



St. Catherine Greek Orthodox Church
5555 S. Yosemite
Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111

STEWARDSHIP 2007
The Miracle of the Loaves and the Fish

December 5, 2006

Dear Beloved Parishioners of Saint Catherine:

I greet you on behalf of the Stewardship Committee and pray that you had a blessed Thanksgiving holiday. Through the Grace of the Holy Spirit and through the sharing of your time, talents and treasures, Saint Catherine Parish has become a vibrant and wonderful home for our families in Christ. For all the things described in our Stewardship Kickoff letter of November 19, we have much to be thankful for at our Parish.

Enclosed, is the Stewardship 2007 packet, which contains:

- **Christian Stewardship tri-fold**- describes Scriptural references to Stewardship and how it serves our Church,
- **Stewardship Time and Talents** – a checklist of Parish Ministries you would like to be involved with.
- **Parish Pay information letter and fact sheet** – Parish Pay offers a convenient option to fulfill your Stewardship Pledge thru direct-withdrawal from your bank, or by credit card.
- **2007 Stewardship Pledge Commitment Card** – Please seal your pledge in the enclosed envelope and bring/mail it to the Church Office by Stewardship Sunday, December 17. As part of our Stewardship Sunday Celebration, all completed cards will be collected and brought to the Solea for a special blessing.

The approved 2007 Stewardship budget is \$792,000. In our Spring General Assembly, members overwhelmingly approved a renewed commitment to Stewardship as the means of taking care of our Church, our Parish, and its needs. This is a serious responsibility for each of us, and the annual Stewardship Campaign is a time to remember our blessings and to prayerfully complete our Stewardship Pledge Cards for the coming year.

The spirit of Christian Stewardship is proportionate giving based on our abilities, and returning to God a portion of the blessings He has provided to us. The Tithe, or ten percent, is the Scriptural benchmark set for us.

In recognizing that many of us give to other places in addition to our Parish, the Tithe is the benchmark for overall Christian giving; however, our Parish should be our primary focus. Along with the Stewardship Committee and the Parish Council, we encourage you to join with us as we continue to take steps towards increasing our pledges so that by the year 2010 we will all be pledging 10% of our income. For example:

<u>Annual Household Income:</u>	<u>Tithe Offering:</u>
\$10,000	\$1,000
\$20,000	\$2,000
\$50,000	\$5,000
\$150,000	\$15,000

We have had tremendous support from our Stewards, and truly thank all who stepped up to this responsibility for our Parish. If you are giving proportionately more now, we thank you and encourage you to continue to do so. Your church community has blossomed into the beautiful place it is today through our Lord's blessings and your faithful offerings. Imagine what it could be if we uphold the Lord's standard of the Tithe.

With the Blessings of our Lord,

Fr. Lou

Rev. Louis J. Christopoulos