

### ***Pledging to Give in Stewardship***

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Now, concerning these matters, we need to look forward beyond this pledging season toward all the rest of our lives in Christ. There really are two parts to our growth, *knowledge*, and *practice* with God’s help. The “practice” part is twofold:

**I. Pledge to Give the Tithe** (or pledge to “move toward tithing” with a plan and commitment). The tithe goes to the parish general operating fund, the budget, the “storehouse” of Malachi 3:10; and

**II. Pledge to Give by Offerings** by one-time or by periodic payments over several years if necessary, **to the great cause of a new Administrative, Educational and Social Center for St. Elias for the support of all our current and future ministries.**

If you are excited about your new relationship with God and wish to know more about how to be God’s good steward, here are some reading materials.

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- Williams, McKibben, *Oriented Leadership*. OCPC, [www.oca.org/ocpc](http://www.oca.org/ocpc)
- Wesche, Paul. *Theology of Stewardship in the Light of Orthodox Tradition*. [www.eCampus.com](http://www.eCampus.com)
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