

YOUR PLEDGE NOW IS VERY IMPORTANT

Saint Demetrios needs the help of <u>all our parishioners</u> to complete the funding of our new church. While over 225 of our faithful families and individuals have evaluated their capability and made a sacrificial gift – their pledge; some 400 are still considering the amount to which they can commit.

We strongly urge, with only 30% of the funding yet to be pledged, that you make your pledge before the end of this May. We stand ready to help you determine what might work best for you, but here are some tips that you may find helpful:

A sacrificial gift is one that by definition will involve some sacrifice. We are not talking about jeopardizing a tuition payment or even a long planned and well-deserved vacation. We are talking about something that will "pinch" some. For this reason we are encouraging you consider making your gift over three years.

No gift is too big or too small. If you look at the pledge card mailed to you (available where you light your candles in church, by mail if requested, or online at www.stdemetriosweston.org), you will see important choices about the confidentiality of your gift. High value named gifts are still available. The important theme is the same as Stewardship, search your heart, help your church.

Why pledge now? We seek to eliminate the burden of debt – even the debt that was approved by the General Assembly is not necessary if we all make our pledges before summer activities begin. Also, the published list of donors (some anonymous) grows steadily every month, but at some point we must set the date by which an alphabetical list will be permanently constructed and located in the new church for the commemoration of those generous donors to future generations.

Having your name on that list is important because nothing is a stronger example to those future keepers of the faith than the fact that we ALL, hand-in-hand, with unanimity gave to build the glorious church so our faith lives and has a strong future.

Thank you