



January 2024

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we begin the new year, it is a good time to reflect gratefully on the past year: what we've been able to accomplish with the Lord's help, things in progress, and our hopes for the future.

It was just about three years ago that we left our small private chapel and moved into our new church building. We keep working on "settling in." Little by little, the nave has been transformed into a holy space that reflects God's glory. This building has allowed us more visibility, greater flexibility, and increased opportunities for outreach. From here we, as Orthodox Christians, can worship, spread the Good News as we are called to do, and serve the community in other ways as well. Our church is also home to a food pantry located in the basement servicing those in need.

This call for Stewardship 2024 is an invitation for you to become an even more vital part of our mission to share our faith and to bring Orthodoxy to the North Country. God has graced us with this temple, with a loving priest, and with many opportunities to continue to grow in our faith and love. Each one of us has unique skills and talents to contribute to this effort. In the form attached to this e-mail please list your talents, skills, interests... A few areas are mentioned specifically but we hope that you might think of other ways as well. We ask that you share your talents as a way of sharing your love of God who loves us beyond measure.

Of course, there are bills to pay for maintenance and upkeep, and it is important to help financially, as you can. There is a place on the form for you to list whatever you can pledge. You can e-mail this form back to me or hand it to any member of the Parish Council.

Above all, come worship! The church is open to all—bring friends and invite those whom you sense are in need of a spiritual home. Vespers are at 5 pm on Saturdays and Liturgy at 10 am on Sundays. This is the true beginning of Stewardship. Our Annual Meeting of the parish will be on **Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**, following Liturgy. Fr. Alexey, the Dean of New York State for our Diocese, will be with us. I hope to see you there, and I encourage you to consider serving on the Parish Council—elections will also be that day.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jessica R. Suchy-Pilalis'.

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