



METROPOLIS  
OF DENVER

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH

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January 28, 2026

Dear Parishioners,

With 2025 and the holiday season behind us, we look forward to the coming year in the life of our Church. We have been truly blessed in recent years with newly baptized and chrismated members, new catechumens, a beautifully renovated sanctuary, and vast improvements in our ministries serving others. In 2026, we also will be blessed with a fully renovated up-to-date kitchen, and with new iconography adorning the walls of our Sanctuary.

It should come as no surprise that everything our Church does is supported solely by the contributions of its faithful members. Generosity has been a hallmark of Saint John's parish, and we are most grateful for everyone's support over the years. To better plan our budgeting and finances, we are introducing a formal stewardship program for 2026. For those that have contributed for years, and for first time contributors, we kindly ask that you complete and return the enclosed card. Please understand that this is not a "membership card" or "annual dues." It is a voluntary offering of your love and financial support, and it is an integral part of participation in the life of the church. The question is not, "how much am I required to give?" but "how can I thank God for my many blessings?"

The enclosed card also provides an opportunity to volunteer your time towards our primary mission activities: Worship (chanters, readers, greeters, altar service), Education (bookstore, catechism, bible studies, newsletter articles and content), Service Projects (food truck events, Saint Michael's Community Kitchen, homebuilding trips, cooking and baking), and Community Events (Paschal Feast, New Year's Eve Celebration, other community events). We need and welcome your involvement!

Lastly, Saint John's in the middle of two major projects. We are remodeling our kitchen into a wholly new, beautiful and functional workspace that will serve our community for many years. The project should be completed in mid-March. Second, 20 full figured icons of Orthodox Saints will soon surround the north, south, and west walls of the Sanctuary. This "Phase I" iconography will be installed in mid-April. Many of you have already committed to the iconography project by Memorial donations for specific saints, and a number of these opportunities remain available.

We humbly ask you to prayerfully consider a 2026 Stewardship commitment and to return the enclosed card. You may address it to the church (Attn: Treasurer), or you may hand it to or email it to Eva Peroulis at [evaperoulis@hotmail.com](mailto:evaperoulis@hotmail.com). Only the treasurer sees your actual pledge amount. Additionally, if you find it in your heart and means to support the kitchen renovation or Phase I Iconography, your support will be most welcomed.

Please speak with either of us or any parish council member with any questions about stewardship, the kitchen renovation, or the current iconography project.

In Christ,

Father David

Katrina Springer,  
Parish Council President