



March 28, 2021

Dear St. Nicholas Faithful,

The stewardship you have provided during these unprecedented times has been essential to maintain our holy temple. God bless you for your gifts, "For God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:6-7) Being able to give digitally through Paypal has been an absolute blessing during these times.

We want to strongly emphasize that giving to the church through Paypal has been absolutely critical to sustain our parish, and we also want to educate everyone on the associated fees the church incurs on behalf of using Paypal. If you have been sending funds to the church using a PayPal balance, your bank account, or an Amex Send Account, the church incurs no fees when you give.

However, if you have been using a credit or debit card to send funds to the church through Paypal, the church incurs a 2.9% + .30 fee per transaction. (For example: If \$200 is given to the church through Paypal using a debit/credit card, \$6.10 of that \$200 goes straight to Paypal.) In this example, the church doesn't receive the full stewardship amount, and money is given to Paypal that could have potentially gone to the parish. It doesn't seem like much, but when multiplied across the parish it's a significant amount.

Some parishioners prefer to not give Paypal access to their bank account. If that is your decision, we understand and support you 100%. Some have even opted to give a little extra in order to offset the fees. However, you choose to give this Lenten season; let's all focus on rededicating ourselves to prayer, fasting and almsgiving until we meet at the glorious empty tomb of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God bless you!

Payment method	Fee
PayPal balance or a bank account	No Fee
Cards	2.90% + fixed fee
Amex Send™ Account	No Fee

In Christ,

The St. Nicholas Church Stewardship Committee

AN ORTHODOX COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE FIND TRANSFORMATION IN JESUS CHRIST

