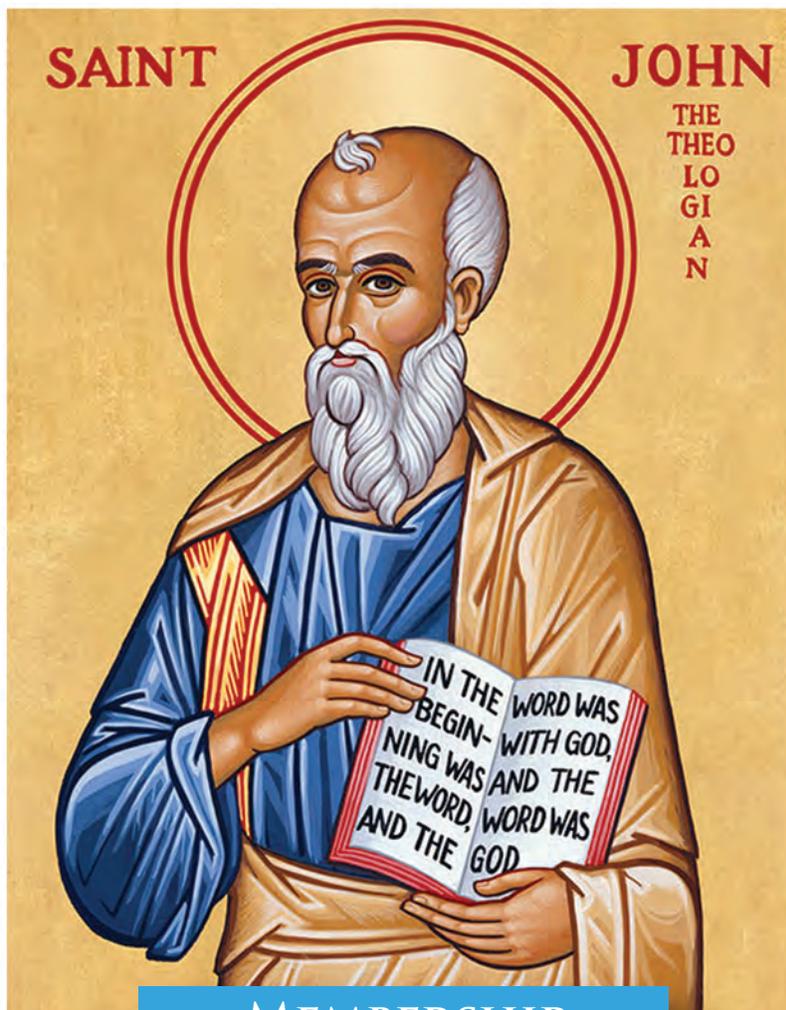




ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



MEMBERSHIP
PACKET

I CAME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE
AND HAVE IT ABUNDANTLY. (ST. JOHN 10:10)



STEWARDSHIP IS OFFERING ONE'S SELF TO GOD
AS HE OFFERED HIMSELF TO US.

STEWARDSHIP IS WHAT A PERSON DOES AFTER
SAYING "I BELIEVE.." AS PROOF OF THAT BELIEF.

- Williams and Mckibben in Oriented Leadership

STEWARDSHIP- *It's your turn!*

Since 1916, St. John the Divine Greek Orthodox Church in Jacksonville has been a beacon of God's Light that continues to get brighter and brighter as the light of our Lord shines through you, HIS people. We have a rich history that has involved much labor and determination from the time of our founders. We are, as they were, good stewards - realizing that anything and everything good we have or do is from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is our joy and our responsibility, as stewards of His immeasurable blessings, to return that goodness to the Lord, through our good works towards each other, our community, our city, our country, and throughout the world.

WHAT IS A STEWARD?

A steward is someone who handles affairs for someone else. In ancient kingdoms, stewards ran the country in the absence of the king. Upon the king's return, the steward gave a full account for his actions. Even when the king was present, the steward often handled the daily affairs of the kingdom. However, a steward did not own the kingdom and joyfully acknowledged that the king has full dominion.

The King is present as we boldly say, "CHRIST is in our midst!" And at the same time He is coming, just around the corner to hear our accounts. When He comes, how will we answer when He asks, "What have you done with My talent?" You are the steward, and CHRIST expects us to do something with the gift He has entrusted to our care.

Your stewardship to the Church returns to Jesus Christ what is already His, so that we as His body may do the work of ministry that has been entrusted to us. May the Holy Spirit guide you and your heart as you make your commitment to your home, St. John The Divine!

