



October 28, 2018
Steward Sunday

Archpastoral Message of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon for Steward Sunday

To the Venerable Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, Monastics, Distinguished Stewards, and the entire family of the Orthodox Church in America:

Stewardship is at the heart of our life and existence as Orthodox Christians. In our own personal lives, in our parish communities, and in our families, we are constantly and sacrificially offering our small gifts, so that we may receive the great gift that God gives to us.

The Stewards of the Orthodox Church in America exists for one purpose: to help the Church and her Outreach Ministries reach the world for Christ! This effort requires prayer and commitment. By God's grace, we have a Church filled with talented and dedicated clergy and laity who give their time to preach, teach, and live the Gospel. Their sacrificial labor needs our financial support to fulfill the work of the Lord. By making a gift to the Stewards of the Orthodox Church in America, you will become a co-worker as we reach out around the world in spreading the Orthodox faith.

On this Sunday, which we call Steward Sunday, together with the members of the Holy Synod, I encourage each of you to express your love for your parish, for the Orthodox Church in America and for our Lord in a tangible way – sacrificial giving. Your gifts will help our ministry departments as they assist our missions to grow, as they help our youth to gather, and encourage all of us to share our faith, thus bearing fruit that has the potential to transfigure the world.

May the Lord continue to grant you every good thing for your salvation and for the growth of His Body, the Church.

With love in Christ,

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Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All America and Canada