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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your generous and loving support of St. Nicholas Cathedral throughout the years. Your contributions enable the Cathedral to continue regular liturgical services, operate a vibrant Sunday School, offer adult education classes, participate in numerous charitable works, and spread the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Orthodox Faith to many.

As a member of the Body of Christ, each of us has a responsibility to contribute his or her time, talent, and resources to maintain our Cathedral and help it grow and prosper for the glory of God and spiritual benefit to His people. Making a pledge is a personal opportunity to thank to God for all He has given to us and fulfilling this pledge allows His Cathedral to remain open and welcoming.

To make a pledge, please complete both sides of the enclosed pledge form. The first side indicates your monetary pledge and the second indicates church activities for which you may like to volunteer. Please note that pledge forms are due to the Cathedral office by December 31, 2016. Members who submit pledge forms by this date will retain their status as a member in good standing and be able to vote in the upcoming 2017 Parish Meeting.

If, when returning your pledge form, you would like to include your 2017 pledge payment in full or a portion of it, please write "2017 Pledge Payment" in the memo line of your check.

With gratitude for your continued support, in Christ,

Larry Harrison
Treasurer &
Chair Stewardship Committee

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Parish President

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INFORMATION REGARDING MEMBERSHIP, VOTING, AND PLEDGES

According to the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) statutes and St. Nicholas Bylaws, to be a voting member of the Parish in 2017, a member must:

- Be 18 years or older
- Be baptized or Chrismated in Orthodoxy
- Partake in Confession and Communion at St. Nicholas Cathedral at least once a year
- Be registered as a Parishioner in the St. Nicholas Parish books/census
- Fulfill their financial obligation to the Parish

A member's financial obligation to the Parish is established by making a pledge to the Cathedral on or before December 31, 2016. Our Parish Bylaws state that to be considered a member in good standing and able to vote in Parish elections, each member's pledge must include the following amounts:

1. \$198 per person (\$396 per couple) to support the OCA and the Archdiocese of Washington, DC
2. PLUS an additional amount to support St. Nicholas Cathedral

Additional amounts pledged to St. Nicholas Cathedral are the primary source of income used to support the Cathedral's operating expenses. Total estimated operating expenses for 2016 were \$460,000, broken down in the table below. There are currently 180 members in the parish.

Operating Expense Category	2014 Budget
Salaries & Benefits (<i>two full time priests, a part-time accountant/office manager, a part-time grounds keeper, and annual choir director services</i>)	\$294,000
Administrative Expenses (<i>including property and liability insurance, office supplies, printing, telephone and internet, postage, etc.</i>)	\$61,000
Facilities Supplies (<i>including candles, flowers, liturgical supplies, grounds and landscaping supplies</i>)	\$25,000
Facilities Management (<i>including utilities and building maintenance of the Cathedral, Annex, and Rectory</i>)	\$65,000
Other (<i>including missionary activities, travel, adult education, the Sunday School, and hospitality</i>)	\$15,000

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING THE 2017 PLEDGE FORM AND PARISH CENSUS

To ensure that all family members who wish to be a member of the parish are included in the 2017 Parish Census, please print the name(s) of each member(s) pledging on the enclosed form. If only one spouse of a family is a member, please include only that name on the pledge. The enclosed form also requests your email address. This will not be shared and will be used only to enable the church office to reach you.