

My dearest

Greetings in the Lord!

I'm sure you will agree, that the year 2020 has been one of the strangest and difficult years in recent history. The Covid-19 pandemic has caused disruption in almost every aspects of our lives. While we are yearning to "get back to normal," we recognize that caution and safety must be our first priority.

At Saint Mark, we have been unceasing in our services and prayers, celebrating Sacraments, pastoral counseling and confessions, knowing that our almighty Lord is our true healer and physician. We have continued with all our ministries, education and organizational meetings, finding new and creative ways to meet the needs of our beloved faithful.

In reality, during these past 9 months, we have lost a tremendous amount of revenue due to the postponement of the Bridge Club, weekly donations and parish fundraisers. We are thankful for our live streaming and online giving which has helped us with our finances. We are still hopeful to offer some sort of Festival and pray this will enable us to maintain our revenue stream.

Stewardship is and has always been the heartbeat of our Saint Mark Church, and we thank you for your past and continued generosity. Enclosed please find a custom-made Saint Mark mask as a gift, as well as your 2021 Stewardship Envelope. I ask that you to prayerfully consider your Stewardship Pledge and increase it, by moving up to the next category from which you presently belong.

We invite you to make your 2020 offering on Stewardship Sunday, December 6, during the Divine Liturgy in person or you may send in your envelope before. In this way your offering will be offered to our Lord and dedicated to Him on the Holy Altar.

Thanking you for your love for Saint Mark and on behalf of our Clergy, Parish Council, Philoptochos and Stewardship Committee, I remain,

With love in Christ,



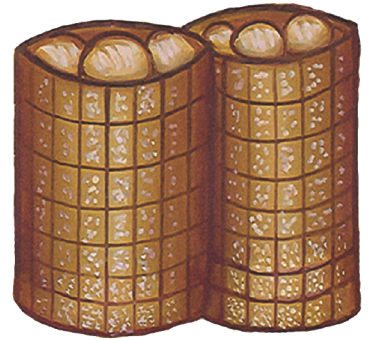
Rev. Mark A. Leondis



SAINT MARK STEWARDSHIP 2021

“THOSE THAT SEEK THE **LORD** SHALL NEVER BE IN WANT OF ANY GOOD THING”

Like all “snowbirds” when we moved to Boca in 2015, we became stewards of two parishes, anticipating that participation in one parish would transition to seasonal participation in the other. What became quickly apparent was that no matter where we were in our travels anywhere in the world, our participation in parish life at Saint Mark never ceased. The Saint Mark family is always by our side (even in the midst of Hurricane Irma), praying for us and even providing a means for us to participate in worship wherever we happen to be. Because the Saint Mark family loves, nurtures and supports us, we too are both blessed and thankful to have the opportunity to love, nurture and support our Saint Mark parish. Being stewards at St. Mark is an honor, because Stewardship at St. Mark is a blessing.



- Dr. Stamatis and Anita Kartalopoulos



For the past eighteen years, from our wedding and baptisms of our boys to the reality with which we are faced in our world today, we have been so very blessed to call Saint Mark our spiritual home. We continue to feel inspired by the people of Saint Mark and the stewards whose generous support brought our church to where it stands now. We feel a deep responsibility to our community and future generations. Our goal is to continue to grow in our stewardship, as our church profoundly impacts our community throughout even the most challenging times.

