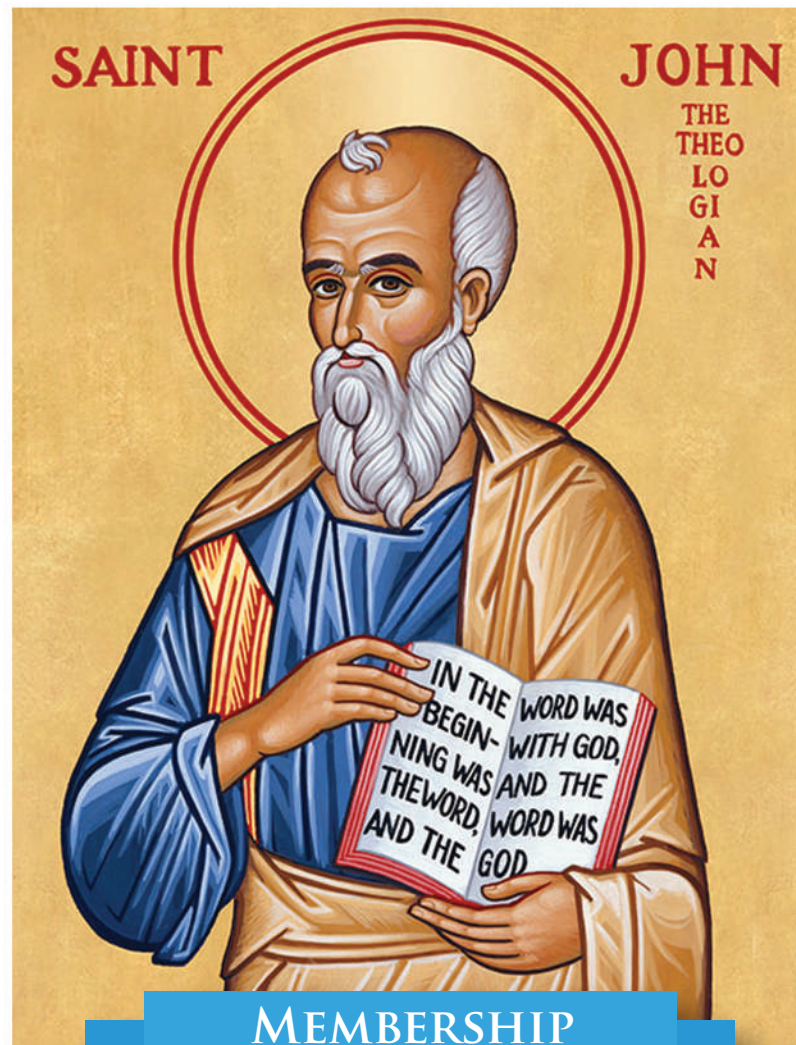




ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

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- *Going All In!*

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!

HISTORICAL STEWARDSHIP DATA

Year	Total Household Stewards	Total Stewardship Contribution	Average Steward
2022	402	\$821,137	\$2,043
2023	419	\$820,365	\$1,958
2024	475	\$886,608	\$1,867

HISTORICAL GIVING RANGE BY HOUSEHOLD

Year	\$1-\$500	\$500-\$1K	\$1K-\$2K	\$2K-\$5K	\$5K-\$10K	\$10K-\$20K	\$20K-\$50K	Over \$50K
2022	151	61	57	55	25	15	3	0
2023	124	81	72	75	21	10	3	0
2024	196	85	71	84	24	12	3	0

2025 STEWARDSHIP REVENUE THROUGH SEPTEMBER

Stewardship Goal	Collected to Date	Remaining to Goal needed by 12/31/2025	Average Steward
\$1,000,000	\$778,389	\$221,611	\$1,737

OPTIONS FOR GIVING

1



Our Preferred Method: Setup a recurring gift using this QR code

Scan the QR code using your camera or QR code scanner, and setup a monthly gift using your credit or debit card. Recurring gifts help us balance our parish finances and more effectively cover our expenses. (One-time, weekly, or bi-monthly options are also available)

2

Give on Sundays at the services.

3

Give online anytime at www.stjohnthedivine.com. Click the "Donate Today" button at the top of the screen.

4

Use your bank's website to arrange a recurring check to automatically be sent to SJTD on your timetable.

Please Call the office with any questions (904) 396-5383

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 yearly 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 yearly giving.

Yearly Income	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
\$ 30,000.00	3000	2700	2400	2100	1800	1500	1200	900	600	300
\$ 60,000.00	6000	5400	4800	4200	3600	3000	2400	1800	1200	600
\$ 90,000.00	9000	8100	7200	6300	5400	4500	3600	2700	1800	900
\$ 120,000.00	12000	10800	9600	8400	7200	6000	4800	3600	2400	1200
\$ 150,000.00	15000	13500	12000	10500	9000	7500	6000	4500	3000	1500
\$ 180,000.00	18000	16200	14400	12600	10800	9000	7200	5400	3600	1800
\$ 200,000.00	20000	18000	16000	14000	12000	10000	8000	6000	4000	2000
\$ 250,000.00	25000	22500	20000	17500	15000	12500	10000	7500	5000	2500
\$ 300,000.00	30000	27000	24000	21000	18000	15000	12000	9000	6000	3000
\$ 350,000.00	35000	31500	28000	24500	21000	17500	14000	10500	7000	3500
\$ 400,000.00	40000	36000	32000	28000	24000	20000	16000	12000	8000	4000
\$ 450,000.00	45000	40500	36000	31500	27000	22500	18000	13500	9000	4500
\$ 500,000.00	50000	45000	40000	35000	30000	25000	20000	15000	10000	5000
\$ 550,000.00	55000	49500	44000	38500	33000	27500	22000	16500	11000	5500
\$ 600,000.00	60000	54000	48000	42000	36000	30000	24000	18000	12000	6000

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