

### *Did you know?*

- All Christians are commanded to “honor the Lord with the first fruits of your produce” (Proverbs 3:9).
- At St Nicholas, there are no membership dues. Neither do we ask you to give a minimum amount.
- Instead, we ask you to give a proportion (percentage) of your income.
- The biblical standard is to give a “tithe,” which is 1/10 of one’s income.
- All should strive to give 10%. It is not the amount which matters, it is the proportion which matters.
- If you cannot offer 10% to God this year, perhaps \_\_\_\_\_% is possible this year. Then, next year, strive to offer a bit more!

*Join us as we proclaim the  
Gospel of Jesus Christ in 2017!*

### *What you should know about your pledge of support ...*

- **It is confidential.** Only the Priest and Assistant Financial Secretary has access to pledge information (for record-keeping purposes only).
- **It is urgent.** The only source of support for our Church is the generosity of the individuals who worship here. We receive no outside financial assistance.
- **It is an act of faith.** Offering the first portion of your blessings to God is an expression of thanks and praise. It is also an expression of trust in God that He will honor His promises.

### **Membership at St Nicholas Orthodox Church**

Members of the parish are those Orthodox Christians who BOTH:

- (1) support the parish by making and completing a pledge, and
- (2) give a personal confession and receive communion at least once a year during Great Lent.

If you have questions about membership, please speak with Father Theophan.

## 2017 Stewardship Pledge Card

To support the work of St. Nicholas Orthodox  
Church in Salem, MA, I pledge the following  
total amount for the calendar year 2017: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

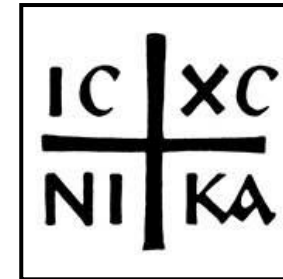
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