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As new Co-Chairs of Holy Trinity's Annual Stewardship Campaign, my husband George and I want to most importantly thank you for your past strong support of the Church's Orthodox Christian Stewardship and Ministries Programs. What initially drew us to Holy Trinity, when we were looking for our spiritual community as new residents in Raleigh, was the warm sense of community, and the active and abundant ministries offered for every age of its membership. We immediately felt that we were part of a tight-knit family, and after having made a handful of relocations, that feeling of togetherness was exactly the kind of environment we wanted for our children and for our own spiritual journey. That joyous feeling remains true for us nearly fourteen years later, as this community's kindness and generosity of spirit continues to move us today.

With the launch of this year's Stewardship Campaign, we ask everyone to reflect on all ways the Church has enriched our lives. Research has shown that as Christians we seek three things from our church: Transcendence, Significance, and Fellowship (*Lost in America*, Clegg & Bird 2001) - transcendence is to know God and to experience His presence; we do this through prayerful participation in Liturgy and the Sacraments. Significance is the desire to have a purpose – to do something meaningful, most often in service to our fellow man. Fellowship is connecting with others through meaningful relationships.

Stewardship is our opportunity to express our thankfulness, to give of ourselves, and to grow in grace. It allows us to participate in the work of God here in our community – where we know our church nurtures our faith and the faith of others, each and every day. As we embark on the challenging journey of meeting the evolving necessities of the Church's operations and our community's needs, we hope you will also view Stewardship not only as an act of faith - an action motivated by humble gratitude to God for all he has done in our lives, but as a means to preserve and protect the abundance of what the Church has provided for us.

Thank you for your dedication to our community and your active participation in Christ's work. May the good Lord continue to bless you and your family in all things wonderful. Please feel free to reach out to me or George, with any questions or concerns, at: Angela (919-339-3169 / acgeorgallis@gmail.com) or George (773-251-8127 / ggeorgallis@hotmail.com).

Happy Holidays,

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