"BRING THE WHOLE TITHE INTO THE STOREHOUSE, SO THAT THERE MAY BE FOOD IN MY HOUSE, AND PUT ME TO THE TEST NOW IN THIS," SAYS THE LORD ALMIGHTY,
"IF I DO NOT OPEN FOR YOU THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN AND POUR OUT FOR YOU
A BLESSING UNTIL IT OVERFLOWS. - MALACHI 3:10

HISTORICAL STEWARDSHIP DATA

Year	Total Household Stewards	Total Stewardship Contributions
2021	375	\$851,072
2022	378	\$802,216
2023	386	\$813,495

HISTORICAL NET OPERATING CASH FLOW

Year	Total Revenue	Total Operating Expenses	Surplus / Deficit
2021	\$1,021,029	\$899,422	\$121,607
2022	\$1,062,723	\$1,124,635	-\$61,912
2023	\$1,278,815	\$1,300,557	-\$21,742

HISTORICAL GIVING RANGE BY HOUSEHOLD

Year	\$1 - \$500	\$500 - \$1K	\$1K - \$2K	\$2K - \$5K	\$5K - \$10K	\$10K - \$20K	\$20k - \$50K	Over \$50K
2021	165	63	57	55	26	6	2	1
2022	151	61	63	64	25	15	3	0
2023	124	81	72	75	21	10	3	0

WHY COMPLETE A CONNECTION CARD AND PLEDGE FORM?

- To let us know you and your family call St. John the Divine your home Parish.
- So that we have up-to-date contact information for you and your family.
- Submitting a pledge commitment helps SJTD make important financial forecasting decisions.

WHO SHOULD COMPLETE A CONNECTION CARD AND PLEDGE CARD?

- All who call St. John the Divine their church family AND who believe in furthering our mission:

The MISSION of St. John the Divine is to proclaim the Holy Gospel by teaching and spreading the Orthodox Christian Faith in a dynamic and welcoming community devoted to serving all people who seek a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

- A person over the age of 18 should submit their own connection card and pledge, regardless of where they live.

HOW TO GIVE?

Our Preferred Method - the most convenient way to give: Set up Automatic Bank Debit option. See attached form or contact the church office for one at (904)396-5383

- Give online anytime at <https://subsplash.com/u/stjohnthedivine/give>
- Text the word "GIVE" to SJTD at (904) 604-8168
- Use your bank's website to arrange an automatic and recurring check to automatically be sent to SJTD on your time table. Most banks offer this service for free
- Drop a postage paid SJTD giving envelope in the mail (see church office for postage paid envelopes)

HOW MUCH DO WE GIVE AS AN OFFERING TO GOD?

- We give our FIRST FRUITs to God... not our left-overs from disposable income
- Strive to offer back to God 10% as He instructed us in Holy Scripture
- Start by offering at least 3% - Try the "3 Pennies Offering Challenge"



3 PENNIES OFFERING CHALLENGE

We are often asked what is an appropriate amount that a family should offer in their stewardship. We recommend that families consider beginning with the "Three Pennies Offering". This equates to offering at least 3 pennies out of every \$1 dollar of their monthly income to support and help us grow in our mission.

You keep 97 cents!... and you give just 3 pennies to support St. John the Divine, your church family.

Please consult the table below for a guide to monthly giving.

Monthly Income	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
1,000	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20	10
2,000	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40	20
3,000	300	270	240	210	180	150	120	90	60	30
4,000	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80	40
5,000	500	450	400	350	300	250	200	150	100	50
6,000	600	540	480	420	360	300	240	180	120	60
7,000	700	630	560	490	420	350	280	210	140	70
8,000	800	720	640	560	480	400	320	240	160	80
9,000	900	810	720	630	540	450	360	270	180	90
10,000	1,000	900	800	700	600	500	400	300	200	100
11,000	1,100	990	880	770	660	550	440	330	220	110
12,000	1,200	1,080	960	840	720	600	480	360	240	120
13,000	1,300	1,170	1,040	910	780	650	520	390	260	130
14,000	1,400	1,260	1,120	980	840	700	560	420	280	140
15,000	1,500	1,350	1,200	1,050	900	750	600	450	300	150

Our church does not have a fixed membership fee. Instead, we welcome and encourage each member of our church family to grow in their walk of faith and to prayerfully and lovingly give an amount that is representative of their love for God and their growing relationship with Him.

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" - 2 Corinthians 9:7