Frequently Asked Questions

How do I become a member of the parish?

Membership in the Orthodox Church begins at baptism (Chrismation for some) and continues throughout our life. We are united with Christ through the sacraments, or mysteries, of the Church and through our faithful offering of our entire selves to Jesus Christ. Our Archdiocese requires each parish to distinguish between voting members and non-voting members. A voting member is over 18 years of age and turns in a signed stewardship commitment card, committing a portion of time, talent, and treasure to the Church. The Archdiocese also requires the voting member to remain current through the year on their commitments. Keep in mind that true membership in the Body of Christ involves living according to His word and within His Church.

Why must I commit to give a specific amount?

Please keep in mind that your stewardship of money is kept in the strictest of confidence. However, we do compile the amounts anticipated to better plan our budget.

What if I cannot fulfill my stewardship commitment?

During the course of a year, circumstances change. Your stewardship is valued because it is made out of your love for God and His Church. Please do not be concerned if you are unable to meet your stewardship commitment – we are glad you are a part of this parish.

Eternal Life Begins Now

"The Church is the unity of all worlds, earthly and heavenly, of angels and men, of the living and the dead. We obtain real communion with God and we participate in God's uncreated energy.

God does not stay in heaven, directing history from there. He directs the world with His uncreated governing energies. We do not aim at appeasing God, but to heal ourselves, so that the vision of God becomes light for us and not fire. Furthermore, in the Church we live eternal life starting from now. We do not simply await the life to come, but we experience and enjoy it from the present.

The Kingdom of God, according to the Fathers, is not life beyond the grave, but communion with God, above all, the vision of the uncreated Light."

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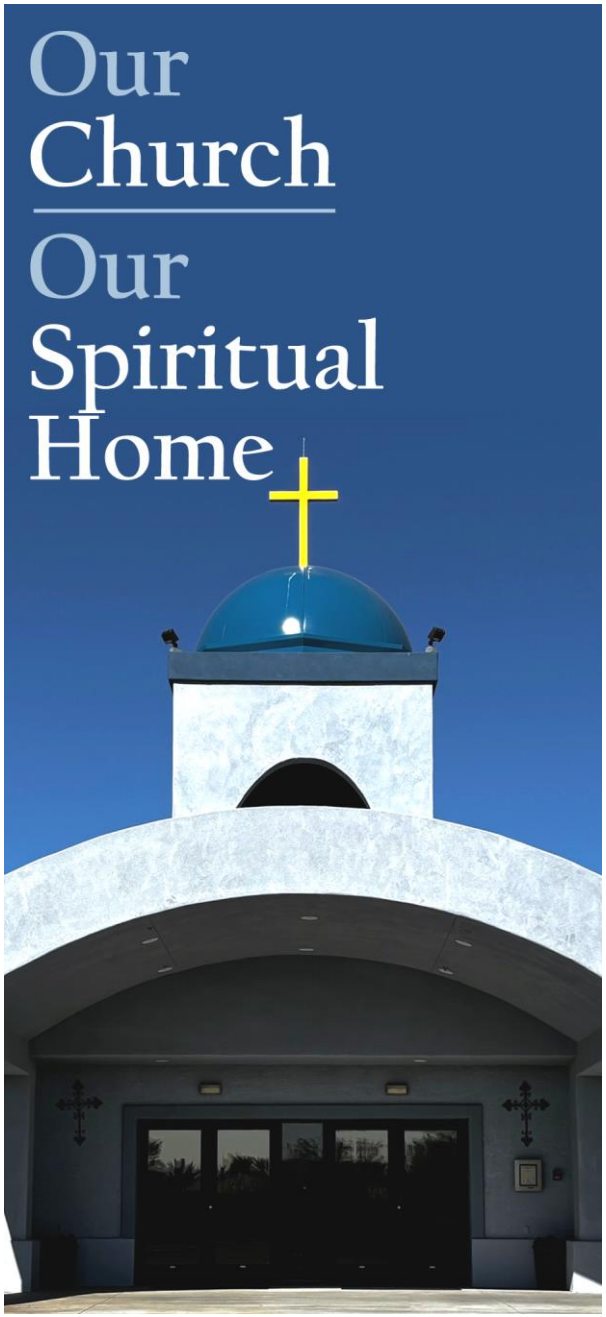

St. Haralambos Church
Stewardship 2026

Information

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE ZIP

EMAIL (add to parish email list? __Y __N)

CELL PHONE (add too parish text database? __Y __N)

SPOUSE

EMAIL (add to parish email list? __Y __N)

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Dependent children's names and date of birth:

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

May we include your contact information in the parish directory?

☐ yes ☐ no *If yes, please indicate any information you would like excluded:*

We enter our spiritual home not to be entertained, but to be a part of a community of believers. We receive Jesus Christ in Holy Communion. As we pray, worship and serve together, we become His Body. To truly be a member of the Church requires our presence and our engagement with one another -- in worship, study, and service to others. We grow spiritually as a family. We give sacrificially as we acknowledge that all we have comes from God.

Financial Contributions

In gratitude for God's blessings, I/We commit to Christ and His Church the following amount:

☐ $_____ each month

☐ $_____ each year

Planned Giving

☐ I would like to speak with someone about how to remember the church in my will, trust, or estate plan.

Ministry Involvement

☐ **Welcome Ministry**
Welcome parishioners, newcomers, and visitors to church services, offer welcome information and collect visitor information.

☐ **Missions and Evangelism**
Provide information and tools to encourage sharing the Christian gospel as well as awareness of Orthodox Christianity throughout our community.

☐ **Liturgical Ministry**
Young men and boys to assist in the altar during services, prepare the Prosfora (Offering Bread) for Divine Liturgies, and Koliva (Memorial Wheat) for Memorial Services, decorate the Narthex and Nave with flowers during the various church liturgical seasons.

☐ **Education Ministry**
Provide religious education classes for school-aged children. Participate through Book Clubs, Bible studies, and adult education classes on Orthodox Christianity. Help others develop their God-given talents and grow in all aspects of life through Spiritual Gift seminars.

☐ **Fellowship**
Encourage members to connect beyond worship services through Sunday fellowship, grief support, and philanthropic outreach.

☐ **Service Readers**
Provide readings for Lent and Holy Week services, in addition to Sunday services throughout the year.

☐ **Music Ministry**
Lead congregational singing for Divine Liturgies and other services throughout the year as chanters and choir members.

☐ **Stewardship**
Assist in educating parishioners on the meaning and importance of Christian Stewardship, develop a comprehensive program throughout the year, including annual Stewardship Sunday programs, Stewardship brochures, and live presentations on the blessings of Stewardship participation.