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In the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes, we read that there is “a time for every purpose...a time to plant, a time to reap...” Our challenge these days is appropriately allocating our time to all the various demands that are made on it. We all are living with the crazy demands of our time right now as an example, during the holiday season. This passage teaches us to make the most of God’s great gift of time.

We all have much to do this time of year, as we are in the midst of preparing for the celebration of the birth of Christ. One of the things most of us are spending our time doing is buying gifts for those we love. Some people are really good at picking out the perfect present. There is an intentionality to their gift, as they consider what the recipient likes, wants, or needs. We can all recall a time when we received a gift from someone, and immediately knew the giver put a lot of energy and time into making sure it was something special, unique, and personalized.

As we launch our 2020 Stewardship Campaign: *A Time for Every Purpose Under Heaven*, we ask that you use this same intentionality in approaching your stewardship giving to Holy Trinity. As we all know, stewardship is one of the many ways in which we give thanks to God for our many blessings. Giving back to our church (the place we call our home and consider our extended family), is our individual opportunity to give of ourselves, to grow in grace, and to impactfully participate in Christ’s work.

This past year, with your tremendous support, Holy Trinity has been blessed to continue thriving. We have not only been able to meet the operational demands necessary to keep the church running on a daily basis, but most importantly, we’ve supported another year of incredible ministries and programs, programs like GOYA, Greek Dancing, Angels, Hope & Joy, Greek Language education and the Greek Festival – programs that touch the lives of not just our church family, but also those in the greater Triangle community.

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In the coming weeks, as stewardship co-chairs, we hope to inspire each of you to continue putting Holy Trinity first in your lives. 2020 will be an interesting year for all of us, since our budget demands have grown significantly due to an increase in diocese/archdiocese fees, security, and some ministry overhead expenses. In an effort to meet these challenges, which primarily will fall on the stewardship program, we plan to expand our current stewardship effort to include a committee. We will also continue to offer more member testimonials; provide regular bulletin and newsletter updates; Fr. Paul will share with us thoughtful stewardship-focused sermons; and we will soon have a new online tool for donating in a fast and easy fashion (more details on this tool will be announced soon). We welcome your suggestions for other ways in which you'd like to fully live a life of loyal stewardship here at Holy Trinity.

Thank you for your dedication to our community and your active participation in this vital church ministry. May you and your family continue to enjoy the many blessings bestowed upon you in the coming New Year. Please feel free to reach out to me or George, with any questions or comments, or if you are interested in being a part of our new stewardship committee, we welcome your service and partnership. Angela (919-339-3169 / acgeorgallis@gmail.com) or George (773-251-8127 / ggeorgallis@hotmail.com).

Happy Holidays,

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

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