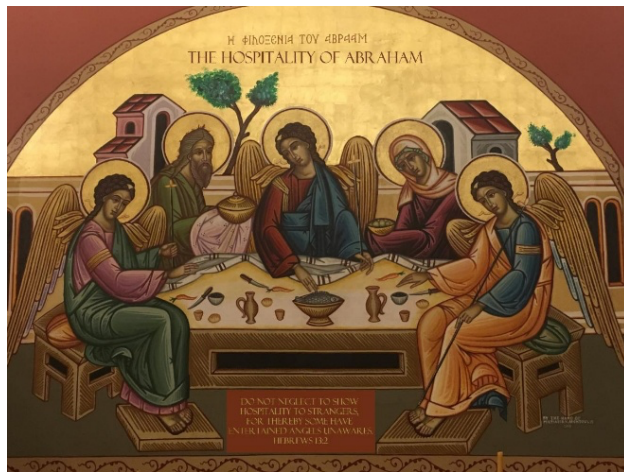


## ***How do I become a member of the parish?***

Membership in the Orthodox Church begins with the Holy Sacrament of Baptism and Chrismation and continues throughout our life. We are united with Christ through the sacraments, or mysteries, of the Church and through our faithful offering of our entire selves to Jesus Christ.

Orthodox Christians interested in becoming a member of our Holy Cross parish need only to speak to Fr. Theodore and/or any Parish Council member who will assist you in becoming a member and steward of our church.

Non-Orthodox who are interested in becoming a member of Holy Cross may meet with Fr. Theodore so that their journey to Orthodoxy can be guided thoughtfully as a catechumen and the decision to become Orthodox can be made prayerfully and with peace and spiritual resolve.



## ***What if I cannot fulfill my stewardship commitment?***

Circumstances change from time to time and all you need to do is let us know so we can plan and budget accordingly. 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 part of this parish!

## **Rise Up and Build: Building Up the Body of Christ**

In the life of an Orthodox Christian, every act of faith is an offering to God: a step toward theosis, our union with Him. Tithing and giving of first fruits are not merely financial acts, but sacred disciplines that align our will with God's, and draw us closer to His divine grace.

### **Spiritual Obedience:**

Tithing, giving ten percent of our income, is an act of obedience that acknowledges God as the giver of every good gift. By returning a portion of what He has entrusted to us, we declare that our lives and possessions belong to Him.

### **Financial Discipline:**

Setting aside the tithe teaches order and moderation. It reminds us that all we have is for the glory of God and the good of others.

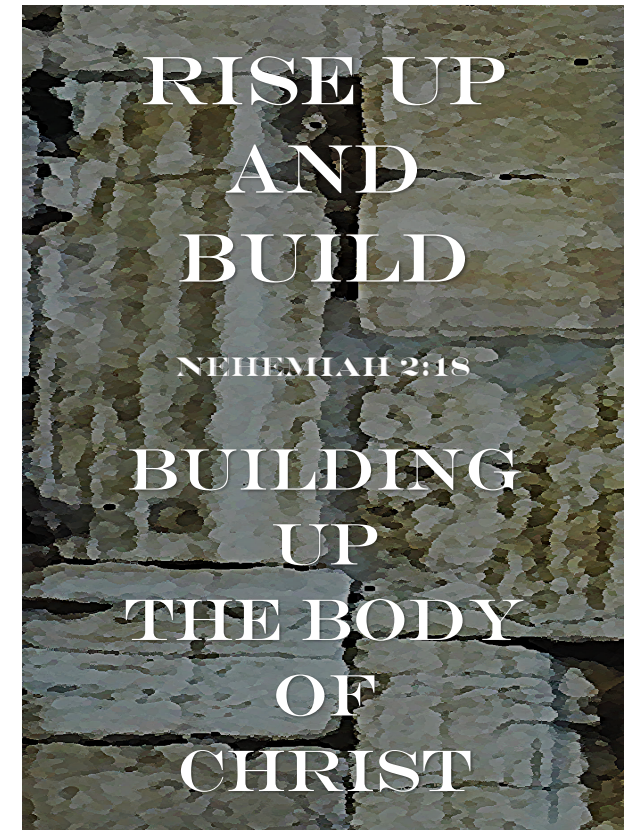
### **Support for the Body of Christ:**

Our tithes sustain the Church, the living Body of Christ, allowing it to serve, teach, and reach those in need.

