



ST. LUKE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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\$4.38 weekly upgrade

2010 Stewardship

Dear friend,

We appreciate your commitment and continued support of our beloved Church of St. Luke and celebrate that you are part of our Church family.

With the challenging 2010 budget approved by the faithful at the November General Assembly, St. Luke's is faced with a budget that requires all of us to tighten our belts, reduce spending and reach deeper in our pockets to meet our 2010 ministries; in other words, to respond in faith.

The Parish Council has done its part by responsibly providing a budget which has been trimmed where possible, which has removed all increases, but which allows for the Church to minister, at the levels we expect of Her. St. Luke's will of course remain committed to Her strong ministry to our youth, elderly and the many groups She has under Her wing, including the 24/7 ministry we provide.

In order to meet the needs of our ministry; a mere \$4.38 a week or \$19 a month at the minimum increase in stewardship would be required by our faithful. This upgrade or increase comes at a time when we are all feeling the effects of the economy; but just as we can upgrade our other needs (pizza night, round of golf, movies, internet, phones, cable, etc); we surely can deem it necessary to upgrade the stewardship to our Church which offers us priceless ministries.

The minimum "\$19 monthly upgrade" to St. Luke's will secure the Church and allow Her to remain a refuge, place of solace, house of worship, the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, our spiritual hospital, a home for our adult groups, and indeed, a safe haven for our children to participate in fellowship and spiritual growth.

It is not as much a question of "can we do it," as much as it is a question of "do we have enough faith and love to do it." The truth is some will need to give about \$19 more a month; others will be able to increase their giving by \$40 or more as we all have different needs and resources. God knows our heart and blesses us when we give joyfully; let us allow Him to guide us.

With every obstacle that St. Luke's has faced in the past, you, the faithful, have risen to the occasion, met the challenge and gone above and beyond in meeting the Church's needs. It is that faith in what we can do as a family, united with the person of Jesus Christ, which has made us the pillar of Orthodoxy in America. It is your faith that will take us to the next level of spiritual awareness and growth that will allow St. Luke's to continue to be a community of faith, love and stewardship in every aspect.

With brotherly love in Christ, I ask that we each consider prayerfully the needed increase in our 2010 stewardship commitment, and our faith commitment to Christ and His Holy Church. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns regarding your sacred Stewardship Commitment.

Respectfully,

Rev. Father Christ Kontos, Protospresbyter