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(Pastor)

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Dear Parishioners:

This is a most important letter, please take a few minutes to read it.

Each year, Holy Trinity Church with the cooperation and generosity of its parishioners and assistance of its organizations, raises revenue through dues, weekly plate offerings, pledges and church functions.

After much deliberation, the Pastor and Parish Council feel that it is time to consider a "new" idea, one that has been around for two thousand years. It is time for a change as to how we raise money for our yearly budget.

Although our Church is for all parishioners, many people have a tendency to let someone else do the work and the giving... Yet, where do all of us turn to in time of joy, spiritual crises, strife or sadness...to God and to our Church. You, as an Armenian, will need your Church sometime in your life. Your Church also needs you, not as a "natural baptized member", but, hopefully, as an active Christian. This is a practical matter, and giving is a PRACTICAL matter, also.

The practical matter of giving is the practice of systematic and proportionate giving of one's time, talents, and material possessions back to God who is the giver of all Good. The new method of giving we are proposing is STEWARDSHIP. For parishioners, it is the most equitable monetary method of "supporting" the Church, and will leave the organizations of the Church free to pursue Christian fellowship and cultural, educational and social programs...rather than fund raising.

In the coming weeks, we will be sending you information on STEWARDSHIP which will explain its meaning and importance. Please read the literature carefully. We will discuss any concerns that you might have about Stewardship at our special General Assembly in the fall.

Cordially yours,

Pastor
Parish Council