

St. Athanasios 2026 Stewardship Campaign Update

Spring Parish Assembly

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Stewardship...Chicago Metropolis

Stewardship is our grateful and loving response to God's love, grace and gifts to us. It is our personal commitment to God and His Church to ensure its vitality and continuous growth by joyfully and sacrificially offering of our talents, time and treasures that we have received from Him. Stewardship puts our faith in action and demonstrates our trust in God.

2026 Stewardship Campaign



“RISE UP AND BUILD”

“Building Up the Body of Christ,” from the Old Testament Book of Nehemiah. This story and the words of Nehemiah (2:19) call us today, not just to building and rebuilding with bricks and mortar, but also to a deeper, spiritual building – the rebuilding and renewal of our faith. **As Orthodox Christians, we are called to respond to God's gifts with faithful stewardship. Like Nehemiah, we are called to "rise up and build," carrying on God's work in our parish, our community, and in the world.**



Discussion Topics

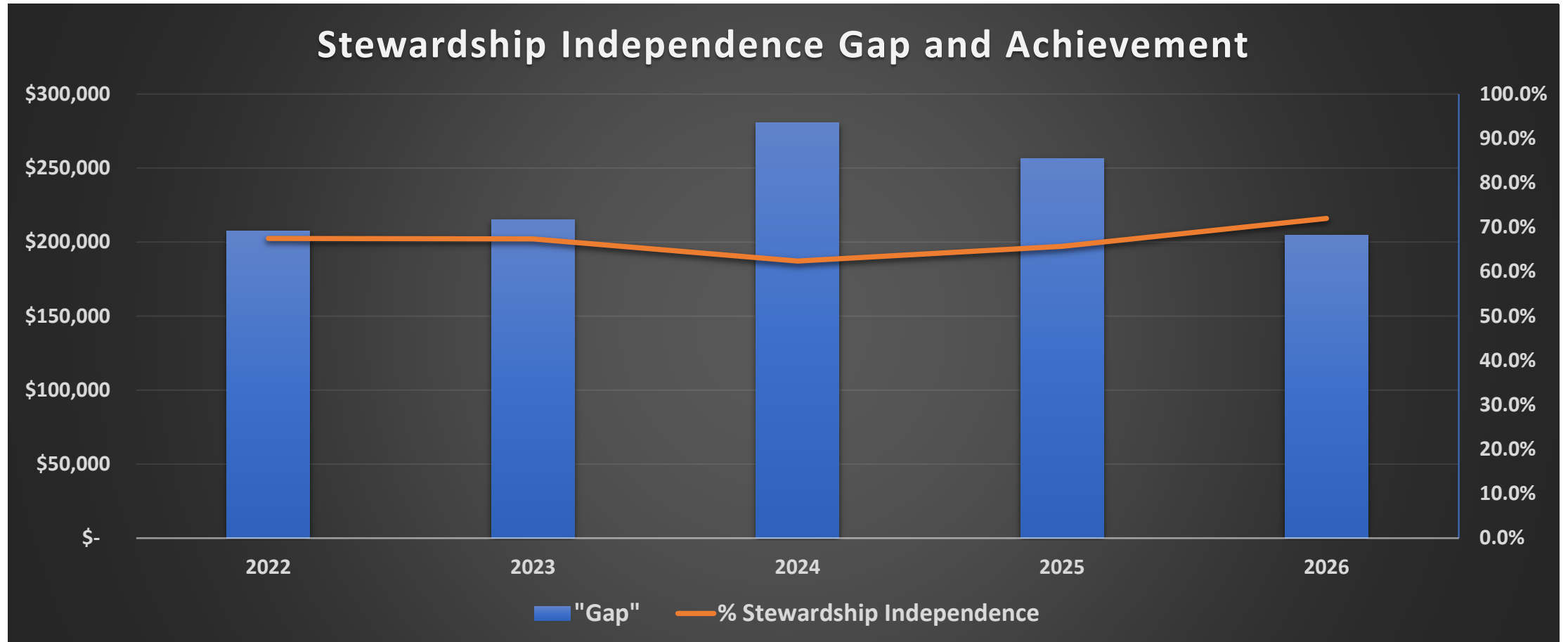
- What are our long-term Stewardship focus areas and goals
- How are we doing in 2026
- What can we do better

Long-term Stewardship Goal

We are focused on achieving Stewardship Independence in the “near” future where **we** take care of “Our House” versus relying on external fundraising activities to pay our bills

Our Free Will Giving is used to sustain and strengthen “Our House” – our spiritual home, our ministries, and the work we are called to do together.

Where are we now in our Stewardship Independence Journey?



