

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Yes, indeed, we are called to love God with our whole self, with our entire being, with all that we have in this life. In the Divine Liturgy we pray over and over again... Let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.

When the love of Christ is the controlling force in our lives, it is easy to give sacrificially, to pray daily, to fast, to come to church every Sunday, to witness, to defend truth, to live morally, to forgive others, to help our neighbor. But when the love of Christ is not the motivating force in our lives, then all these actions become unpleasant duties. As love makes it easy for a mother to watch over a sick child for hours on end, so love counts it a joy for us to labor, to suffer, to give for our Master and God Jesus Christ.

In short, if we love much, we give much. If we love little, we give little. Let us love God, His Church and our fellow brothers and sisters, by supporting our parish. Our church cannot operate without your support and involvement.

With love in Christ,  
Archpriest John Vass  
Pastor



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## ABOUT THE CHURCH



Giving thanks to God, we the faithful of Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Church, with sincere gratitude, recognize the sacrifices and accomplishments of our founding Fathers and Mothers most especially at this time of our centennial celebration. With faith and love we reach out to our community, giving witness to the Orthodox faith and traditions which have stood the test of time, and we prayerfully work on building upon the foundation for future generations. To God belongs Glory. Amen

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## STEWARDSHIP: SUPPORTING THE PARISH

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You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, with all your  
soul, with all your strength, and  
with all your mind, and your  
neighbor as yourself. — Luke 10:27



# WE GIVE TO GOD

We give to God not out of a sense of duty, but out of something much higher. We give because we love. St. Paul writes: For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again (1 Corinthians 5: 14-15).



*O Most Holy Trinity,  
Our God, Glory to Thee!*

God does not ask for 1 percent, 10 percent or 50 percent, but for our whole life. That includes talents, time, energy and of course, our resources. So, the way we handle all of these is a good barometer of our spirituality because the way we manage our money, time, energy - all the gifts we received from God - indicates the level of our Christian Stewardship... of our love.

Please join the parish today!  
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## WE INVITE YOU TO COME TO – RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

- Lenten Discussion Group
- Lenten Retreat
- Pan-Orthodox Passion Vespers Services
- Moleben services and Akathist before visiting icons
- Archpastoral Visits



*Visit of Miraculous Myrrh-Streaming Icon*



*Sts. Peter and Paul Chapel in Cathedral Gardens*

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

- Church School
- Russian Language Classes
- Russian Dancing Instruction
- Church School Camping Trip
- Bible Bowl
- Fall Fun Day . . .



*Church School Graduation*



*Children's Yolka*

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Annual Russian Festival (since 1974) [www.russfest.org](http://www.russfest.org)
- Food drive for local elementary school children
- Pisanki art studio classes
- Baltimore City Police Department, special programs
  - Men's Prison Coat Drive
  - Toy Drive
  - Collection of sleeping bags, toiletry kits for homeless



*Barynya Russian Ensemble performance*



*Classic Russian food served at annual Festival*