- Rick and Erin Kontos

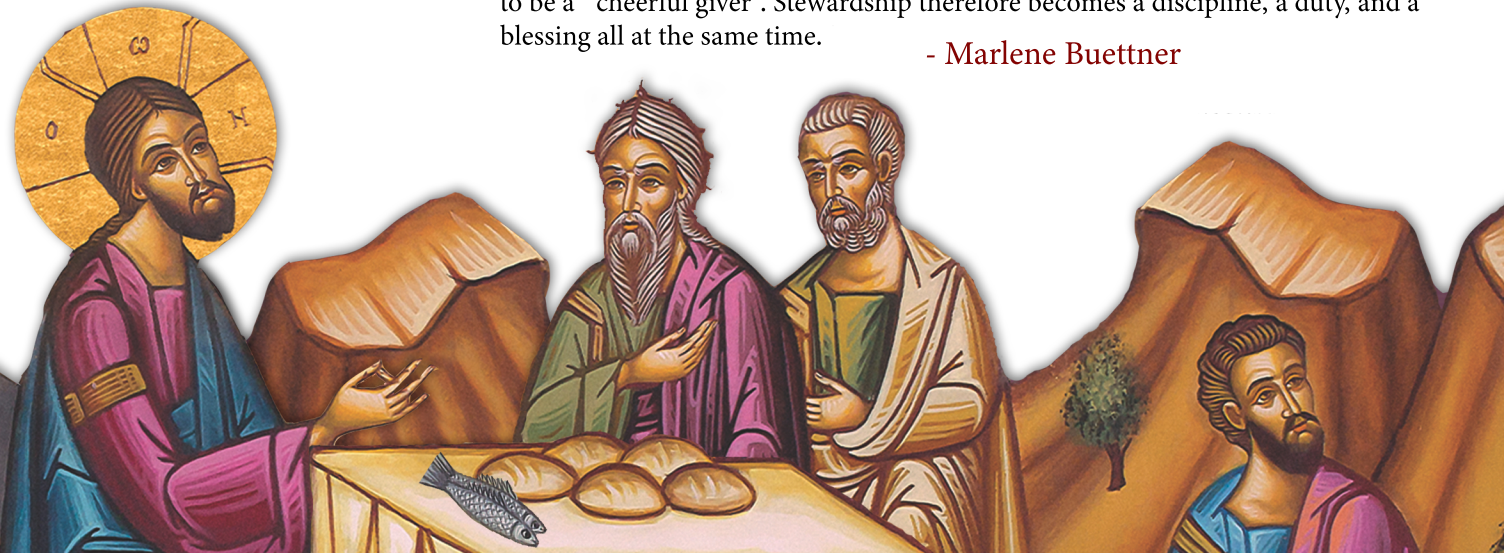
We feel so blessed to call Saint Mark our church home. Our children attended Sunday school here, learned to worship during our liturgies and learned to serve God and others through the examples they saw all around them in our fellow parishioners, both young and old. Saint Mark has always been our anchor during difficult times. We will never forget gathering up our children from school on September 11, 2001, when we heard of the attack on our country, and driving straight to Saint Mark to pray for the victims, their families and our country. Saint Mark is also the place we come to praise God and offer Him thanks for His many blessings. It is our lifeboat that helps us work out our salvation during the days that God grants us to be here.



- Dr. Paul and Sophia Christakis

Stewardship is about preservation. It can sometimes be like a "paying it forward" type of action as well. The act of Stewardship provides an opportunity to show our gratefulness to God, to our clergy for their faithfulness, to each other for the provision of all that is offered by our Saint Mark Church to enrich our lives. Giving from our hearts demonstrates that we understand the generosity of God's blessings and message to be a "cheerful giver". Stewardship therefore becomes a discipline, a duty, and a blessing all at the same time.

- Marlene Buettner



Name(s): _____ New Steward: ☐ Yes ☐ No

(If married, please include name of spouse)

If this is your first time pledging or contact information has changed, please provide *(otherwise leave blank)*:

E-mail: _____ Phone number: _____

Street Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

<i>Benefactors</i>\$10,000 and above	<i>I support Saint Mark with my Talents and Treasure</i>
<i>Torchbearers</i>\$5,200 to \$9,999	<i>Your pledge can be a minimum of \$100 per week or more</i>
<i>Good Shepherds</i>\$3,120 to \$5,199	<i>Your pledge can be a minimum of \$60 per week or more</i>
<i>Pacesetters</i>\$1,500 to \$3,119	<i>Your pledge can be a minimum of \$29 per week</i>
<i>Stewards</i>Other Amount	

To be considered a member in good standing, your Stewardship Commitment Card must be received by May 1

In gratitude for God's blessings, I (we) pledge to contribute for Christ's work at Saint Mark:

My (Our) total Pledge amount for the 20 ____ stewardship year is: \$ _____

To Be Paid: ☐ One-time (Annually) ☐ Quarterly ☐ Monthly ☐ Weekly

☐ By Check (payable to Saint Mark Greek Orthodox Church)

☐ By Credit Card: I authorize Saint Mark to charge/debit my card [written notice for change in future]

☐  ☐  ☐ Other card _____ Exp. date: _____ CVV: _____

Card number: _____

Name on card: _____ Signature: _____