### **Growing in Grace- Rise Up and Build:**

- Through tithing and first fruits giving, we learn to release attachment to earthly possessions and to trust wholly in God's care. These offerings become a means of sanctification, leading us step by step along the path of theosis, where our hearts, purified by obedience and love, are united with the heart of God.
- One of the most important aspects of giving is that we teach our youth to prioritize God and the Church in their lives. This is vitally important as they are the future of our faith. And to them we entrust the faith as our ancestors have for us.

# **2026 COMMITMENT CARD**



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### **Online Giving Opportunities:**

*Venmo: @HolyCrossMacon*

*CashApp: \$HolyCrossMacon*

# Information

Name

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Date of Birth Name Day

Name of Spouse (if married)

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Date of Birth Name Day

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City / State / Zip Code

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Home Phone

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**Quarterly Statements** will be emailed. End of the year statements will be mailed. A written record can be obtained at any time if needed. Please write the email address you would like statements emailed to:

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# Time & Talent

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

## EDUCATION

\_\_\_\_ Bible Study  
\_\_\_\_ Book Study  
\_\_\_\_ Bookstore  
\_\_\_\_ Byzantine Chant  
\_\_\_\_ Greek School  
\_\_\_\_ Sunday School Teacher

## YOUTH

\_\_\_\_ Christmas Program  
\_\_\_\_ Greek Dance Program  
\_\_\_\_ GOYA Advisor  
\_\_\_\_ Host/Coordinate Events  
\_\_\_\_ Oratorical Festival  
\_\_\_\_ St. Photini Handmaiden  
\_\_\_\_ Vacation Bible School

## LITURGICAL

\_\_\_\_ Altar Server  
\_\_\_\_ Chanter  
\_\_\_\_ Choir  
\_\_\_\_ Epistle Reader  
\_\_\_\_ Flowers  
\_\_\_\_ Kollyva Maker  
\_\_\_\_ LiveStreaming  
\_\_\_\_ Prosforo Baker

## ADMINISTRATION

\_\_\_\_ Audit Committee  
\_\_\_\_ Computer/Technical  
\_\_\_\_ Office Volunteer  
\_\_\_\_ Parish Council  
\_\_\_\_ Stewardship Committee

## COMMUNICATIONS

\_\_\_\_ Public Relations  
\_\_\_\_ Social Media  
\_\_\_\_ Website

## MINISTRIES

\_\_\_\_ Fellowship Groups  
\_\_\_\_ Grief Support  
\_\_\_\_ Missions Committee  
\_\_\_\_ OCF College Ministry  
\_\_\_\_ Philoptochos  
\_\_\_\_ Planning Committee

## OUTREACH

\_\_\_\_ Coffee Fellowship  
\_\_\_\_ Usher/Greeter  
\_\_\_\_ Visitation (Shut-ins)  
\_\_\_\_ Volunteer Driver  
\_\_\_\_ Welcome Committee

## BUILDING AND GROUNDS

\_\_\_\_ Building Committee  
\_\_\_\_ Cleaning  
\_\_\_\_ Electrical  
\_\_\_\_ Gardening/Landscape  
\_\_\_\_ General Repairs  
\_\_\_\_ Painting  
\_\_\_\_ Plumbing

## SPECIAL EVENTS

\_\_\_\_ Cross Dive Committee  
\_\_\_\_ Greek Festival  
\_\_\_\_ Spring Fling

## OTHER

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# Why should I commit to give a tithe?

**Tithing** is a command in the Old Testament and the New Testament. Tithing is putting your faith into action. Your tithe provides Holy Cross with the funds needed to fulfill its mission.

## What is my tithe used for?

The money you tithe is used to pay the salaries of those who work for the Church and to pay for the upkeep and maintenance of the buildings. It is used to provide education of our Orthodox Christian faith to children and adults. Tithe money in our church is used for running of the church and its ministries.

The measure of what you give is more precious in the eyes of the Lord when you give with your heart.

**This is why tithing is so personal.** It truly is between you and God.

Always remember and answer two questions when considering the amount you tithe:

1. Is my tithe the best I can do?
2. Do I have a peace about the amount I have pledged?

When you truthfully answer “yes” to both of these questions, you are fulfilling this important part of God’s plan for your life.

## Treasure

In gratitude for God’s blessings, I/we commit to Christ and His Church the following amount:

Please check **one** of the following 3 options and enter an amount:

- ☐ **Weekly** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ **Monthly** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ **Annually** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Financial gifts can be fulfilled by:

- Weekly Envelopes on Sunday
- Mail Check to office  
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*Attention: Stewardship*
- Online Giving ([www.holycrossga.org](http://www.holycrossga.org))