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Do you know the difference between a Pledge and a Tithe?

Tithing is *much more* than pledging. A pledge is between you and others. A **tithe** is between you and God. It's about asking, *God how much can I afford to give?* And then trusting Him for it.

From Genesis to Saint Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, **to tithe** is to thank God as the Source of *every good and perfect gift* and give back one-tenth of it. **To tithe** is to give with the spirit of joy, love, and trust—the same way we give to our babies and loved ones. **To tithe** is to trust His word, that *he who sows bountifully reaps bountifully* and to those who *ask, it is given*. **To tithe** is to rely upon the “Saint Nicholas Factor” to produce what we in faith have promised to give. **To tithe** is to give Him the opportunity to transform our minds about material wealth, and experience true freedom from fear. **To tithe** is to invite God to bless our finances, that he may show Himself in our lives. **To tithe** is to turn ourselves to go just a little ways in the direction of *giving up all and following Him*.

With the blessings of Thanksgiving, Saint Nicholas Day, and the Nativity of the Christ Child in your heart, stop and **think about tithing this year** instead of pledging. Consider a tithe that stretches you outside your comfort zone, and into God's comfort zone. Maybe just a little—two, three, five, up to ten percent of gross income. Tithe in faith! No one will call you about your tithe. What you give—or are forgiven—is between you and God.*

In confidence, forward your tithe amount for 2020 by Sunday, 12/8, using the form below or a pledge envelope.** Also consider Time and Talent as part of your tithe for next year as well. Thank you!

With Love in Him,



Laurel Kashinn, Stewardship Chair

* Imagine how amazing next year will be for so many, when we truly put our trust in Him.

** **If using the envelope, cross off the word “Pledge” and write “Tithe” and return by Sunday, Dec. 8.**

Or email Mark McQuide with the word “**Tithe**” in the subject line, to markmcquide@wi.rr.com.

Thank you and God bless you!

YES! Consider me a faithful steward of Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church!

Please print:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

With appreciation and faith, please count my tithe for the coming year's budget: \$ _____

To be conveyed as a (check all that apply):

Single Payment, in the month of: _____ Monthly Payment \$ _____ Weekly Payment \$ _____

Yes, I have time and talents to give as well! My completed Time & Talent Sheet (TTS) is enclosed.