

St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church



New Member Packet (revised 06/14)

WELCOME!



***We're so
happy that
you're joining
St. Gregory's***



Joining St. Gregory's

You're considered to be a full member of St. Gregory's as soon as you decide to join—that is, as soon as you tell us you want to join, get this packet, and return the enclosed sheets.

Several times a year, we introduce groups of new members at our services. The whole church looks forward to this, as we celebrate your membership and bless you—but you're officially a member as soon as you say you want to be one!

Thank you again for joining, and if you have any questions at all, please contact us:

- Office: (415) 255-8100
- Membership commissioner: Bridget McShea,
membership@saintgregorys.org
- Director of Ministry: Sara Miles,
sara@saintgregorys.org
- Treasurer: Leesy Taggart,
treasurer@saintgregorys.org
- Rector: Paul Fromberg,
paulfromberg@saintgregorys.org
- Youth & Family Minister: Sylvia Miller-Mutia,
sylvia@saingregorys.org
- Music Director: Sanford Dole,
music@saintgregorys.org
- Parish Administrator: Sherri Lynn Wood,
office@saintgregorys.org

Pledging

We're enclosing a pledge sheet: please consider prayerfully how you will fulfill your membership obligation to donate time and money to the church. You can see the full picture of our church finances on the website:

- <http://www.saintgregorys.org/members/parish-finances>

Your financial agreement is revised every year; but whenever you have questions, want to discuss your pledge or make an adjustment, please contact our treasurer, Leesy Taggart, at treasurer@saintgregorys.org.

We strongly encourage you to set up a regular payment by credit card; otherwise, please mail in your check at the beginning of each month or drop it in the collection plate when you come to church.

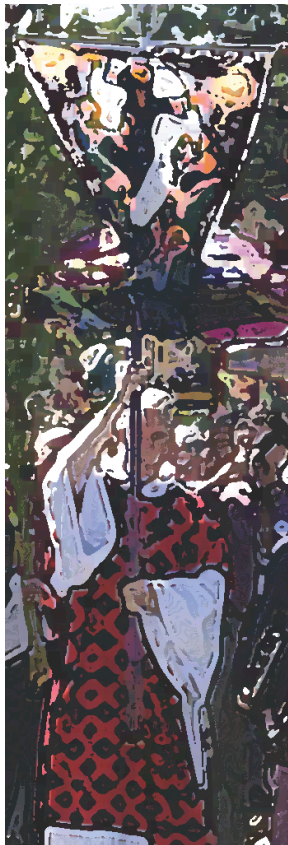
For pledges of time, please talk with other members or staff, and discuss how you want to offer your gifts to the church. You can always contact our director of ministry, Sara Miles, sara@saintgregorys.org, our membership commissioner, Bridget McShea, membership@saintgregorys.org to find out more about different groups active in the church, get connected with other members who share your interests, or talk about how you want to be involved.

While you're looking around, feel free to lend a hand in the kitchen with Coffee Hour—it's a great way to meet people and find out more about what's going on at church!

Members Agreement



The Members Agreement was originally developed by the membership in 1981 and revised in 1995.



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The Prayer Book describes the commitment all Christians make. The members of St. Gregory of Nyssa Church support this commitment with an agreement that shapes our life and work: We share Christ's mission of service to the world, and we ask his Church's support for loving our neighbors and finding ways to serve them. We support members individually serving the community outside the Church, and we support having projects available for members to work on together. At gatherings of members we will share our experience of service.

Sharing is the chief joy of friendship; and God gives generously to us so that we can enjoy giving generously in return. By gifts to relieve the needy, to better our fellow creatures' lives, to establish justice and to spread the Gospel, scripture says we are sharing with God. As we grow in gratitude and generosity we ask the Church's support.

Following scripture's guidance, we intend to share what God gives us - time and money and skills and other resources - for the charitable purposes God draws us to. We will share with St. Gregory's members our experience in discovering these purposes, and in progressing toward giving a tenth part or more.

As an important part of our giving we pledge money monthly to St. Gregory's Church, and will inform the Treasurer of the specific amount. We ask the Treasurer to tell us periodically how our pledge stands.

