



# SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



Rev. Father John Kariotakis, Proistamenos  
Rev. Father Constantine Trumpower, Assistant

November 24, 2020

Dear Steward of our St. John the Baptist Family,

These are difficult days. We are not able to fully gather in our spiritual home for prayer and fellowship. Yet we remain united as a family of faith, always present for one another in love and support. We look forward to the time when we can all safely gather together in our beloved St. John the Baptist.

It is important to remember that, in the words of Archbishop Elpidophoros, "The Ekklesia extends far beyond the four walls of any church building." The Church is not the building, but rather, it is people of faith that remain connected, drawing spiritual nourishment from God and strength from one another. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please contact us and we will help in any way we can.

As leaders of our parish, we are working to build upon existing ministries and to initiate new ministries that will keep us connected as the St. John the Baptist family. We have been streaming our services since early this year to keep you connected when you cannot attend. We have begun Sunday School, Greek School and Bible Studies virtually this year. We are methodically reaching out to our members to be sure they are able to meet their basic needs in this crisis. Our ministries have been working with FOCUS, local food banks and other organizations to serve our surrounding neighborhoods.

These initiatives and ministries will continue to support the long-term mission of our parish as we enter our 60<sup>th</sup> year. We look forward to celebrating our accomplishments as a community by the end of this year. To celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we will be issuing a new community directory. Information will be forthcoming.

Your Stewardship provides the foundation for our Parish Ministries and our efforts in meeting the challenge of spreading Christ's Word through our Orthodox Faith. Please take time to make your 2021 Stewardship Commitment today and enable our Church to grow her ministries and carry on her mission. For your convenience, we have enclosed a Stewardship Commitment Form and return envelope.

Please continue to support our church so that together we may serve our members and our community during this difficult time. For your convenience, we have also made online giving available on our church website ([www.stjohnanaheim.org/giving](http://www.stjohnanaheim.org/giving)).

Thank you for your support.

With love in Christ,  
Fr John Kariotakis

Proistamenos

Raza Kitsigianis

Stewardship Chairperson

Enclosure-2021 Stewardship form