

**SS. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church  
Meriden, Connecticut 06450**

September 2025

As we begin a new Church year, we give thanks to God for the many blessings that He has bestowed upon us. September also begins our Stewardship process by which we care for SS. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church.

We are all servants of God. Stewardship is the measure of a faithful servant. It involves pledging our time, talent, and treasure. Prayerfully, responding to the will of God, we must assess what is possible and give as we are able.

Presently, our budget need is approximately \$198,500. Membership in SS. Peter & Paul is determined by active participation in sacramental life and a responsibility of providing for the financial needs of our parish community. We currently have 78 adult stewards capable of making a pledge. We ask every faithful steward to assess what is financially possible and give as you are able a portion of your treasure.

While the core of the work of the Church is worship, that work extends to the whole of life. Our parish depends on the time and talent of all who volunteer. In addition to your financial support, we ask every faithful member to commit their talents week by week to serve the mission of this parish.

In 2026, SS. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church commemorates the 70<sup>th</sup> year of worship in this temple, 115 years in the city of Meriden. Few still recall the founders and benefactors who dedicated their lives to establishing Orthodoxy in the Meriden area. Some do recall building our beautiful temple. This year, we all need to learn and retell the stories so that our brightly shining gold dome remains a keeper of hope and stands tall to guard the City Park neighborhood.

As we begin the Stewardship process, we ask that you prayerfully consider the time, talent, and treasure that you are able to contribute to SS. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church. Your support is essential to our flourishing, as we fulfill our mission and continue to serve in the Greater Meriden community.

In Christ,

*Father Joshua*

*Donna Leonowich*

Enclosure

**My Pledge of Time and Talents  
to the Lord and His Church for 2026**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

*“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms” (1 Peter 4:10).*

**I offer to the Lord and His Church my time and talents in these areas:**

**2026 Financial Stewardship Pledge Form**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grateful for God’s blessings, I commit to financially support His Church in the following amount:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

The two portions will be divided. Your Financial Pledge will be kept confidential, while the Time and Talents will be shared with the Parish Council and relevant ministry leaders. We commit to following up with you to put your gifts to good use.

To complete our Budget process, please return in a timely manner to Alexia Tassmer, Treasurer.  
**Thank you for your prayerful consideration and faithful support.**