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## Release Announcement

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### Stewardship



"Igniting the Flame of  
Orthodox Stewardship"

**Strategic Area:** Stewardship

**Goal:** To assist each parish in implementing a thoughtful and effective plan for Stewardship.

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**Program Description:** The Stewardship Team of the Metropolis Strategic Plan has been appointed to work with each parish in supporting the implementation of an effective stewardship plan. Team Captains have been assigned to various regions of the Metropolis and communicate directly with the Vicar of each region as well as each parish's respective Priest, Parish Council President, Stewardship Chair and Metropolis Advocate. The goal for a Stewardship Program is, ultimately, to generate income enough to cover all operating expenses of the parish. For our Metropolis, the recommended approach is the "Igniting the Flame of Orthodox Stewardship" program. A descriptive handbook of this program can be obtained at [www.Stewardshipcalling.com](http://www.Stewardshipcalling.com). This website also contains all the materials necessary to implement a stewardship program including podcasts and videos explaining the program. If, however, a parish has been utilizing a different Stewardship approach or plan successfully, they are free to continue using that program and are not expected to change.

**Current Status:** To-date, 21 parishes have received the "Igniting The Flame" program and are in implementation mode. The other parishes throughout the Metropolis are arranging presentations and reviewing the program.

**Recommended Parish Action:** Each parish within the Metropolis should implement a thoughtful and effective Stewardship program. If you have an interest in the "Igniting the Flame" program, and have not been contacted to date, please contact Ted Vavoulis.

**Anticipated Parish Impact:** High. A commitment to this program from the entire parish is essential for success.