



St. John the Baptist Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Rev. Fr. Mark Townsend

www.stjohnorthodox.org

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is in our midst!

This past year has been full of prayer and growth at St. John the Baptist in Post Falls, ID! We have prayed together, studied together, fellowshiped together and grown closer to our God, the Holy Trinity in this year. We have had many new families join our community during this past year. The number of families with children has skyrocketed, raising the number of children in our parish to almost 60. St. John the Baptist Antiochian Orthodox Church is now embarking on our 25th year in Post Falls. By the grace of God, and through your dedication, we will continue to grow in faith and numbers! Glory to God for all things!

The blessed work of St. John the Baptist parish does indeed go on! There are many and varied ministries being accomplished to God's glory in our parish due to the generosity and faithful stewardship of every one of you who are members and friends of St. John. Thank you for your faithfulness! Since this year is rapidly drawing to a close, the Parish Council is crafting our new parish budget for 2020, and **now we need your help!**

Year over year, we have had *a mere one-third* of our families tithing. This letter is an encouragement to actively participate in the ongoing life and ministries of St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church. If we can accomplish what we have with so little, imagine the possibilities if every family would tithe as little as 10%! This can be accomplished through the grateful sharing of the many blessings that God has given each and every one of us to further His work in the parish and community. With the cost of living always rising, we are in need of more financial resources as a parish. Please increase your support at this time of need - it would be a true blessing for not only the present, but the future of this Holy Church.

I am requesting that each family respond no later than Sunday, November 3rd so that the Parish Council can develop an accurate budget in time for the **all-parish meeting on November 10th**. To expedite the process and to make it much easier for our Treasurer, please fill out the attached pledge and census form online at (<https://stjohnorthodox.org/2020-pledge/>). If necessary, you may also return it to the parish by mail or by dropping it in the offering box at the church building. Please be generous and thus help us accomplish much in this upcoming New Year for Christ and His Holy Orthodox Church! Remember: you can never out-give God who has poured out so many blessings on each of us! Thank you, my beloved children in Christ, and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

Yours in the Love of our Lord Jesus,

Fr. Mark Townsend

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Pledge and Census Form

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Priest: Reverend Father Mark Townsend

[Parishioners may now register and pledge online using our website by clicking here](#)

First and Last Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Email _____ Date of Birth _____

Spouse's Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Date of Birth _____

Wedding Anniversary _____ Namesdays _____

CHILDREN

Name _____ Male or Female Date of Birth _____

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2020 Annual Recommended Pledge Levels (please fill in lines 1, 2 & 3):

\$600/year \$1,200/year \$2,400/year \$4,800/year Other

My pledge commitment for 2020 (please select from above) \$ _____

Total 2019 Pledge & Archdiocese Dues: \$ _____

2020 Annual Recommended Building Fund Contribution (Please select one)

\$600/year \$1,200/year \$1,800/year \$2,400/year Other

My pledge commitment for 2020 (please select from above) \$ _____

Signature _____ Date _____