

**St. John the Merciful Orthodox Church
2026 Stewardship Commitment Pledge**

1. CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Name: _____
Email Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Spouse Name (if applicable): _____
Spouse Email Address: _____
Spouse Phone Number: _____
Children (names & ages): _____

Physical Address:
Street: _____
City / ZIP: _____

Birthdays / Anniversary / Name Days (list saint names):

Include in Church Directory: **Email** **Phone** **Address** **None**

2. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

St. John the Merciful Orthodox Church is supported entirely by the generosity of its members. The biblical standard of giving is the tithe—offering one-tenth of our income to God. We also welcome gifts to our building fund and special projects, but your tithe to our General Fund is what sustains our ongoing needs such as rent, utilities, supplies, clergy salary, and parish ministries. We also understand young individuals and families who may need to start at a half-tithe, third-tithe, or with a “Netflix Subscription” to the Church as the first steps of tithing. Your pledge allows us to prepare our budget for the needs of the parish.

In gratitude for God’s blessings, I/we commit to Christ and His Church the following amount per month: \$ _____

Planned Giving provides additional ways to financially support the parish during your life and after your death, such as bequests, annuities, or trusts of real estate and other property (such as cash, stocks, or life insurance)

- Please send me information on making a planned gift to the Church**

In addition to my pledge, I am interested in these gifts for 2026:

- Donating a handwritten icon, reliquary, wooden furnishing, vestments and covers or other items for the beautification of our church (\$250-1000)**
- Donating for technology costs for live-streaming services (\$250-1000)**
- Other:** _____

I am interested to serve in the following ministries:

- Coffee Hour Team** (Help provide a meal once a month)
- Cleaning/Maintenance Team** (Once a month to keep our church beautiful)
- Choir** (we need both trained musicians and those willing to learn)
- Greeter** (welcoming members and guests to our services)
- Youth Ministry/Church School**
- Bible Study/Inquirer Classes in my town/area**
- Outreach in the Community** (events, "Theology on Tap", public services)
- Ministries to care for the Poor and Sick**
- Myrrhbearers Burial Ministry** (traditional Orthodox burial)
- Other:** _____

3. MEMBERSHIP EXPECTATIONS

Voting Members of St. John the Merciful are those who are:

- Orthodox Christians 18 years or older who participate regularly in the liturgical life of the St John the Merciful via sacraments of confession and communion (at least annually)
- Receive the Eucharist and Confession regularly (at least once each major fast)
- Support the parish financially to the best of one's ability
- Help welcome and care for new members and visitors

Catechumens preparing for reception into the Church are considered members of our parish family in every way except for sacraments and voting at annual meetings. By signing this form I am expressing my desire to become / remain a member of SJTM.

Signature of Primary Member: _____ **Date:** _____

Do you have any upcoming pastoral needs that we should discuss soon?

