

# Holy Resurrection Parish Stewardship 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We want you to know, brethren, about the grace of God which has been shown in the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints. II Cor. 8:1-4

In Second Corinthians, the holy Apostle Paul writes about the collection he is taking for the relief of the "saints," that is, the Christians, suffering in Jerusalem. St. Paul emphasizes the condition of the Christians in Macedonia, they are tested by *severe* affliction, yet they exhibit *abundant* joy despite their *extreme* poverty. Through it all the contributions they made to the collection overflowed in a wealth of generosity.

What an example the Christians in Macedonia have made to

all of us! Whatever affliction may test us, whatever loss we may endure, as Christians we know that Jesus Christ has overcome the world, and that we are called to new life in Him in His eternal Kingdom. Thus, "When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate (I Cor. 4:12-13)." Anger, mean spiritedness, judgmentalism, and suspicion have no part in such a life, but rather, as witnessed by the Macedonian Christians, the grace of God reveals an abundance of joy reflected in the life of genuine Christians.

As you reflect on your stewardship commitment for this coming year, think about the Macedonian Christians. Will it overflow in a wealth of generosity? Will it be given according to your means? beyond your means? Will you sense in any way that it is a favor for you to be taking part in the building up of the Kingdom of God through your stewardship? I pray that this is so.

May the Lord bless you,  
Fr. John Pierce

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**✦My/Our pledge to the 2021 Budget:** I/We understand that this pledge enables my parish family to fulfill the 2021 budget for its regular ministry, obligations and work; and that it may be changed at any time.

Returning thanks to God, I/We pledge the following support to my/our family at Holy Resurrection Church

Weekly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annually \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**✦My/Our pledge to the Building Fund:** I/We understand that this pledge is to a Restricted Fund to be used primarily for the development of our Waller property for an Orthodox cemetery, cemetery chapel, new temple and parish hall. It may also be used in maintaining existing infrastructure (buildings, roads, etc.), and that it may be changed at any time.

Returning thanks to God, I/We pledge the following support Holy Resurrection Building Fund:

Weekly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annually \$ \_\_\_\_\_

You may return your 2021 Stewardship pledge in various ways. You may hand it directly to Fr. John or Parish Treasurer Dimitri Pletz. You may fold it and place it in the collection basket at church. You may place it in the offering drop box, located in the corner of the church behind the choir (you may place all your tithes and offerings there), or you may mail it to:

Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church  
P.O. Box 1332  
Puyallup, WA 98371

**Pledges must be received no later than Monday, January 25, 2021 in order to participate in the Parish Annual Meeting following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 30, 2021.**