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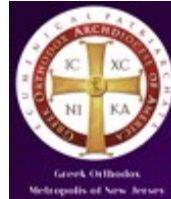
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**Archpastoral Visit of His Eminence  
Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey**

**Bridegroom (Nymphios) Service**

**Sunday, April 28, 2024  
6:00 P.M.**

**St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church  
7101 Cipriano Road  
Lanham, MD 20706**

## Our New Metropolitan is Coming!

Join us as we begin Holy Week Palm Sunday Evening with Metropolitan Apostolos visiting our Church for the first time as our New Metropolitan. Arrive by 5:15 p.m. at the latest. Services will begin at 6 p.m. followed by a Lenten meal downstairs.

## Holy Week/Easter Services 2024

**Saturday of Lazarus** April 27, 2024

9 a.m. Orthros; 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**Palm Sunday Morning** April 28, 2024

9 a.m. Orthros; 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**Palm Sunday Evening** April 28, 2024

6 p.m. Bridegroom Nymphios Service

**Holy Monday Evening** April 29, 2024

6 p.m. Bridegroom Nymphios Service

**Holy Tuesday Evening** April 30, 2024

6 p.m. Bridegroom Nymphios Service

**Holy Wednesday Morn** May 1, 2024

11 a.m. Last Pre-sanctified Liturgy

**Holy Wednesday Eve** May 1, 2024

6:00 p.m. Holy Unction Service

**Holy Thursday Morn** May 2, 2024

11 a.m. Liturgy of the Last Supper

**Holy Thursday Eve** May 2, 2024

6 p.m. 12 Gospels/Procession of Cross

**Good Friday Morn** May 3, 2024

9 a.m. -12 noon Decorating Epitaphios

11 a.m. Reading of Royal Hours

**Good Friday Afternoon** May 3, 2024

1 p.m. Apokathelosis Great Vespers -  
the Taking of Christ down from the Cross

**Good Friday Evening** May 3, 2024

6 p.m. Lamentations and Procession of  
Epitaphios/Sepulchre Outside

**Holy Saturday Morn** May 4, 2024

10 a.m. 1st Liturgy of Resurrection

**Holy Saturday Evening** May 4, 2024

11 p.m. Vigil/Midnight Resurrection,  
Orthros & Divine Liturgy of Easter

**EASTER SUNDAY** May 5, 2024

12 noon Great Vespers of AGAPE,

The Gospel will be read in several

languages.

# CHURCH MINISTRIES / MONTHLY NEWS

## LOOKING FOR A PART TIME CHURCH SECRETARY

The Parish is actively looking for a part time secretary approximately 15—20 hours per week. Should have knowledge of quickbooks accounting system, Microsoft Word, Publisher and Excel and preferably speaks some Greek. For more information please contact Antonios Gemetzopoulos at [antoniosgeme@gmail.com](mailto:antoniosgeme@gmail.com) or Nora Presti at [norapresti@verizon.net](mailto:norapresti@verizon.net).

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING & VACANCIES

The next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 7 p.m. . Please go to Google Meet site and copy this link: [meet.google.com/adh-cguij-cng](https://meet.google.com/adh-cguij-cng). It is an online meeting followed by a festival meeting as well. Also there are two vacant seats on the council. If you have the willingness and the time to give to your church, please see Mr. Pantelis Zairis, to express your interest.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is held downstairs in the social hall classrooms after Holy Communion. Both Maria Adamos & Georgia Plangetis are teaching the class. Students who would like to enroll can contact Maria Adamos at [mnbanis@gmail.com](mailto:mnbanis@gmail.com). All young people of the parish are encouraged to be a part of Sunday School.

