

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church 2021 Financial Pledge Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Email Address: _____

As you ponder your 2021 pledge to the parish, we ask that you remember the Scriptural teaching that the MINIMUM offering acceptable to the Lord is a tithe (10%) of your blessings. The Fathers of the Church teach us that we have sacrificed nothing until we surpass the tithe, because the first 10% of our blessings BELONG TO GOD. If we donate less than 10%, we are using what belongs to God for our own purposes.

At Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, we have asked even less over the years:

- 1) We ask you to please consider pledging at least 3% of your annual income to the parish (as opposed to the Scriptural mandate of 10%). If you already give 3%, try to raise it to 4%. If you raise your pledge each year, you will reach the tithe and defeat inflation.
- 2) Do you know the FIRST \$195.00 that you donate to the parish goes to support the work of the Diocese of New England and the Orthodox Church in America? Donations of LESS THAN \$195.00 means you have donated NOTHING to Holy Trinity Church.
- 3) Again, we ask you prayerfully consider your pledge and then make every effort to MEET YOUR PLEDGE.

Please sign and return your 2021 PLEDGE to the church
no later than December 13, 2020.

Thank you!

2021 PLEDGE _____ per: week month year (please circle one)

Signed _____

A reminder: A signed pledge form is required in order to be a voting member of the parish at our annual or special meetings.

Dear Brothers & Sisters, faithful fellow parishioners,

Our parish of Holy Trinity has withstood many challenges, but it has been there, serving our community for 118 years. It is the focal point of our spiritual life; not only for Sunday service, but for those special Christmas' & Paschas, Great Feast Days, activities for our children, Parish Dinners and many other church events. It is also here to welcome our parishioners and visitors for some of the most important occasions in our lives - our baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

Because our parish is here for us now, we tend to take it for granted and probably assume that it will always be so. Unfortunately, the Finance Committee and the Parish Council needs to bring to your attention our budget concerns which are as follows:

The approximate operational budget for 2021 could be:

\$180,000.00

The monthly cost (roughly) of maintaining the Church is \$ 14,500.00

Ongoing running costs, including insurance, heating, light, maintenance services, churchyard, and minor repairs which approximately amount to some \$44,000.00.

THE BISSLAND FUND CANNOT BE USE FOR MONTHLY EXPENSES!!

The finance committee works diligently to cut the budget down to the minimum in order to operate the church!

For 2021 we will have 87 assessed members. If you divide the entire expense side by 87 it equals **\$2069 per person** [\$172/month - \$40/week] **or \$4138 per couple** [\$345/month - \$80/week].

PROPORTIONAL GIVING

The following is a guide to help you visualize what a particular percentage of income equals in dollar amounts in determining your monthly pledge.

Monthly Income	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%
\$2000	\$ 40	80	120	160	200
\$3000	\$ 60	120	180	240	300
\$4000	\$ 80	160	240	320	400
\$5000	\$ 100	200	300	400	500
\$6000	\$ 120	240	360	480	600
\$7000	\$ 140	280	420	560	700
\$8000	\$ 160	320	480	640	800
\$9000	\$ 180	360	540	720	900

your Finance Committee,

Chris Adams, Chairman, Treasurer
Paul Culton
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