eparchy of St. George in Canton, OH  
Romanian Greek Catholic Church  
Co-patron, Orientale Lumen Conferences



Archpriest Andriy Dudchenko (via online)  
Rector, Cathedral of the Transfiguration  
Orthodox Church of Ukraine, Kyiv  
Lecturer, Kyiv Orthodox Theological Academy



The event will be conducted in-person and virtual, and moderated by Dr. Sandra Collins, Professor of Sacred Scripture and Director of the online learning program of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA.



A memorial prayer service (Panachida), that is shared by Orthodox and Eastern Catholics, will start the evening, for those who have died in the war. After brief remarks by the panelists, there will be time for discussion, and a reception will follow.

**RSVP for in-person attendance or register for online:**

**[https://washtheocon.org/wtc\\_events/ecumenism-as-a-peace-movement-the-case-of-ukraine/](https://washtheocon.org/wtc_events/ecumenism-as-a-peace-movement-the-case-of-ukraine/)**

**Donations will be collected and shared by the Churches in Ukraine for humanitarian aid.**

## PREGNANCY CHOICES DONATION NEEDS

- Diapers
  - Wipes
  - Diaper Cream
  - Bottles
  - Formula
    - Alimentum
    - SoothePro
    - NeoSure
    - Nutramigen
  - Crib Sheets
  - Infant Tylenol and/or Motrin
  - Baby Shampoo and Body Soaps
  - Breastfeeding supplies
  - Batteries (larger sizes for swings)
  - Safety Kits
  - Thermometers
  - Pacifiers (all sizes)
  - New or Gently Used:
    - Baby clothing
      - High need for larger sizes 18-24 months but all sizes welcome
    - Maternity Clothes (specifically xl+ but all sizes welcome!)
    - Nursing Shirts
    - Nursing tank tops
    - Nursing Bras
    - Muslin Blankets
    - Infant toys
    - Infant books
    - Infant towels and washcloths
    - Nursery Decor
    - Baby wearing wraps and carriers
- Larger Items include:
    - New Cribs
    - New or Gently Used :
  - Pack N' Plays
  - Bouncer Seats
  - Baby Swings
  - Baby Bathtubs
  - Strollers
  - Crib mattresses
  - Diaper Bags
  - Nursing Pillows
  - Bassinets
  - Highchairs
  - Jumperoo's
  - Carseats
    - Infant
    - Toddler
  - Gift Cards (to help us fill in gaps and purchase needed things)
    - Target
    - Amazon
    - Walmart

**THANK YOU!!!**

# Stewardship

**T**ithing is part of the larger principle that followers of Jesus know as Christian stewardship. Tithing is important, but is only one part of that broader concept. The idea of Christian stewardship, in contrast to the tithe, includes three basic principles: *God is the owner of all of life; each individual is a steward of all that God has entrusted to us; and, each person must give an accounting of their stewardship.*

It is important for those who tithe to clearly perceive the relationship of their regular giving to the rest of the dedication that they make to God.

## Time and talents

While in its narrow sense, tithing refers to the setting aside of a tenth of one's income for God's work. It has nevertheless been true that others, as they have practiced the stewardship of their money, have felt the urgent need to dedicate their time, talents, and their lives to God, as well.

The nature of tithing is such that the tither quickly understands this larger concept of stewardship. Tithing is an acknowledgement of God's ownership, and of God's continued concern for the world. Giving a percentage of what is earned as an act of worship is a recognition that all the remainder has been given by God to us.

## How money is earned

As part of their larger stewardship, tithers are concerned with the ways by which they earn money and with the use of the nine-tenths that remains after they sets aside a tithe.

Christian stewards do not shape all their efforts and desires to increased material goods, even if they do put aside a tenth of the larger funds that such efforts bring to them.

The Christian who endeavors to be a



steward of all they possess will naturally be concerned with the motives that drive them as they seek to make their living. They will always bring the purposes and methods by which they earn money under the light of Christ's teachings.

## Use of other money

Nor can Christian stewards fail to be concerned with the use they make of the rest of their money after they have tithed. They cannot live as if that amount is their own. Stewardship requires a sense of obligation for all the money that comes into the possession of a follower of Jesus.

In the light of such stewardship, a Christian will often give a larger proportion of their income than a tenth to God's work. The tithe is an acknowledgement, and a historic measure, but it was never

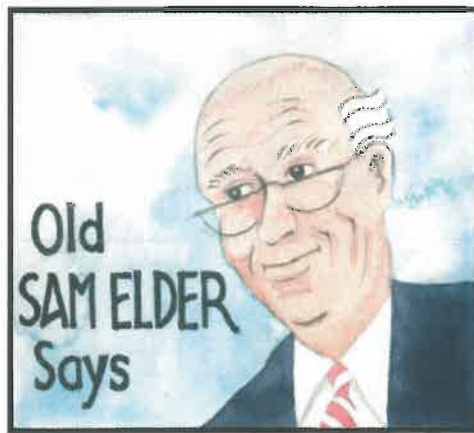
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*"I have learned to manage on whatever I have. I know how to be poor and how to be rich...*

*There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the one who gives me strength."*

St. Paul





“Perhaps we should support the concern for the environment, but only as citizens,” declared Seth Scorer, “It is NOT a spiritual matter! The church should have no part in it!”


Seth, I agree that citizens should be concerned,” said Old Sam Elder, “However, the church cannot avoid being involved.”

