

St. Thomas the Apostle

Romanian Orthodox Church

Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America



6501 Nottingham Ave
St. Louis, MO 63109-2659

Parish Priest:
Rev. Fr. Tiberiu Opris

2024 FINANCIAL PLEDGE FORM

(also known as the Membership Pledge Form)

Guidelines for filling out this form

The first step in order to become a steward of our Church is to speak with our Parish Priest, Fr. Tiberiu Opris. Please be aware that, according to the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America (R.O.E.A) Constitution and By-Laws, Article IX, Section 14, Paragraph (a), prospective stewards (*officially defined as members with the right to vote*) are first of all required to be a baptized and / or chrismated Orthodox Christian.

Secondly, in order to be able to exercise the full privileges that come with their stewardship commitment (*on those privileges, see below*), they are required to meet the following criteria stated in the same paragraph of the R.O.E.A Constitution and By-Laws:

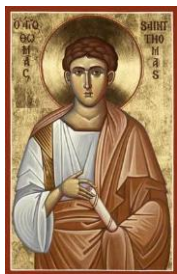
- be at least eighteen years of age;
- partake of the sacraments of confession and communion, at least once a year (***at the very minimum***), ordinarily in one's home Parish;
- have belonged to / attended the Parish for six months;
- have accepted and adhere to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America;
- fulfill such financial obligations as the Episcopate Congress and Parish establish.

If the candidate meets and / or accepts to meet all of the above, they then apply to the Parish Priest to become a steward / voting member of the Parish. Please be aware that, according to the R.O.E.A Constitution and By-Laws, Article IX, Section 14, Paragraph (c), newly enrolled stewards may only exercise their **full benefits**, meaning *the right to be elected to an office in the Parish Council and to vote in the Parish General Assembly*:

- 1) once they have fulfilled their financial pledge;
- 2) after they have been enrolled for more than six months prior to said assembly.

After the above have been met, with the approval of the Priest and after consultation with the Parish Council, the person is enrolled on the list of members with the right to vote.

May our Lord bless you for your Time, Talent and Financial Support to St. Thomas!



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This form is for: ☐ New Membership / Stewardship ☐ Annual Renewal

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

SPOUSE NAME: _____

Is your spouse Orthodox? ☐ Yes ☐ No Is he / she a member of our Church? ☐ Yes ☐ No

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____; STATE: _____; ZIP: _____; E-MAIL: _____

CELL PHONE #: _____; HOME PHONE #: _____

SHARING OUR TIME AND TALENT: After prayerful consideration, I / We have decided to offer our time and talents that we have received from God in His service as follows:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Worship | <input type="checkbox"/> Administration | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance & Grounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Enrichment | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth / Sunday School | <input type="checkbox"/> Romanian Festival |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach & Evangelism | <input type="checkbox"/> AURORA Ladies | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

SHARING OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS: After prayerfully considering this and in gratitude for God's blessings, I am / We are able to commit to Christ and to His Church the amount of \$_____ per year (average of \$_____ per ☐ week or ☐ month) for the financial support of my / our parish, being aware of the centrality of **tithing** in God's law (Lev 27:30).

N.B.: When planning your contribution, please be aware that all the parishes of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate are required to annually send \$85.00/member (*steward*) to the Episcopate Chancery (*voted and approved by the R.O.E.A Congress, August 30-31, 2019*).

Member / Steward Signature

Spouse Signature (*only if Orthodox*)

Please give this form directly to the Parish Priest or mail it at our address above.

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS AREA!

FOR PARISH OFFICE USE ONLY!

Received by Parish Priest: Date: ____/____/____;

Signed: _____

STEWARD PRAYER LIST / POMELNIC BINEFĂCĂTOR

NAME / NUME: _____

Orthodox Christians / Creștini ortodocși

Living / Vii	Fallen Asleep / Adormiți

Non-Orthodox / Ne-ortodocși