## STEWARDSHIP

The Stewardship Year begins every year on January 1st and concludes on December 31st. We ask that you do not delay and join the “St. Theodore’s Stewardship Program for 2024” so that we can grow and become a stronger Church and minister to you in a greater capacity. The Church needs the support of its members year round. Please give from your heart a pledge as a way of showing your support and love to the Church. It costs thousands of dollars a month to operate the Church with the monthly utility and maintenance bills and employees. Please consider giving as much as your heart tells you to give. You do not need to make your payment all at once. You can give quarterly, monthly or weekly, which makes it easy & affordable. Paying on [Square@sttheodores.org](mailto:Square@sttheodores.org) has also been set up for your convenience.

## GREEK FESTIVAL 2024

We are having online meetings for the Greek Festival. If you are interested in helping as a committee chair or want to help in any way, please join us at the next meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 7 p.m. Please go to Google Meet site and copy this link: [meet.google.com/adh-cguij-cng](https://meet.google.com/adh-cguij-cng).

## CATECHISM CLASSES

Catechism classes continue every Wednesday during Lent at 6 p.m. All those interested are encouraged to come to the service at 6 p.m. followed by the class. It will be each Wednesday after services unless otherwise noted. Please go to Google Meet site and copy this link: [meet.google.com/adh-cguij-cng](https://meet.google.com/adh-cguij-cng).

## PHILOPTOCHOS

The next Philoptochos meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 14, 2024, after the church services. Please join us as the Philoptochos plans and goes forward in her philanthropic efforts of our community.

## FLOWERS OFFERED IN FRONT OF THE ICONS OF CHRIST & THE VIRGIN MARY


You are welcome to donate flowers before the icons of Christ and Panagia. You can make a donation in memory of a loved one or for the health of your family. Call the Church office before Thursday at noon. The cost is \$100.00 for both vases of flowers before Christ & Panagia or \$50.00 for one vase before Christ or Panagia and two people or two families can donate each vase.

## DONATIONS FOR LENT & HOLY WEEK

There are several donations needed for Lent and Holy Week. If you would like to donate something, let Fr. Manuel know. Incense and Charcoal \$100; Flowers for Adoration of the Cross \$100; Palms and Greens for Palm Sunday \$150; Icon of Nymphios– Christ the Bridegroom \$150; Icon of Resurrection \$150; Crown of Roses for Cross on Holy Thursday \$200.

## CONTACT FR MANUEL

Please know that all office calls are being forwarded to Father Manuel’s cell phone. If you would like to schedule an appointment for Confession or spiritual direction, you may call or text Father at 410-241-9690 or email him at [mjburdusi@gmail.com](mailto:mjburdusi@gmail.com).



