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Dear Parishioners,

I hope and pray that you are all doing well. I write to you to offer you some words of comfort and hope, wisdom and perspective. Remember the words of St. Paul that “when God is with us, then nothing can be against us.” I know that we are living in challenging times. Our world is being pushed to its limits with this virus and I know that each of us is dealing with a certain amount of fear and anxiety. But remember the words of St. John that “whoever believes that Jesus Christ is the Son of God overcomes the world.” And St. Paul says “that in the world, you will have troubles, but take heart! I have overcome the world.”

If anyone needs to talk to help with their anxiety and worries, you can call me at 410-241-9690. If anyone needs to make a confession at this time, you can call me for spiritual advice but we need to wait until the church is reopened for any formal confession. If anyone is sick and needs communion, please call me and we can make arrangements. If there is anything we can do at this time for one another, it is to let each of us know that we are not alone in this pandemic. We still have one another. All we have to do is pick up the phone and call someone or write a letter, an email, or Facetime. Last week and this week 125 calls were made to the members of the parish through me and several other volunteers. If you need to talk, call me. I am here for you.

Let us continue to be cautious and careful. Let us continue to follow the advice of our local, state and federal officials as well as knowing that the best defense and protection of our health is to have faith in God, placing ourselves under his care and protection. Our faith and God’s providence and love are the best defense against any threat or illness. I pray that the Lord continue to protect you and cover you with His grace.

With prayers and blessings,

*Fr. Manuel J. Burdusi* Parish Priest

# Holy Week—Christ’s Passion, Death and Resurrection

Four days after His triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, Jesus joined his disciples for the Passover meal. It was the custom of the Jewish people to share this sacrificial meal annually in commemoration of the deliverance of the Old Testament faithful from slavery in Egypt.

During this meal, Jesus spoke of his impending betrayal, sufferings, death and resurrection. He also washed the feet of His disciples, showing His love and humility; and He prayed for those who faithfully followed Him.

After supper, Jesus and His disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. An angry crowd, led by Judas, arrived and arrested Jesus, who was then whipped, mocked and crowned with thorns; and he was condemned to death by crucifixion.

Jesus was led to Golgotha, the place where executions were carried out. The crowds, who had earlier greeted Jesus joyously, had ultimately betrayed Him. Instead of shouting, “Hosanna, King of the Jews!” they now shouted, “Crucify Him, crucify Him, We have no king but Caesar.”

Through Christ’s Crucifixion, God the Son hangs on a cross and dies in order to give life to all. Through the crucifixion, the Creator is put to death by His own creation; and the boundless love of God for His people is revealed.

Belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the very foundation of our Faith. The Resurrection fulfills God’s plan because humanity was created to share God’s love. Jesus Christ is the new Adam. Where the old Adam had placed his own will above God’s, the new Adam freely accepts God’s will. Jesus saves all in creation that is worth saving. All of creation is transformed and renewed by the resurrection.

Humanity is reunited with God because Jesus Christ came into the world to reconcile humanity and all creation with its Creator. By His death, Jesus destroyed death; by His resurrection from the dead, He grants forgiveness and eternal life to all who repent and desire God’s gifts of love, life and salvation. Death no longer separates man from God. While we still experience death, it no longer is a barrier to eternal union with God.

And this makes our own resurrection possible. We “believe in the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.” Jesus Christ will come again in glory to raise all humanity from the dead and to grant us eternal life in His Kingdom. As St. Paul says in First Corinthians 15:4 “If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.” It is a fact that Christ has been raised and our preaching is not in vain and our faith is not in vain but very much alive and real.

I pray that your Easter this year be a blessed one. It doesn't look like the churches will be open for Holy Week and Easter. You can find the service schedule on page 3 & 4 and you can find us on the St. Theodore Church Facebook page for live coverage of all the services. According to the directives of the Archdiocese, we are not allowed to distribute anything for Holy Week and Easter this year because of the corona virus pandemic. This includes lazarakia bread, palms, holy unction, communion, antidoron, Easter eggs, paschal candles, and Easter breads. We are so sad and sorry about this. However, please listen to the announcement at the end of the service on Palm Sunday for ideas that you can do at home with your family.

God bless you and Kali Anastasi.

