

Why should I make a financial gift to the Church?

Before making your pledge card, please enter into a time of prayer about your gift, offering, and tithe to St. Nicholas Church this year. Any act of giving depends on one's faith and flows from the heart committed to the Body of Christ. A written pledge, a written commitment to the church, is an act of discipleship -- the offering of "our selves, our souls and bodies" (BCP, p. 336) in service and devotion to God. The pledge you make is not ideally based on what St. Nicholas Church needs from you (though certainly the parish needs you very much), but rather on the pragmatic and prophetic look at what God has given you and at what God is calling you to give.

May I designate my pledge to a specific ministry?

Pledges and gift commitments are not customarily designated to any particular program. Just as you are the steward of your family's resources, the Vicar, the Wardens, and the Bishops Committee are stewards of the Church's funds. While financial decisions can be difficult, please be assured that some portion of every dollar you give will go toward a ministry of special interest to you.

What does it mean to pledge and tithe?

The tithe, a practice described in the Scriptures and honored by many Christians, involves setting aside a portion from the first fruits of your labor for building up the Kingdom of God. The first 10%, described in resolutions of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church as the "minimum standard for giving," may be applied to this work at your church and beyond your church for the sake of the Kingdom. The pledge you make asserts a claim on your life. You put your treasure where you would like your heart to follow. Your pledge, your tithe, helps honor God and helps to make St. Nicholas Church your primary community.

Are pledges, gifts, and other financial records kept confidential?

Yes, all parish giving is kept confidential within the church office. Quarterly statements are mailed/e-mailed to parish households. If you ever have questions about the particulars of your quarterly statement, do not hesitate to contact the parish bursars, Jennifer Brundige or Erlene Forde.

Notes from the Vicar, Wardens and Bishops Committee members

PROPORTIONAL GIVING

Annual Income	1%	3%	5%	7%	10%	15%
\$10,000	\$100 yr / \$2 wk	\$300 yr / \$6 wk	\$500 yr / \$10 wk	\$700 yr / \$13 wk	\$1,000 yr / \$19 wk	\$1,500 yr / \$29 wk
\$15,000	\$150 yr / \$3 wk	\$450 yr / \$9 wk	\$750 yr / \$14 wk	\$1,050 yr / \$20 wk	\$1,500 yr / \$29 wk	\$2,250 yr / \$43 wk
\$20,000	\$200 yr / \$5 wk	\$600 yr / \$12 wk	\$1,000 yr / \$19 wk	\$1,400 yr / \$27 wk	\$2,000 yr / \$38 wk	\$3,000 yr / \$58 wk
\$30,000	\$300 yr / \$6 wk	\$900 yr / \$17 wk	\$1,500 yr / \$29 wk	\$2,100 yr / \$40 wk	\$3,000 yr / \$58 wk	\$4,500 yr / \$87 wk
\$40,000	\$400 yr / \$8 wk	\$1,200 yr / \$23 wk	\$2,000 yr / \$38 wk	\$2,600 yr / \$50 wk	\$4,000 yr / \$77 wk	\$6,000 yr / \$115 wk
\$50,000	\$500 yr / \$10 wk	\$1,500 yr / \$29 wk	\$2,500 yr / \$48 wk	\$3,500 yr / \$67 wk	\$5,000 yr / \$96 wk	\$7,500 yr / \$144 wk
\$75,000	\$750 yr / \$14 wk	\$2,250 yr / \$43 wk	\$3,750 yr / \$72 wk	\$5,250 yr / \$101 wk	\$7,500 yr / \$144 wk	\$11,250 yr / \$216 wk
\$100,000	\$1,000 yr / \$19 wk	\$3,000 yr / \$58 wk	\$5,000 yr / \$96 wk	\$7,000 yr / \$135 wk	\$10,000 yr / \$192 wk	\$15,000 yr / \$288 wk
\$150,000	\$1,500 yr / \$29 wk	\$4,500 yr / \$87 wk	\$7,500 yr / \$144 wk	\$10,500 yr / \$202 wk	\$15,000 yr / \$288 wk	\$22,500 yr / \$433 wk
\$200,000	\$2,000 yr / \$38 wk	\$6,000 yr / \$115 wk	\$10,000 yr / \$192 wk	\$14,000 yr / \$269 wk	\$20,000 yr / \$385 wk	\$30,000 yr / \$577 wk
\$250,000	\$2,500 yr / \$48 wk	\$7,500 yr / \$144 wk	\$12,500 yr / \$240 wk	\$17,500 yr / \$337 wk	\$25,000 yr / \$481 wk	\$37,500 yr / \$721 wk



"Flourish in Faith"

Pledge Commitment for Year 2014



St. Nicholas Episcopal Church

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✧ COMMITMENT CARD ✧

Accept this pledge in gratitude for the mission and ministry of St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, a sacred place for my faith to flourish. I/We offer this pledge in gratitude for the faithfulness of this community and above all for the faithfulness of God, in Christ, who nourishes me/us in life abundant.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

☐ **I/We will support St. Nicholas Episcopal Church in prayer and commit to an annual gift in 2014.**

I/We will fulfill this commitment by means of:

☐ Check/Cash

I/We will fulfill this commitment giving:

☐ \$ _____ Weekly

☐ \$ _____ Quarterly

☐ \$ _____ Monthly

☐ \$ _____ One time immediately

☐ Automatic Fund Transfer

I/We will set up an automatic payment from our bank account directly

to St. Nicholas Episcopal Church

☐ \$ _____ Weekly

☐ \$ _____ Quarterly

☐ \$ _____ Monthly

☐ \$ _____ One time immediately

Signature _____ Date _____

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