



October 25, 2011

Dear Brother/Sister in Christ,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

On behalf of the Parish Council and clergy, we want to thank you for your ongoing support of St. Gregory of Nyssa Orthodox Church. We have had an extraordinary year at St. Gregory's and have much to be thankful for and to celebrate.

Your generous sharing of time, talent, and treasure makes possible **19 vital ministries** at St. Gregory's. The priests, choir, rector's council, and sponsors of patronal feasts sustain a full cycle of worship services. The library offers over 1,200 books and audiovisuals and sponsors educational programs such as the quarterly film nights. Religious education continues to educate and support young people through Sunday School, youth group, the scholarship, and the charitable Lenten project. Community outreach draws an average of 25 neighbors to the food pantry and hot Saturday lunches each week. Parish members continue to support one another through our prayer group and outreach to the ill, shut-ins, and the bereaved.

We have an exciting year ahead of us. Under the inspired leadership of our new Rector, Father Matthew Moriak, we will strive to expand our membership, strengthen our youth programming and community outreach activities, and bring enrichment and education to our parishioners.

To continue to grow, however, **we need your financial support** to maintain a fair salary for our rector, cover operating costs, and sustain our many ministries. The community needs to generate an additional \$18,000 in 2012. If, on average, each parishioner can commit to increasing his or her giving by even 3%, we will reach our financial goals! If you take a moment to calculate what an additional 3% of your pledge is on a weekly basis, we think you may be surprised at what is possible. You may even find that you can reach more than a 3% increase, by God's grace!

After Liturgy on Sunday, November 6, a presentation will be made with additional details regarding the funding needs of St. Gregory's for 2012. Please make every effort to attend Liturgy on November 6 to learn more about the needs and goals for the coming year and how you can best support St. Gregory's.

Please prayerfully reflect on the many ways St. Gregory's touches your lives and consider increasing your giving for 2012. Thank you and God bless you for your faithfulness.

In the love of Christ,

Fr. Matthew Moriak
Rector

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