

2009 Membership Declaration and Pledge Form instructions:

(Reference the accompanying 2009 Membership Declaration and Pledge Donation form)

Membership Declaration

To be a voting member of the church and a member of the OCA, you need to provide qualifying family member names on this form. Review the qualifications on the form before listing names. For each OCA member, our church is assessed a "Fair Share" rate of \$105 per parishioner per year. The Fair Share assessment funds National level activities of the OCA. To help reduce this cost impact on our church funds, St. Nicholas Orthodox Church asks each voting member to help defray the Fair Share cost with a separate payment to the church. By filling in the OCA Fair Share Assessment box, you are acknowledging your intent to reimburse St. Nicholas Orthodox Church for the amount the church is obligated to pay to OCA for the listed members.

The Membership Declaration form must be filled out to become a voting member of St. Nicholas Church.

Pledge Form

Your Pledge form is kept in strict confidentiality. There are three areas to address on this form.

1. Fair Share Assessment: Please indicate in the Fair Share box how many voting members you have in your family. Multiply this number by \$105 to determine your Fair Share commitment. This box needs to be filled in if you want to participate in the church as a voting member.
2. The pledge donation is an amount you come up with that you want to give to the church this year. **Your pledge donation goes toward paying the church's expenses** to keep the lights on. This includes everything from Father Basil's salary to utility and insurance bills, facility repairs, and everything else needed to continue functioning as a church. This donation amount is not meant to include holiday donations and special collections, or for charity, candles or lunch, etc. It is strictly a free will donation used by the church to pay its operating costs. Please provide a total amount for your annual donation and indicate how often you plan to contribute toward your total annual pledge: once, monthly, weekly, quarterly, etc. We highly encourage parishioners to fill in an amount that can be achieved.
3. The Building Fund is used to fund larger facilities projects around the church: improvements and major repairs.

Please include your postal and email address information. We send out bulletins and financial related mail. We are moving toward maximizing electronic bulletin and calendar distribution as well as keeping parishioners informed of things on a weekly basis.

Example Donation Levels

To help you determine comfortable levels of donations, we are providing this table. It provides example weekly donation levels based on a certain percent of giving and approximate annual household income.

<i>If your annual gross income is:</i>	<i>Your proportionate <u>weekly</u> gift would be:</i>				
	3.00%	4%	5%	10%	12%
\$10,000	\$6	\$8	\$10	\$19	\$23
20,000	12	15	19	38	46
30,000	17	23	29	58	69
40,000	23	31	38	77	92
50,000	29	38	48	96	115
60,000	35	46	58	115	138
70,000	40	54	67	135	162
80,000	46	62	77	154	185

SEND THESE FORMS TO THE CHURCH BY JANUARY 18, 2009.

Please complete and enclose these forms and enclose them in the provided envelope. Mail or drop off at the church for delivery by Sunday, Jan 18, 2009.