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St Theodore Church Christmas Card & Poinsettias

Spread the cheer and joy of our Lord's Birth and support the Church by placing your name in the Church's Christmas Card. You can make a donation of $25.00 or more by check to St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church by **Thursday, December 10th, 2026.** **(Print clearly your name(s) to appear**
Your Name(s):

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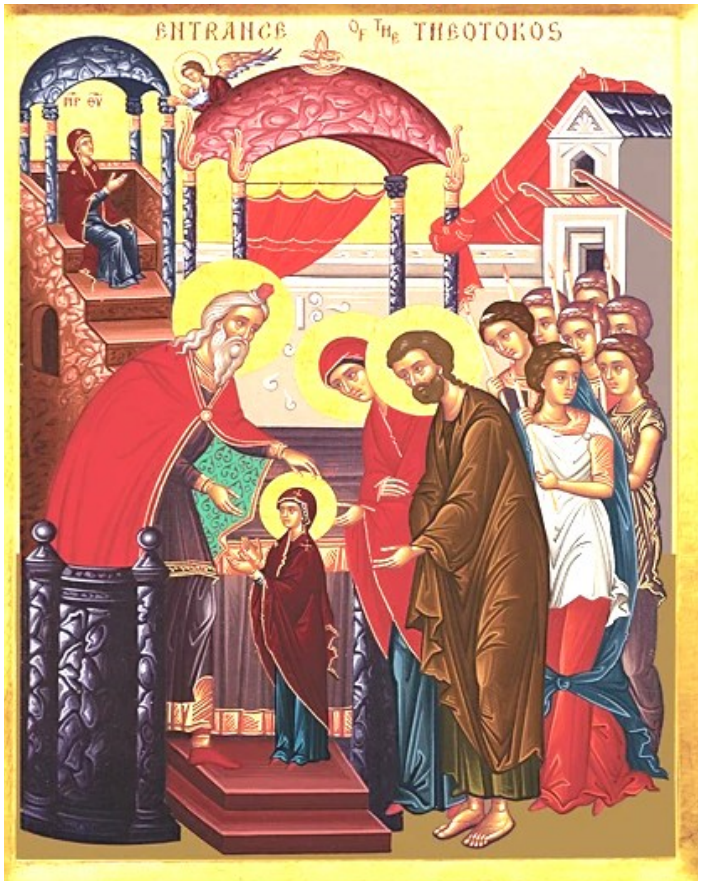
Join the St. Theodore Community as we beautify the church in celebration of the Nativity of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ.
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Saint Theodore
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Monthly Newsletter
November 2026



ENTRANCE of the THEOTOKOS into the TEMPLE
NOVEMBER 20, 2026
ALL NIGHT VIGIL 7 p.m.—1 a.m.

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Church website www.sttheodores.org
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The Pastor's Message

Beloved brothers & sisters in Christ,

With grateful hearts, we give thanks to God for the wonderful annual Greek Festival we shared in September. Even with the rain, our parish welcomed guests with warm hospitality, joyful fellowship, delicious food, and the rich traditions of our faith and heritage. Because so many gave generously of their time and talents, the festival also did fairly well as a fundraiser. I offer my sincere thanks to every chairperson, volunteer, donor, cook, server, cleaner, musician, dancer, parishioner, and friend who helped make it possible.

At the same time, the success of one event does not mean that we can rest on our laurels. A festival can strengthen our fellowship and support the work of the parish, but the Church's ministry depends throughout the year upon the faithful personal stewardship of each member. God calls us to offer not only a portion of our treasure, but also our time, our abilities, our presence, our prayers, and our willing hearts.

We are blessed to have almost 100 percent participation in our Stewardship Program. If you are among the few who have not yet made a pledge for 2026, it is still not too late. Please submit your pledge and begin or continue your payments. Every offering matters, and every household's participation is a sign that we share responsibility for the worship, ministries, care, and future of St. Theodore Church.

Holy Scripture reminds us, "Honor the Lord with your treasure and with the first fruits of all your produce" (Proverbs 3:9). Saint Paul teaches that "each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7). Our Lord Himself says, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21).