“You have no grounds for involving the church Sam,” continued Seth, “I dare you to quote me just one passage from the New Testament that discusses our worldly environment. I have searched; the Bible contains no such passages,

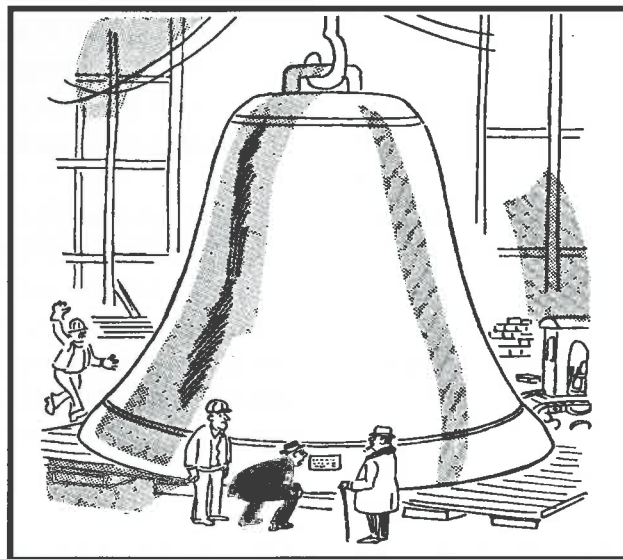
therefore the church shall not be involved!”

“Seth, let’s look at Luke 16:10 & 11: ‘Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.’ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?’ Seth, I bet you thought that related just to money, but isn’t it true that now we all realize that the blessings of nature are our greatest wealth?”

“Sam, I don’t completely accept that passage as applying to our problems. We aren’t cheating anybody when we misuse or exploit the environment,” said Seth.

“Yes! We are cheating future generations and the poor people of this generation with whom God expects us to share this wealth of nature,” explained Sam, “We are all guilty; some of us as individuals, but all of us by association with governments, industries or technology. We must all repent, pray and work to make amends.” 

*No matter who you are  
or what you do - no  
matter how meaningless  
you consider your life's  
work - you can achieve  
greatness in the eyes of  
God by doing your work  
to the best of your ability  
and offering it up to God.*



“I don’t know how it happened, but you’re right, it does say, ‘Donated by Thurman Osgood III’ and in parentheses ... ‘Parish ding-a-ling!’”

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## Vote with Your Faith!

If I give *nothing* ... I cast a vote in favor of closing my church.

If I give *only to local support* ... I vote to stop missionary activity in this hour of great world need.

If I give *grudgingly* ... I shall find no joy, nor receive the blessing of the Lord.

If I give *proportionately* ... I shall give something, even if of necessity, mine must be small.

If I give *systematically* ... I make it possible for my church to plan in advance and make it easier for myself.

If I give *sacrificially* ... I shall testify to the high value I place upon Christ and the church in ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of suffering humanity.

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## Steward of the Month

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### Young at Heart

Submitted by: Eva, Cheshire, CT

Every Thursday afternoon for several years now, a group of women meet at church to share fellowship, laughs and support for one and other. These ladies call themselves the Young at Heart Group. Meet their founder Carolyn. She recognized that there was a group of ladies no longer home with their grown children and no longer in the work force, who all enjoyed one another's company and Christian fellowship, so she decided to get them together and see where it would go.

At this point they have had many women come and go from the group. They have supported each other through the death of a spouse, the loss of a child, breast cancer and many other life challenges. They also share laughs and fun honoring each other's birthdays, going out to lunch occasionally and studying the word of God. They are the first to step up and help collate the church bulletin and even lend a hand at vacation Bible school. Additionally, the Young at Heart Group has raised close to \$1,000 selling greeting cards which they have donated to various causes within the church.

Young women today would call this dedication to friends as "got your back." This group is an inspiring example of Christian love and devotion. Carolyn saw a need within her church and made something great happen. I have learned to try to do this in my daily life. I have had a great chance to learn because not only is Carolyn a friend to others at church, she is also my mom. Thanks Mom. ☩

**"Steward of the Month"** is an exciting way to recognize exemplary stewards. If you are aware of someone who has exemplified Christian stewardship, please tell us about it at [stewardofthemonth.com](http://stewardofthemonth.com). Once a month, one submission will be chosen to be published in *Stewardship*. In addition, if your story is chosen, \$100 will be given to the church or organization of your choice.

*Life is something God has given us to take care of. Everything comes from God. We may use our talent or ability to achieve material goods, but these are gifts from God to begin with!*



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### **Tithing is part of the...**

intended to mark the end of giving.

#### **Use of time**

As part of total stewardship, tithers are also concerned about how they use their time. The days and years at their disposal is a sacred trust. They are stewards of time as long as they live.


People in the 21st century are aware of the significance of time as never before in human history. The idea that this is a leisurely and unhurried existence has been replaced by a rush to accomplish everything immediately, as if there might not be a tomorrow in which to do it.

Time is holy because it may be limited. Christian stewards who are faithful in the use of their time do not live in fear of the future, but constantly face the question of whether or not they are making wise use of the years at their disposal. They ask themselves, "Am I being true to God if I devote all my time to work, pleasure and sleep, even if I do tithe my money?"

#### **Dedication of talents**

Then, as part of their total stewardship, tithers are thoughtful about the dedica-

tion of their talents. They regard personal abilities to work and to lead as another evidence of God's loving care. In a spirit of consecration they desire to have those talents utilized in business, in the home, and during leisure hours, in such a manner that they will make a contribution to the Kingdom of God on earth.

As part of their stewardship, tithers will also be concerned with the total impact of their lives upon others. They will recognize that their influence should be extended to help make a more Christian world! 



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