

# Be Inspired to “Carry the Light” in 2021

*In the Gospel of Saint Matthew (6:19), Jesus instructs us, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal..." Often in life, we pursue and collect those things that do not last. We must ask, "One hundred years from now, where will our possessions be?" Our greatest blessing is our family. As Orthodox Christians, we are called to be stewards of this great gift. If we are faithful to this calling, perhaps our Lord will say to us as he did to the faithful steward, "Well done good and faithful servant" (Mt 25:23).*

## Your Commitment

Whether you are an individual, couple or family of our parish, your support is needed and appreciated. The following are suggested amounts, however your gift at any level is valued.

**I/We pledge the following support to Saint Barbara Church:**

\$400    \$500    \$650    \$1,000    \$1,500

The list above does not reflect our commitment. I/We pledge a gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

## Fulfillment Plan

**I/We wish to fulfill our commitment with:**

Weekly gifts of \$\_\_\_\_\_    Monthly gifts of \$\_\_\_\_\_

My gift is enclosed in full

*Gifts can be made by cash, check, online at [www.stbarbaranj.org](http://www.stbarbaranj.org), or you can download the Give+ app (and search for our Church.)*

## Time & Talent

Individual stewards should indicate areas of interest with a check (P). Families should mark "H" for husband, "W" for wife or "C" for children.

### EDUCATION

Bible Study  
 Publications/Library

### YOUTH

Church School Teacher  
 Youth Leader

### BUILDING & GROUNDS

Garden & Landscape  
 Plumbing  
 Electrical  
 Interior/Exterior Repairs

### ADMINISTRATION

By-Laws  
 Fundraising  
 Office help/Computer/IT

### LITURGICAL

Altar boys / Acolytes  
 Greeter/Usher

### MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS

Welcome Team  
 Stewardship  
 Visitation - Hospital/Shut-Ins  
 Feed the Hungry  
 Prison Ministry  
 OCMC Mission Center

### COMMUNICATIONS

Web site & email  
 Bulletin & Newsletter

Other talents? List here: \_\_\_\_\_

## Your Information

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SPOUSE (IF MARRIED) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

MOBILE PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS OF SPOUSE (IF MARRIED) \_\_\_\_\_

Dependent Children's names and birthdates:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please include my contact information in the parish directory.** Please indicate any information you would like excluded:

May we add you to our parish email list?  Yes  No

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

## Why Support the Church?

The answer to this question is simple: **Saint Barbara Church is sustained by the generosity of its parishioners.** Without you, we can not continue to operate our facilities.

Together, we must raise the funds to offset the costs of supplies, salaries, maintenance and utilities, to name a few.

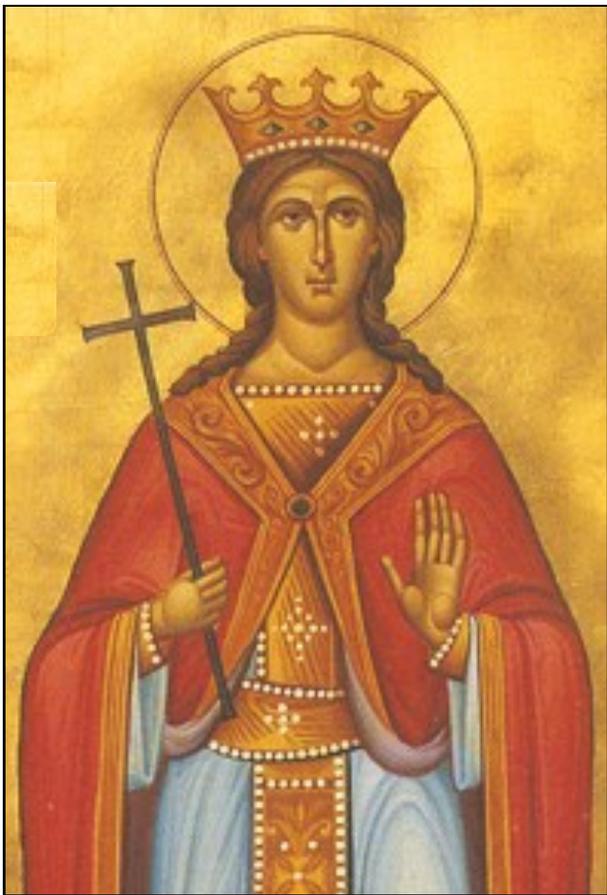
As guided by the Archdiocese, Stewardship is how each parish distinguishes between voting members and non-voting members. A voting member is over 18 years of age and turns in a signed Stewardship commitment card, and remains current on their commitments throughout the year.