2026 STEWARDSHIP HONOR ROLL

Listed below are all the families and individuals who have pledged and contributed to the Stewardship Program for 2026. We thank you and wish you health and all good things from the Lord. If anyone hasn't pledged or paid, its still not too late to add your name to the list.

Adamos, Theodore & Maria
Adams, Stavroula
Alexion, Angelina
Alkire, Jack & Marguerite
Angelis, Bill
Banis, Nick & Eleni
Bekos, Panagiotis & Helen
Bickell, Brad & Eleni
Bonner, TJ and Christina
Burdusi, Fr Manuel & Malama
Burdusi, Nicholas & Julie
Burdusi Mosi, Aristea & Krista
Burnett, Doug & Olivia
Cirillo, Christina and James
DeFalco, Jessie
Dimopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Demetri
Dimopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. John
Dobi, Michael
Exis, Ekaterina
Fanourgakis, Angeliki
Ferron, Johanson
Frantzis, Mr. & Mrs. Dimitrios
Galiatsatos, Andreas
Galiatsatos, Spiro & Stavroula Voula
Gementzopoulos, Antonios & Alexandra
Georhristodoulos, Mr & Mrs Andreas
Geralis, Mrs. Angie
Gerohristodoulou, Anastasia
Gionis, Paul
Goumis, Demetres G.
Grow, Anna & Randy
Halkos, Mr. & Mrs. Matthew
Halkos, Mr. & Mrs. Tim
Hallas Family
Hestnes, Dag & Phyllis
Hodge, Christa
Jones, Angela
Kakitsis, Kassiani
Kapsalis, Panagos & Maria
Karahalis, Olga
Katcheves, Konstantina
Katsakis, Angela & John
Katsigiannakis, Evangelia and Georgios
Key, Jackson
Key, Julius
Kilos, Evangelos J.
Kiotsekoglou, Kyriakos & Argiro
Kiotsekoglou, Evlambia
Kirby, Nicolette & Keith
Kolazas, Thanasi & Marilu
Koukoulis, Nick & Karin
Koustenis, Maria
Kretsis, Marianna
Kretsis, Vasiliki
Lazarou, John & Zoe
Magoulas, Paula
Malliakos, Mr & Mrs Assimios
Malliakos Knepper, Christina & Joshua
Malliakos Todd, Elizabeth and Andrew
Manessis, Angelos
Manessis, Ourania
Manessis, Polymnia
Mantzouranis, Athanasia
Marousis, Panagiotis
Matta, Christina & Matthew
Matta, Jonathan
Michaelides, Mr & Mrs Nicholas
Moniodis, Mr & Mrs Paul
Tice-Myer, Mark & Katherine
Orfanidis, Vasilia
O'Rourke, Ryan & Nicole
Papadopoulos, Afroditi
Papadopoulos, Miltiadis and Yaxian(Vasiliki)
Papadopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios
Paschalidis, Nick & Maria
Pelekanos Georgios & Konstantina
Perelas, John & Deborah VanDamm
Plagakis Lester, Sofia & Patrick
Plangetis, Phillip & Georgia
Presti, Anthony
Presti, William & Nora
Rallis, Mr. Georgios
Rallis, Gregory
Romas, Georgia
Sakaria, Mr & Mrs Raj
SakariaKori, Basu & Maria
Samara, Marilia & Michell, Robert
Scott, Deborah Ioanna
Sergotick, Michael & Anna
Siarmalis-Urrutia, Henry & Iliana
Singer, Zac & Victoria
Skarvelis, Greg & Anastasia
Speropulos, James
Stefanias, Maria & Panagiotis
Svihra, Daniel & Shea
Theodorou, Toumazos & Loukia
Townsend, John
Tsiglifis, Vasilios & Alexandra
Tsioumas, Maria
Tsioumas, George & Majida
Veronis, Vicky & Michael
Villano, Christina & Robert
Walker, Michael & Tina
Whitlock, Edward & Panagiota
Yakas, Peter & Eleni Harlepas
Zairis, Pantelis & Anthie
Zick, Mr. & Mrs. Bob

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT FORM 2026

As Orthodox Christians, we are called to be stewards of our Church. When we are faithful to this calling, then our Lord will say to us as he did to the faithful steward, "Well done good and faithful servant" (Mt 25:23).

