

Everlasting Giving Ministry

The **Annunciation Everlasting Giving Ministry** was established in 2013 as a ministry of the church to assist parishioners in establishing a long-lasting gift as a testament to their love for God's church.

The Ministry provides "no obligation" legal, financial and end of life planning resources to our parish family for establishing estate plans, Orthodox living wills and other planning directives.

The Ministry also provides resources for tax-advantaged financial planning and charitable giving opportunities.

Come and See

Giving to the Church is an opportunity to examine our priorities and values. It is an opportunity to express our thankfulness, to give of ourselves and to grow in grace. Giving is not a substitute for our commitment – it is an expression of our commitment. **Come And See** what we can do together with your support.

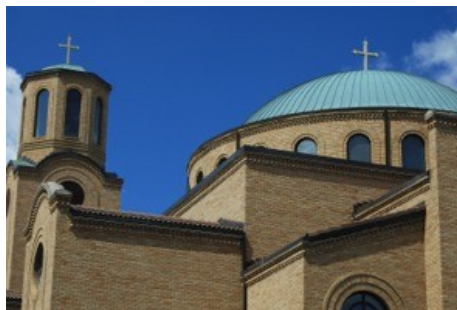
**"Come and See
the works of God,
Who is awesome"**

Psalm 66:5

Help is Available

The Annunciation Everlasting Giving Ministry, in cooperation with the Cathedral clergy and the National Stewardship Ministries of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, has developed resources to guide the faithful in planning their estates according to their Orthodox Christian Faith and values.

Contact the ministry team to receive more detailed information and resources.



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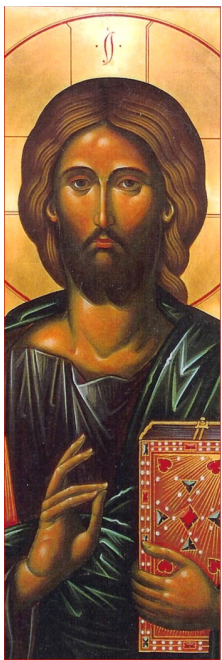
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"...but lay up for yourselves
treasures in heaven..."

REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH THROUGH
PLANNED GIVING

The Body of Christ



The Church is the Body of Christ on earth and carries on His ministry in the world today. Giving to the Church is an opportunity to examine our priorities and values, to express our thankfulness, to give of ourselves and to grow in grace.

Through a charitable gift, you can have a significant positive effect on the ministries of the Church and those people whose lives are changed

because of them. A charitable gift may also give you substantial current tax benefits as well as estate tax benefits.

For most people, the greatest financial gift we are able to give is what we leave behind when we fall asleep in the Lord. The impact of your gift provides the opportunity to leave a family legacy that will be felt for years and generations to come.

As you explore the ways that you can support the ministries of the Church, please know that the Annunciation Cathedral's Everlasting Giving Ministry is available to assist you in any way possible.

Ways to Give

Consider making a gift in one of the following ways:

- Bequest
- Matching Gift
- Gift of Cash
- Gift of Securities
- Gift of Life Insurance
- Gift of Real Estate
- Qualified Retirement Plans
- Charitable Gift Annuity
- Deferred Gift Annuity
- Charitable Lead Trust
- Charitable Remainder Trust

Americans give generously to charitable organizations in this manner. In 2009, more than \$250 billion was given by individuals through their estates.

Recipients:

- Religious Organizations: \$90 billion
- Education: \$41.6 billion

(Source: American Association of Fundraising Counsel 2009)

Planned giving can be very rewarding, allowing you to see your gift at work while receiving tax benefits now.

The material provided here is designed to furnish our Orthodox Christian faithful with general information. It is not intended as legal or financial advice. When considering a charitable gift, be sure to consult your attorney, professional adviser or accountant to ensure that it meets your individual circumstances.

Do You Have a Will?

Though you may not want to consider preparing a will, it will save your heirs significant time and money.

With a will, you also ensure that your family, charitable, and financial wishes are carried out.

Most people who prepare a will also have planning directives. These documents, known as powers of attorney, letters of instruction, and living wills provide guidance about one's wishes for:

- Medical Care consistent with your beliefs
- Tax-Advantaged & Charitable Financial Planning
- Distribution of personal property

Live with peace of mind knowing that your wishes will be followed...

~ Prepare a will ~

A NOTE ON LIVING WILLS

When doing your estate planning it is common to also include a Living Will dealing with how medical care will be provided if you are unable to give the instructions yourself. The Archdiocese has arranged for an Orthodox Living Will that can be completed by you and reviewed with your family, doctor and legal advisor. For Orthodox faithful, it is important that the Living Will reflect your Orthodox Christian beliefs. There are many prayers and observances that can give great comfort to you and your family. If you have your attorney prepare your living will, we urge you to include language that reflects your Orthodox Christian beliefs.