



SAINT VASILIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Dear Parishioners,

I hope this letter finds you all healthy and eagerly expecting some wonderful summer weather!

I am writing to you because two of our “senior” parishioners spoke to me this week concerning a misconception regarding our Stewardship Program. Their questions concerned their gratis status and the names that appeared in the May/June Monthly Bulletin.

First, our parish has always honored those parishioners who are on Gratis. What that means is that parishioners who are gratis **are** members in good standing, meaning they are entitled to the same rights and privileges of any other steward. It is also true that the church no longer offers gratis standing to new members that reach the age of 75 since there is no minimum or maximum that a person can give to be a member now. What we are asking the 271 gratis members to do, **if** they are in a position to financially assist St. Vasilios, **to consider** making a donation.

Secondly, if a gratis member who sends in a stewardship offering (or any member for that matter) does not wish their name to appear in the monthly bulletin list of Stewards, then all they need to do is notify the church office that they wish to be listed as “Anonymous.”

I hope this note clears up any confusion that may exist.

I wish you a blessed summer and I am grateful for your care and love for St. Vasilios.

In Christ,