*Philoptochos*

## *Palm Sunday Luncheon*

*Sunday, April 28, 2024*

*After Liturgy in the Social Hall*

*Donation: \$25.00 per person*


*College & High School Students \$10.00*

*Children 12 & under—Free*

*Pay Online at [sttheodores.org](http://sttheodores.org) or at the door*

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## *Easter Flowers*



*Donations are being accepted for*

*Easter Flowers and for the*

*Epitaphios Sepulchre*

*Please help us by make your*

*donation online at the Church's website*

*[sttheodores.org](http://sttheodores.org)*

*or by using the envelopes provided in the Narthex*

# St Theodore's Church Calendar of Services, Meetings and Events April/May 2024

| Sunday<br>Κυριακή                                                                                                                                                  | Monday<br>Δευτέρα                                                                     | Tuesday<br>Τρίτη                                                      | Wednesday<br>Τετάρτη                                                                         | Thursday<br>Πέμπτη                                                                                       | Friday<br>Παρασκευή                                                                                                                                                                    | Saturday<br>Σάββατο                                                                                                                                                          |
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|                                                                                                                                                                    | 1<br><br>6 p.m.<br>Compline                                                           | 2                                                                     | 3<br>6—7:30 p.m.<br>Pre-Sanctified<br>Vespereal Liturgy<br>Catechism Class                   | 4                                                                                                        | 5<br><b>3RD Salutations</b><br>Service to the<br>Virgin Mary 7PM                                                                                                                       | 6                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 7<br><b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b><br><b>Adoration of the Holy Cross</b><br>Orthros & Liturgy<br>8:45 /10:15 am<br>Sunday School                                       | 8<br><br>6 p.m.<br>Compline                                                           | 9<br>9 am—5pm<br>Metropolis<br>Clergy Laity<br>Conference<br>Delaware | 10<br>6—7:30 p.m.<br>Pre-Sanctified<br>Vespereal Liturgy<br>Catechism Class                  | 11                                                                                                       | 12<br><b>4TH Salutations</b><br>Service to the<br>Virgin Mary 7PM                                                                                                                      | 13                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 14<br><b>4th Sunday of Lent</b><br>Orthros & Liturgy<br>8:45 /10:15 am<br>Sunday School<br>Philoptochos meeting<br>after Church                                    | 15<br><br>6 p.m.<br>Compline                                                          | 16                                                                    | 17<br>6—7:30 p.m.<br>Pre-Sanctified<br>Vespereal Liturgy<br>Catechism Class                  | 18                                                                                                       | 19<br><b>AKATHIST HYMN-All the Salutations</b><br>to the Virgin Mary<br>7– 8:30pm                                                                                                      | 20                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 21<br><b>5th Sunday of Lent</b><br>Orthros & Liturgy<br>8:45 /10:15 am<br>Sunday School                                                                            | 22<br><br>6 p.m.<br>Compline                                                          | 23<br>7—9 p.m.<br>Parish Council<br>& Festival<br>Meeting<br>Online   | 24<br>6—7:30 p.m.<br>Pre-Sanctified<br>Vespereal Liturgy<br>Catechism Class                  | 25                                                                                                       | 26<br>6—8:30 p.m.<br><b>PALM MAKING &amp; LAZARAKIA BREAD MAKING</b>                                                                                                                   | 27<br><b>LAZARUS Saturday</b><br>Orthros & Liturgy<br>9:00 am /10:00 am                                                                                                      |
| 28 <b>Palm Sunday</b><br>Orthros & Liturgy<br>9:00 am /10:15 am<br><b>FISH LUNCHEON</b><br>6 pm <b>Bridegroom Service</b><br>Metropolitan<br>Apostolos Visits 5 pm | 29 <b>H. MON</b><br><br>6 pm <b>Bridegroom Service</b>                                | 30 <b>H. TUE</b><br><br>6 pm <b>Bridegroom Service</b>                | 1 <b>H. WED</b><br>11 am Last<br>Pre-Sanctified<br>Liturgy<br><br>6 pm <b>Uction Service</b> | 2 <b>H. THUR</b><br>11 am Last<br>Supper<br>Liturgy<br><br>6 pm<br>12 <b>Gospels Procession of Cross</b> | 3 <b>GOOD Friday</b><br>9 —12 <b>Decorating</b><br>11 am <b>Royal Hours</b><br>1 pm <b>Taking Christ down from the Cross</b><br>6 pm <b>Lamentations &amp; Procession of Sepulchre</b> | 4 <b>H. SATURDAY</b><br>10 am <b>Liturgy 1st Resurrection Service</b><br>11 p.m. <b>Vigil/Midnight Resurrection Service</b><br><b>Orthros &amp; Divine Liturgy of Easter</b> |
| 5<br><b>EASTER SUNDAY</b><br>AGAPE Service<br>12 Noon<br>Christ is Risen !                                                                                         | 6<br><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b><br><i>Church Services at St. George Church Bethesda, MD</i> | 7                                                                     | 8                                                                                            | 9                                                                                                        | 10<br>LifeGiving Fountain<br>Zoodochos Peghe<br>Orthros & Liturgy<br>9:15 am /10:15 am                                                                                                 | 11<br>12 noon Baptism                                                                                                                                                        |



ST. THEODORE'S  
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# Easter

## EGG HUNT

SUNDAY, APRIL 21  
AFTER LITURGY IN THE FELLOWSHIP  
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Sunday: 12:00pm-7:00pm**

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