NAME _____ MOBILE PHONE _____

NAME OF SPOUSE (IF MARRIED) _____ MOBILE PHONE _____

STREET ADDRESS _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE _____ EMAIL ADDRESS OF SPOUSE (IF MARRIED) _____

HOME PHONE _____

In gratitude for God's many blessings, I/we commit to the stewardship of St. Theodore's and pledge the following amount..

VERY IMPORTANT
To help with printing costs and conserve on paper we agree to receive the Parish Newsletter by e-mail only. ☐ Yes

$_____ per month x 12 months = $_____ for the year.

Please check to indicate that St. Theodore's Church is your primary place of worship. ☐

Suggested amounts for giving:

☐ $10 per week ($520/yr)
☐ $15 per week ($780 /yr)
☐ $20 per week ($1040 /yr)
☐ $25 per week ($1300 /yr)
☐ $50 per week ($2600 /yr)
☐ Other per week $_____

☐ $40/mon ($480)
☐ $50/mon ($600)
☐ $75/mon ($900)
☐ $100/mon ($1,200)
☐ $150/mon ($1,800)
☐ Other per month $_____

☐ $ 400/yr
☐ $ 500/yr
☐ $ 1,000/yr
☐ $ 1,500/yr
☐ $ 2,000/yr
☐ Other $ _____

Signature:_____

Once you make your pledge, you have the entire year to fulfill your pledge. You can pay by cash, check, through PAYPAL, or even through Bill Pay through your bank's checking account. You can also make a payment by going to our Church's website: **www.sttheodores.org** and click the "Online Store" to make a credit card payment. Children 18 and over and who are working should become members separate from their parents. Children in college or graduate school can remain under their parent's membership but should still fill out this form.

Make payments to: St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church, 7101 Cipriano Rd., Lanham, MD 20706.

Dependent Children's names and birthdates:

_____ _____
_____ _____
_____ _____
_____ _____

Your time & talent

I would like to offer my time and talents for the ministry of St. Theodore's ☑ (check all that apply)

☐ Church School
☐ Greek School/PTO
☐ Chanting
☐ Philoptochos
☐ Festival
☐ Fundraising
☐ Dance Group
☐ GOYA/YOUTH
☐ Young Adult
☐ Bible Study
☐ Prosphoron/Kollyva
☐ Grounds and Maintenance
☐ Altar Server
☐ Flowers/Decorations
☐ Other_____

Christian stewardship is therefore not merely the payment of an obligation; it is an expression of thanksgiving, trust, and love. Everything we possess is first a gift from God, and we return a portion of those gifts so that His Church may worship, teach, serve, and bear witness to the Gospel.