*Fr. Manuel*

## GOOD FRIDAY PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2020

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St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church  
Lanham, Maryland  
**Holy Week & Easter**  
**Schedule of Services 2020**



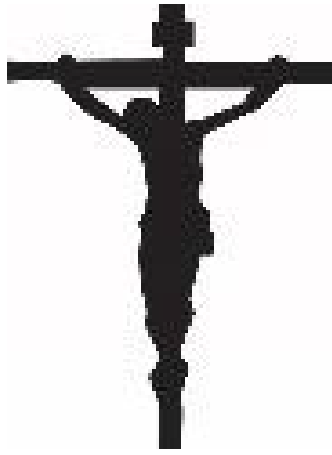
- Saturday, April 11 – **SATURDAY OF LAZARUS** 9 a.m. Orthros, 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy
- Sunday, April 12 – **PALM SUNDAY MORNING** 9:00 a.m. Orthros, 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy & the Blessing of the Palms.  
**PALM SUNDAY EVENING** 6 p.m. Service of the Bridegroom with the procession of the Icon of Christ the Bridegroom
- Monday, April 13 – **HOLY MONDAY** 6 p.m. Service of the Bridegroom
- Tuesday, April 14 – **HOLY TUESDAY** 6 p.m. Service of the Bridegroom & Hymn of Sister Kassiane.
- Wednesday, April 15 – **HOLY WEDNESDAY MORNING** 10:00 a.m. Last Presanctified Liturgy  
**HOLY WEDNESDAY EVENING** 6:00 p.m. Service of Holy Unction;
- Thursday, April 16 – **HOLY THURSDAY MORNING** 10 a.m. Vespereal Liturgy of St. Basil commemorating the Institution of the Last Supper.  
**HOLY THURSDAY EVENING** 6:00 p.m. Reading of the 12 Gospels & the Procession of Christ Crucified.
- Friday, April 17 – **GOOD FRIDAY AFTERNOON** 12 noon Reading of Royal Hours and Great Vespers of the Taking down of Christ from the Cross.  
**GOOD FRIDAY EVENING** 6:00 p.m. Service of the Lamentations to Christ
- Saturday, April 18 – **GREAT & HOLY SATURDAY MORNING** 10 a.m. Great & Holy Vespereal Liturgy of St. Basil (First Resurrectional Liturgy)  
**GREAT & HOLY SATURDAY EVENING** 11p.m. Easter Vigil begins; 12 Midnight Resurrection Service followed by the Orthros & Divine Liturgy of Great & Holy EASTER
- Sunday, April 19 – **EASTER SUNDAY** 12:00 p.m. Great Vespers of Easter—Service of Agape, Gospel to be read in several languages.

## ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΤΗΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΗΣ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΠΑΣΧΑ 2020

	ΗΜΕΡΑ	ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΑ	ΕΟΡΤΗ	ΩΡΑ
4/11/20	ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ ΠΡΩΪ	ΟΡΘΟΡΟΣ ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ	ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΛΑΖΑΡΟΥ	9:00/10:00 πμ
4/12/20	ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΒΑΪΩΝ ΠΡΩΪ  ΕΣΠΕΡΑΣ	ΟΡΘΟΡΟΣ ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ  ΟΡΘΟΡΟΣ Μ. ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑΣ	ΤΩΝ ΒΑΪΩΝ  Α' ΝΥΜΦΙΟΣ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΓΚΑΛΟΥ ΙΩΣΗΦ	9:00/10:00 πμ  6:00 μμ
4/13/20	ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ ΕΣΠΕΡΑΣ	ΟΡΘΟΡΟΣ Μ. ΤΡΙΤΗΣ	ΤΩΝ ΔΕΚΑ ΠΑΡΘΕΝΩΝ	6:00 μμ
4/14/20	ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΤΡΙΤΗ ΕΣΠΕΡΑΣ	ΟΡΘΟΡΟΣ Μ. ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗΣ	ΤΗΣ ΠΟΡΝΗΣ ΓΥΝΑΙΚΟΣ ΤΡΟΠΑΡΙΟ ΤΗΣ ΚΑΣΣΙΑΝΗΣ	6:00 μμ
4/15/20	ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ ΕΣΠΕΡΑΣ	ΠΡΟΗΓΙΑΣΜΕΝΩΝ ΔΩΡΩΝ ΤΟ ΑΓΙΟΝ ΕΥΧΕΛΛΑΙΟΝ	ΤΟ ΑΓΙΟΝ ΕΥΧΕΛΛΑΙΟΝ Ο ΜΥΣΤΙΚΟΣ ΔΕΙΠΝΟΣ	10:00 πμ  6:00 μμ
4/16/20	Μ. ΠΕΜΠΤΗ ΠΡΩΪ  ΕΣΠΕΡΑΣ	ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΗ ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ  ΟΡΘΟΡΟΣ Μ. ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗΣ	Ο ΜΥΣΤΙΚΟΣ ΔΕΙΠΝΟΣ  ΤΑ ΔΩΔΕΚΑ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΑ Η ΣΤΑΥΡΩΣΗ	10:00 πμ  6:00 μμ
4/17/20	Μ. ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ ΠΡΩΪ  ΕΣΠΕΡΑΣ	ΜΕΓΑΛΕΣ ΩΡΕΣ  Μ. ΕΣΕΡΙΝΟΣ  ΟΡΘΟΡΟΣ Μ. ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟΥ	ΜΕΓΑΛΕΣ ΩΡΕΣ Η ΑΠΟΚΑΘΗΛΩΣΗ Ο ΕΠΙΤΑΦΙΟΣ  ΘΡΗΝΟΣ ΠΕΡΙΦΟΡΑ	12:00 μμ  6:00 μμ
4/18/20	Μ. ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ ΠΡΩΪ  ΒΡΑΔΥ	ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΗ ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ  Η ΑΓΙΑ ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΗ	Η 1 <sup>η</sup> ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΗ  Η ΑΓΙΑ ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΗ	10:00 πμ  11:00 μμ
4/19/20	ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΣΧΑ	ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΑΓΑΠΗΣ	ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΑΓΑΠΗΣ	12:00 μμ