Gap = Total Operating Expenses – Total Free Will Giving

Achievement = Total Free Will Giving/Total Operating Expenses

Stewardship Focus Areas

Education – Communication – Engagement – Recognition



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Our 2026 Stewardship – Goals

- 2026 Treasures Goal – \$408,000 ... a 14% or \$48,000 increase over 2025 year-end results ... *an average increase of \$156 per Steward or \$3 per week.*
- This will increase our Stewardship Independence from 65.7% to 72.0%
- This increase can be obtained by current Stewards increasing their Stewardship commitment, do not lose any Stewards, and increasing the number of Stewards ... **basically the number of pledges and the pledge amounts need to increase**
- Get our Stewards to think beyond Treasures when thinking about their Stewardship commitment and include Time and Talents in their commitment
- Continue our education, communication, engagement, & recognition initiatives

What does this mean to me?*

- \$500 annual pledge → \$70 increase or \$1.35 per week
- \$1,000 annual pledge → \$140 increase or \$2.70 per week
- \$1,500 annual pledge → \$210 increase or \$4.04 per week
- \$2,500 annual pledge → \$350 increase or \$6.73 per week
- \$5,000 annual pledge → \$700 increase or \$13.46 per week
- \$10,000 annual pledge → \$1,400 increase or \$26.92 per week

* Based on a 14% pledge increase in 2026 to meet our 2026 goal of \$408,300

How are we doing?

Year-to-Date 2026 Summary

- As of March 27th:
 - Pledged Dollars:
 - 2026: \$315,599
 - 2025: \$286,731
 - 10.1% year-over-year increase
 - 77.3% of our 2026 Goal of \$408,000
 - Number of Pledges:
 - 2026: 219
 - 2025: 231
 - 5% year-over-year decrease
 - Average Pledge:
 - 2026: \$1,441
 - 2025: \$1,241
 - 16.1% year-over-year increase

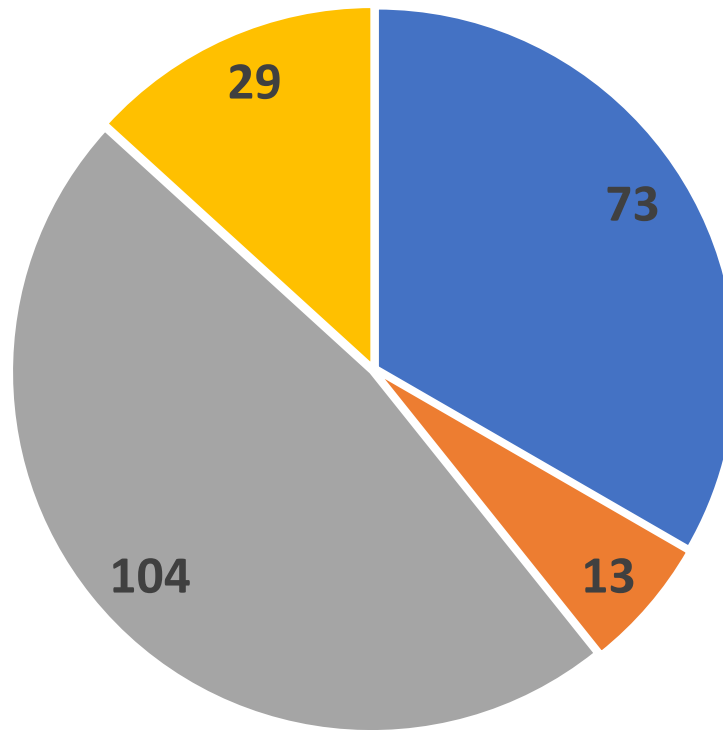


2026 YTD Pledge Breakdown

Total Pledges – 219

118 2025 Stewards have not yet made their 2026 Commitment

YTD Number of Pledges



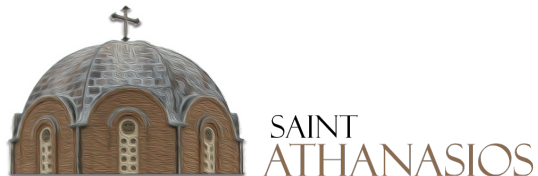
■ Increased Pledge ■ Decreased Pledge ■ No Change Pledge ■ New Pledge



Our Ask....

- If you have not yet made your 2026 pledge, do so as soon as possible.
- Continue to engage by offering your Time, Talents and Treasures
- Connect to people, Engage them ... invite them to join us at our ministries and events, and make them feel welcomed
- Give generously ... “listen to your heart”

Thank You!!



What can we do better? Questions & Feedback