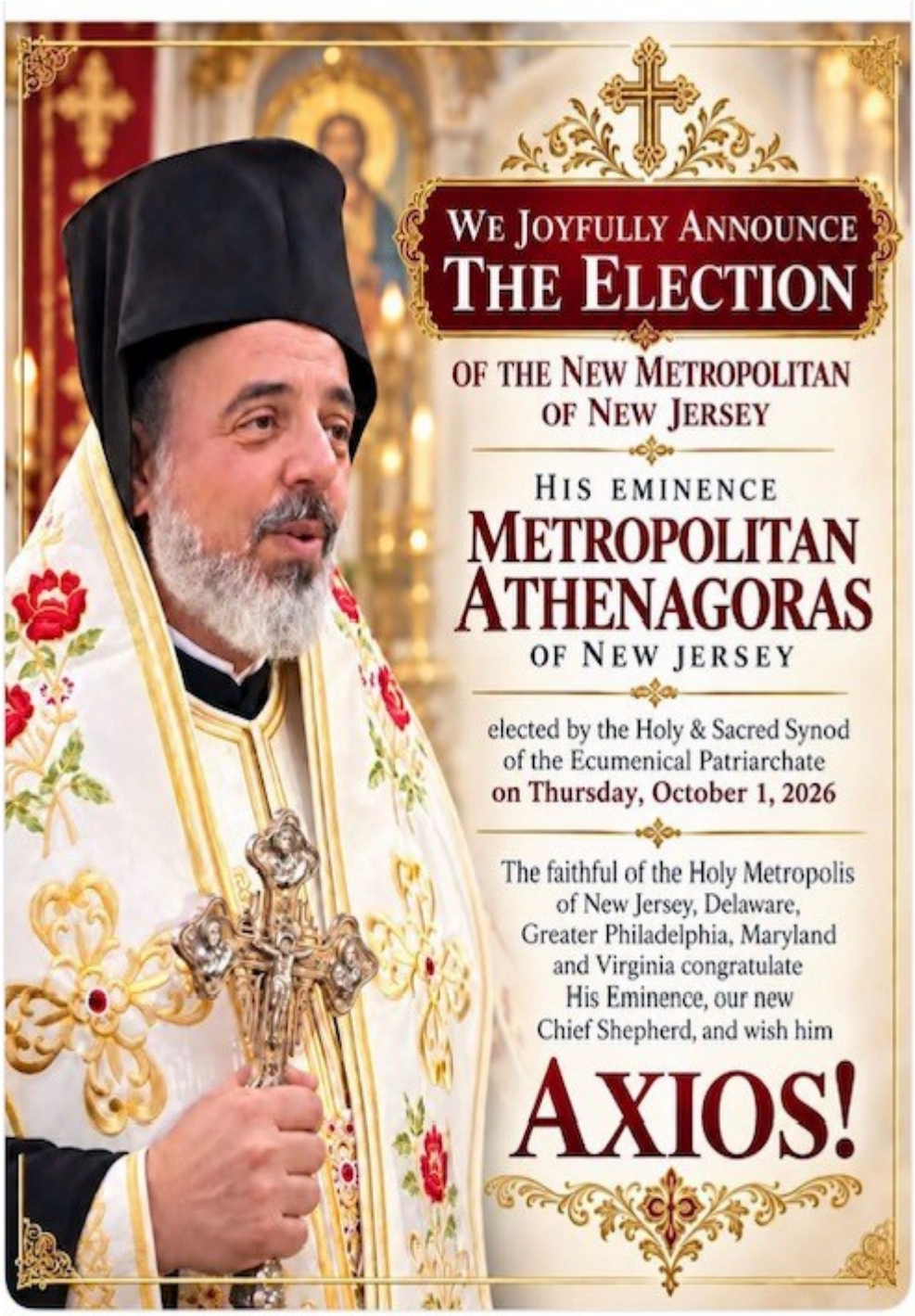
Autumn also offers us a beautiful invitation to grow spiritually. As the air turns cooler and the leaves change, we are reminded that every season of life is held in God's hands. These weeks can become a time to renew our prayer, return more faithfully to worship, read the Scriptures, seek forgiveness**,** practice generosity, and serve those in need. If we cultivate these habits now, we will be better prepared to celebrate Thanksgiving with genuine gratitude and Christmas with Christ—not hurried preparations or worldly distractions—at the center of our grateful hearts.

I therefore encourage every parishioner to take one more step into the life of our parish. Attend the Divine Services regularly. Join a ministry, class, fellowship, or outreach effort. Offer a skill, help with an event, welcome a visitor, care for a neighbor, or support the work that often happens quietly behind the scenes. There are many programs that need to be developed and many hands are needed to bring them to life. No gift is too small, and no sincere offer of service is without value.

If you are interested in becoming more involved, please speak with me or a parish council member. Together, let us build up the ministries of our parish, care for one another, and pass on a strong and faithful church community to those who come after us. St. Theodore Church is your Church. Let us cherish it, support it, and serve in it with joy.

May the Lord bless you and your families throughout this autumn season, and may He fill your hearts with gratitude, generosity, and the peace of Christ.

With love in Christ,
Father Manuel











Above: The Wedding of Milti & Yaxian Papadopoulos. Congratulations and Panta Axios to Koumbaro Yiorgo We miss you and Panayioti

Left: Catechism Class underway every Friday. We are now up to 10 as of this week.

Below: Various Photos of our Volunteers of our Greek Festival. Thank you everyone for all your help. If anyone has photos they would like to add, please email to StTheodoreLanham@gmail.com















HOMELESS BAGS

We will also be making Knapsacks for the Homeless.

Sign up next Sunday, November 8th

and

bring your items the following Sunday,

November 15th.

We have 30 knapsacks to fill with 15 items in each. Sign up for one item with either a quantity of 15 or 30.