We pledge time for giving all newcomers the welcome of Christ himself.

We will celebrate our friendship in Christ together at the Eucharist on Sundays, Holy Week and Easter. We take responsibility for bringing friends to share these celebrations. Because God is drawing everyone into friendship, we support the education and growth of all who come to St. Gregory's. We will share our experience and our gifts for this work, as may be appropriate in the liturgy and elsewhere; and we ask the Church's support in furthering our own conversation with God.

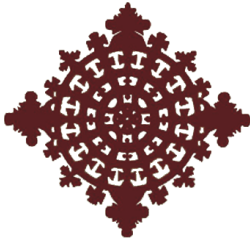
We will take responsibility for guidance and direction of the church.

We will participate in the annual selection of our Vestry and will support the Vestry in directing the work of St. Gregory's Church.

We support members' community life through members' chapter [annual meetings.]

We welcome all people as members of St. Gregory's Church when they choose to join us in this Agreement. We ask the Church's prayers and support for keeping the agreement; and we will notify the Vestry conveners should we choose to leave the membership.

Come and Worship



***There are lots
of ways to
find out
what's
happening.***



Staying in Touch

On the next page is a sheet for you to return to the office with all your contact information. As soon as we receive your form, we'll add you to our community directory, and let you know how to access the directory online, so you can have a complete list of other members. **Please send us your contact information today**

All members of the church receive email announcements from the staff and office regarding special events, meetings, and important news. **We need your current email address** to make sure you get these announcements. If you don't have email, please let us know and we'll send you letters by mail.

We also have email lists for specific purposes:

- Prayer & Care. To request prayers or pastoral care from the community, and to receive others' requests, contact sara@saintgregorys.org to be added to the list.
- Youth & Family Ministry. To keep abreast of events and programs for children, youth and families, join the YFM list by writing to sylvia@saintgregorys.org
- Find contacts for other groups (choir, bread-bakers, readers, liturgical leaders, and more) on our website, www.saintgregorys.org/community_service

Like us on Facebook for up-to-date news and comments, and follow us on Twitter @SGNSF.

Our website, www.saintgregorys.org, has complete resources about our liturgy, music, art and the history of our community. The online calendar of events and podcasts of sermons are on the website, and you can find the full text of our Members' Agreement in the "Who We Are" section.

New Member Contact Information Sheet

Please fill out (print clearly!) and return to the office.

OR to submit online, email: office@saintgregorys.org

St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, 500 De Haro Street, San Francisco, CA 94107

First & Last Name (how you want to be listed in the directory) Date _____

Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Birth date: (mm/dd/yy): _____

Full Name of Spouse/Partner: _____

Child's Full Name: _____ Child's Birth Date (mm/dd/yy): _____

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- _____
- _____
- _____

_____ Add me to the Prayer and Care email list.

_____ Add me to the Youth & Family Ministry email list.

Were you a member of another Episcopal church?

Church name _____

City _____ State _____

Have you been baptized? Y / N Year: _____ Denomination: _____

Have you been confirmed? Y / N Year: _____ Denomination: _____

New Member Pledge Sheet

Please fill out (print clearly!) and return to the office.
St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, 500 De Haro Street, San Francisco, CA 94107

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

In gratitude for God's gifts to me, I pledge \$ _____ monthly to support all the work of St. Gregory's.

___ I will pay by credit card monthly. My card is ___ Visa ___ MasterCard

Credit card number _____ Expires _____

Signature _____ (signature must be same as name on card)

___ I will pay by check monthly. Enclosed is my first check, made to St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church.

In gratitude for God's gifts to me, I pledge _____ hours monthly to the church.

I would like to work with (name of activity or group): _____

___ I'd like to talk with someone from the church about volunteer opportunities.

Additional gifts can be made at any time, and may offer tax benefits:

___ Enclosed is an extra gift of _____.

___ I would like to make a gift of appreciated stock; please call me to discuss.

___ I have remembered St. Gregory's in a will or estate plan; please call me to discuss.

___ I'd like information about the best way to remember St. Gregory's in a will or estate plan; please call me to discuss.