## Are Gift Amounts Confidential?

Yes. Your Stewardship gift amount is always kept in confidence. However, we do compile the anticipated amounts to better plan our budget.

## What if I can't fulfill my gift?

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.



*Our beloved Saint Barbara Church is where our community, today and for future generations, can connect with our Orthodox faith. More than moments at church and events, it solidifies our family. This commitment to God is not for an instance, but for eternity.*

*Thank you for your commitment through Stewardship.*

*— Irene Marousis, Stewardship Chairperson*

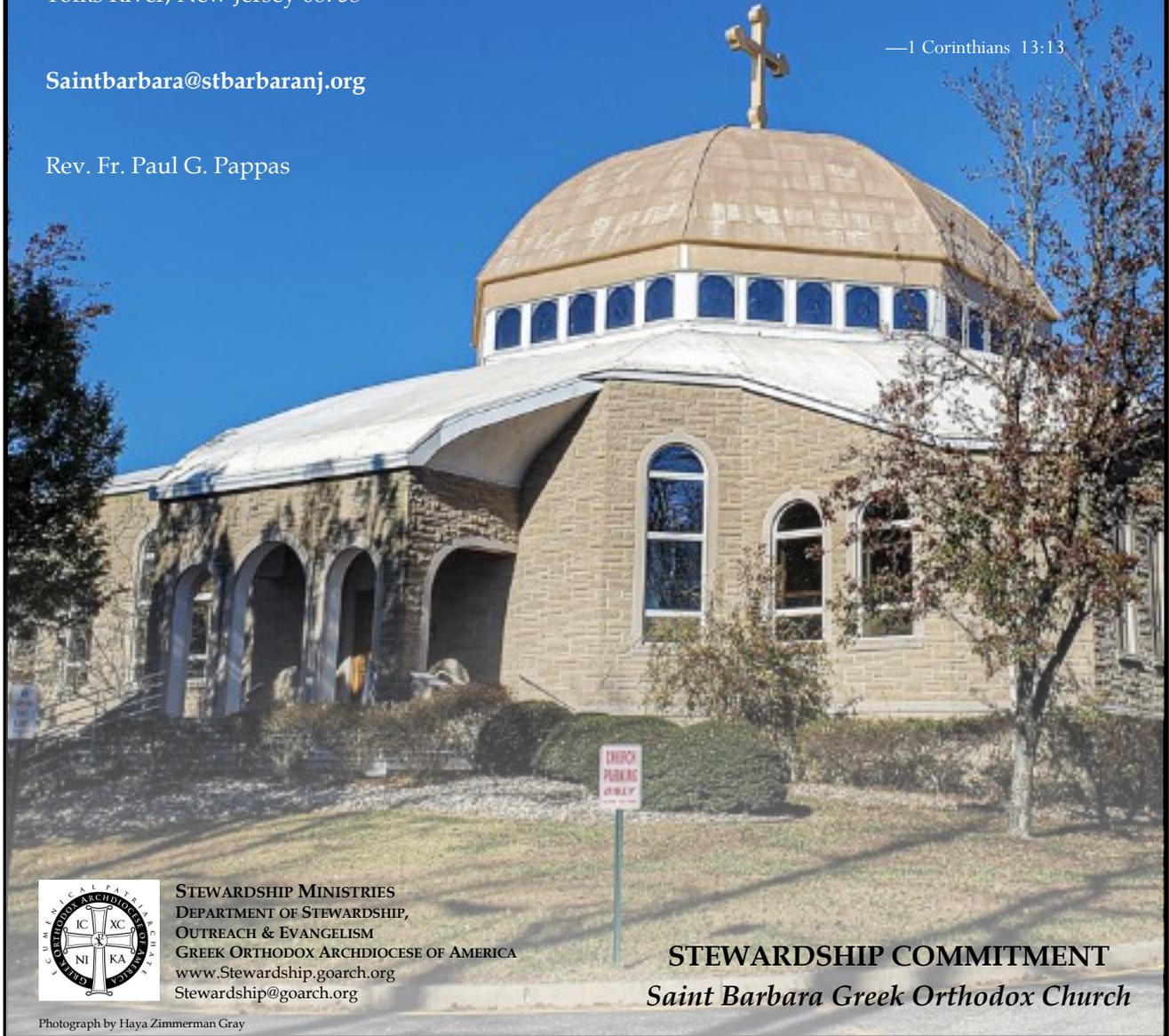
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*“Faith, hope and love...  
...the greatest  
of these is  
love.”*

—1 Corinthians 13:13



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**STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT**  
*Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church*

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