



December 20, 2020

These are difficult days. We are not able to fully gather in our spiritual home for prayer and fellowship as we are accustomed to doing, especially during the holiday season. Yet we must remain hopeful and united as a family of faith, always present for one another in love and support. We look forward to the time when we can all safely gather together yet again in our beloved Holy Trinity.

It is important to remember that, in the words of Archbishop Elpidophoros, "The Ekklesia extends far beyond the four walls of any church building." A Church is not the building, but rather, it is people of faith that remain connected, drawing spiritual nourishment from God and strength from one another.

During this unprecedented time, our spiritual and volunteer leaders are working tirelessly to build upon existing ministries and to initiate new ministries that will keep us connected as our Holy Trinity family. They have been streaming our services for many months to keep everyone connected to their spirituality, the church, and each other. Sunday School classes are also happening virtually each Sunday, keeping our children engaged and curious in their faith development. And thanks to the incredible work of Philoptochos, Angels, Hope & Joy, and St. John the Merciful ministries, in partnership with the tremendous support from many of you, we are continuing our community outreach and support, via food, monetary and clothing collections which are distributed to local food pantries, shelters, and to those in need.

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These initiatives and ministries will continue to support the long-term mission of our parish when this current crisis has passed. Thank you for your generous support that makes them possible. Please continue to support our church so that together we may serve our members and our community during this difficult time.

Your offerings of support can be set up through our **online** giving portal, *Abundant Giving*, at: <https://abundant.co/holytrinityraleigh/give>. You can also **mail** your stewardship pledge cards and donations to the church at: 5000 Lead Mine Road, Raleigh, NC 27612.

Thank you again for your support. Through our faith we can trust that we will all soon gather in our beacon of hope, Holy Trinity. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or comments, at 919-339-3169 or [acgeorgallis@gmail.com](mailto:acgeorgallis@gmail.com).

Happy Holidays,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A. Georgallis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Angela Georgallis  
2021 Stewardship Campaign Co-Chair

*“My hope is that we will seize the opportunity that is literally being forced upon us,  
to become more altruistic, more compassionate toward others,  
more patient, and indeed more faithful.”*

-Archbishop Elpidophoros of America