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**II. Pledging to give in stewardship toward the building of our new St. Elias Administrative, Educational and Social Center.** This is an opportunity to make an **OFFERING!**

“An offering” means a gift given to God beyond the tithe, never in place of the tithe or reducing the tithe in any way. (Luke 21:1-4). Offerings are opportunities of give to special needs, special requests, godly causes or opportunities which, for one of many reasons, do not “fit” into our normal annual parish budgeting activities.

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