



# KIMISIS TIS THEOTOKOU GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*“Come and see the works of God; He is awesome in His doing towards His children!” - Psalm 66:5*

*As Orthodox Christians, we are stewards of our Church family – those with whom we love, worship with, and serve the community. Join us in using our time, talent and treasure for the benefit of Kimisis in grateful acknowledgment of Christ’s redeeming love.*

**I/We would like to pledge the following amount to Kimisis for 2023**

**KIMISIS NEEDS A YEARLY COMMITMENT OF \$1,300 PER FAMILY (I.E. STEWARDSHIP UNIT)**

**MY FINANCIAL COMMITMENT FOR 2023 IS \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_ *Weekly* \_\_\_ *Monthly* \_\_\_ *Quarterly* \_\_\_ *Annually*

Our Auto Recurring Donation Program can be accessed on our website: [www.kimisisny.org](http://www.kimisisny.org)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone (Home/Cell):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

	Husband	Wife
<b>Name</b>		
<b>Email</b>		
<b>Orthodox Christian</b>	Yes _____ No _____	Yes _____ No _____

Please complete your pledge card and return it to the Church Office at your earliest convenience

*I/we would like to help with the following ministries for 2023*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Philoptochos</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> College/Young Adult Ministry</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Internet/Social Media</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Home visitation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bulletin/Newsletter</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Greek Festival</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Baking</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prospora</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Outreach &amp; Evangelism</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Senior Ministry</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance/Building &amp; Grounds</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Greek School</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Greek Dance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fellowship</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Youth &amp; Sunday School</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Office Work</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Altar Boys</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Greeting</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Chanting/Music</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other (                    )</li> </ul> |
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# STEWARDSHIP

## Questions & Answers

### What is Stewardship?

Stewardship is how we keep the Church's mission alive and functioning! It is a simple, equitable and Christian way by which each parishioner (family or individual) determines the amount they will commit for the support of the Church, proportionate to his or her income.

### Why have a Stewardship Program?

Such a program eliminates inequities and places the responsibility of Kimisis in the hands of each parishioner. It helps us take financial responsibility for our church according to our financial means.

### Who is included in my family commitment?

A pledging family includes husband, wife, and children under the age of 18.

### What about single working adults?

Every working, self-supporting adult over 18 years old must make his/her own commitment. This is a necessary for an adult Orthodox Christian to become a member in good standing in a parish of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese (Part 3, article 18 Uniform Parish Regulations)

### Who determines the level of offering?

We encourage everyone to take a look at the chart below. It compares levels of giving to annual gross income. Where does our giving fit in—not in proportion to charts, and solicited donations, but also to the biblical standard of tithing 10% of our assets to God?

### What is the minimum amount required?

Like many parishes, Kimisis once relied on "suggested minimum donations" (i.e. "dues"). "Minimum donations" will not help our pay expenses that can exceed \$22,000/mo. We must set aside an honest and fair portion of our income for the ministries and operations of Kimisis to take place.

### How do I become a pledging steward?

By filling out the enclosed pledge form and mailing and/or bringing it to the Church. Our Payment program can also be accessed on our website

### When should I send my pledge?

Stewardship occurs on a calendar year basis. Parishioners are asked to fulfill their pledges by December 31 of the year in which they are pledging. Payments can be made on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis.

### Will my pledge amount be confidential?

Yes! All pledge amounts are kept in the strictest confidence. The names of all pledged stewards will be published in our church publications.

### What if I need to revise my commitment?

You can change your pledge according to your changing financial situation by advising the parish priest or a member of the parish council. Again, this is always kept in strict confidence.

## SUGGESTED LEVELS OF OFFERING

Whether you are a long-standing member or new to our community, Kimisis will always need your support. Your Christian Stewardship commitment and support provides our parish and the Church at large with the necessary resources.

After you have read this information and discussed it with your family, please complete the pledge form and return it to the Church office. Thank you for your support.

The table below consists of suggested amounts per annual household income. Think about it – the average financial pledge through the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America is 218.00/yr. Considering the needs of the Church, and the standard of tithing 10% of our time, talent, and treasure.

## WHERE DOES OUR OWN GIVING FIT IN?

Household income	.5%	1%	2%	3%	5%	10% (tithe)
<b>\$20,000</b>	\$100	\$200	\$400	\$600	\$1000	<b>\$2000</b>
<b>\$30,000</b>	\$150	\$300	\$600	\$900	\$1500	<b>\$3000</b>
<b>\$40,000</b>	\$200	\$400	\$800	\$1,200	\$2000	<b>\$4000</b>
<b>\$50,000</b>	\$250	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2500	<b>\$5000</b>
<b>\$60,000</b>	\$300	\$600	\$1,200	\$1,800	\$3,000	<b>\$6000</b>
<b>\$70,000</b>	\$350	\$700	\$1,400	\$2,100	\$3,500	<b>\$7000</b>
<b>\$80,000</b>	\$400	\$800	\$1,600	\$2,400	\$4,000	<b>\$8000</b>
<b>\$90,000</b>	\$450	\$900	\$1,800	\$2,700	\$4,500	<b>\$9000</b>
<b>\$100,000</b>	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	<b>\$10,000</b>