Thank you.

Find a group of people to go and support this great musical play all together.

Use QR code to order tickets.



Calendar for November 2026

Sun, Nov 1 —	8:45 am Orthros; 10:15 am Liturgy 4 pm Honorees Banquet Baltimore
Mon, Nov 2 —	**Name Day of His Eminence, Archbishop Elpidophoros**
Wed, Nov 4 —	7 pm—8:15 pm Bible Study online
Fri, Nov 6 —	7 pm—8:15 pm Catechism @ the church
Sat, Nov 7 —	**11:00 am Enthronement of His Eminence, Metropolitan ATHENAGORAS**
Sun, Nov 8 —	8:45 am Orthros;10:15 am Liturgy
Mon, Nov 9 —	**St. Nektarios** 8:45 am Orthros; 10:15 am Liturgy
Wed, Nov 11 —	7pm—8:15 pm Bible Study online
Fri, Nov 13 —	7pm—8:15 pm Catechism @ the church
Sun, Nov 15 —	8:45 am Orthros; 10:15 am Liturgy; **Chios Society Artoclasia** and Coffee hour
Wed, Nov 18 —	7pm—8:15 pm Bible Study online
Fri, Nov 20 —	**Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple—All Night Vigil 7pm—1am**
Sun, Nov 22 —	8:45 am Orthros; 10:15 am Liturgy
Wed, Nov 25 —	7pm—8:15 pm Bible Study online
Thurs, Nov 26—	**THANKSGIVING**
Fri, Nov 27 —	7pm—8:15 pm Catechism @ the church
Sun, Nov 29 —	8:45 am Orthros; 10:15 am Divine Liturgy.

Parish Community News & Events

Sunday School

The Sunday School program has officially begun and all youngsters from 3 to 16 are encouraged to enroll in the program and learn more about their Orthodox Faith.

Bible Study - ONLINE EVERY WEDNESDAY

The Bible Study has begun again and we are excited to have people join us from wherever they live and to participate in the bible study. It will be online and will be every Wednesday from 7—8:15 p.m. **The link is: meet.google.com/adh-cguj-cng.**

Catechism Class

The Catechism Class has started and will be in person at the Church Hall every Friday from 7:00—8:15 p.m. and will be for the months of October and November. Please join us. The first step in becoming Orthodox is to attend the Liturgy faithfully each Sunday to learn by participating in the worship services. Then you are to meet with the other converts and parishioners at the Coffee hour and then attend the classes on the Fridays. Process is about 4-6 months.

Orthodox Spirituality in its Glory

The time has come for us to step up the community's spirituality and we are offering two vigils this Fall and Winter. The first will be for the Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday, November 20 with Great Vespers; after a break the Orthros will begin around 9 p.m. and we will go right into the Divine Liturgy at 11 p.m. and Holy Communion will be offered after midnight and dismissal. The second vigil will be on Friday, December 11 also beginning at 7 p.m. with the Great Vespers. Everyone will be anointed with Holy Unction at the conclusion of the Great Vespers and then a small break. At 9 p.m. we will begin with the Orthros of the Feast with the Christmas Katavasies chanted and the Great Doxology. At 11 p.m. we will begin the Divine Liturgy and celebrate and receive our Lord through Holy Communion and depart by 1 a.m. There will be more information to follow in December Newsletter.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME AND SPREAD THE NEWS ABOUT THE TWO VIGILS BEING HELD FOR THE FIRST TIME AT ST. THEODORE CHURCH. GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU WELL.

2 ΑΓΡΥΠΝΙΕΣ - 2 VIGILS HAPPENING



ΤΑ ΕΙΣΟΔΙΑ

Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Holy Temple

Fri, Nov 20th

7 pm Great Vespers
8:30 pm Break
9 pm Orthros
11 pm Divine Liturgy
We will conclude by 1:00 am
This Vigil liturgically brings in the Christmas Holiday. Come help us celebrate

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ST SPYRIDON THE WONDER-WORKER

FRI, DEC 11TH

7 pm Great Vespers
Everyone will be anointed with HOLY UNCTION
8:30 pm Break
9 pm Orthros
11 pm Divine Liturgy
We will conclude by 1:00 am


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