## **St Theodore's Easter Appeal**

Dear Parishioners,

The services of Holy Week transform us into eyewitnesses and participants in the awesome events of the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In the readings and hymns of the services, we see the fulfillment of the prophecies, and the mighty acts by which God Himself, in the person of Jesus Christ, grants us forgiveness and rescues us from death and grants us eternal life.

We are sorry that the church will not be open for you to come and participate in person, but we are blessed to have the technology to broadcast the services on Facebook at "St Theodore Greek Orthodox Church Lanham MD" and on our webpage [sttheodores.org](http://sttheodores.org).

I invite you to join me for these special holy days through the internet. Let us allow the transforming power of God come into our lives by our participation in the services as best as we can and witness to one another God's love and forgiveness. Call one another so that we can keep in touch while we are socially distant.

We ask that you respond to this special appeal by asking for your support for your Church during this most holy time of the year. You can mail it back to the church in an envelope labeled "Easter Appeal" St. Theodore Church 7101 Cipriano Road Lanham, MD 20706. I look forward to seeing you and worshipping with you once this pandemic has subsided.

With love in Christ our Lord,

*Fr. Manuel J. Burdusi*

Dear Parishioners,

Printed in the Newsletter each month is the form to become a member of the Church. Please fill it out and send it back to us as soon as you can. It is so important for the vitality and growth of the church for all its members to be supportive each and every year. There is no better time than now to remember your church and become a supporting member. As of today, 95 families have pledged and we thank you. There are still many more families who have been members of St. Theodore's in the past and we need you to especially respond. Please do so by filling out the form and mailing it back. You do not need to pay all at once, but can make a monthly contribution which makes it much easier and affordable. God bless you .

In Christ our Lord,  
**Father Manuel**

### STEWARDSHIP HONOR ROLL - PLEDGES FOR 2020 ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑ

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John Burdusi  
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Fr. Manuel J. & Molly Burdusi  
Lee & Mary Caprinolo  
Michael & Anna Chandler  
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Ariadne Coules  
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Spero & Theano Demetrides  
Maria Despotides & Irene Cusimano  
John & Fofa Dimopoulos  
Demetri Dimopoulos  
Katerina, Peter & Chris Exis  
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Angeliki Frangos  
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Angie Geralis  
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Dennis & Mary Pittas Herschbach  
Stella Higgs  
Peter & Theoni Hiotis  
Angela Jones  
Kassiani Kakitsis  
Panagos & Maria Kapsalis  
Olga Karahalas  
Diane Karras  
Bill & Tina Katcheves  
Angela Katsakis  
Keith & Nicolette Kirby  
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George Kollaros  
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As of **April 6, 2020** we have a total of **95** stewards who have signed up for their 2020 Stewardship of the church.

**2020 Goal is \$100,000.00**

**Totals Pledged to date:  
\$49,810.00**

**Total Paid: \$28,850.00  
Balance: \$20,960.00**

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# April/Απρίλιος 2020

Sunday Κυριακή	Monday Δευτέρα	Tuesday Τρίτη	Wednesday Τετάρτη	Thursday Πέμπτη	Friday Παρασκευή	Saturday Σάββατον
			1  Presanctified Liturgy / ΠΡΟΗΓΙΑΣΜΕΝΩΝ ΔΩΡΩΝ 6:30 pm	2	3  Akathist Hymn ΑΚΑΘΙΣΤΟΣ ΥΜΝΟΣ 7pm	4
<b>5</b> <i>St. Mary of Egypt/ΟΣΙΑ ΜΑΡΙΑ ΑΙΓΥΠΤΙΑΣ</i>  Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am	6	7  Parish Council Mtg./ Festival Mtg.—7PM  Over the phone	8  Presanctified Liturgy / ΠΡΟΗΓΙΑΣΜΕΝΩΝ ΔΩΡΩΝ 6:30 pm	9	10	11 <i>Lazarus Saturday/ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΛΑΖΑΡΟΥ</i>  Matins /Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am
<b>12</b> <i>Palm Sunday/ΤΩΝ ΒΑΪΩΝ</i>  Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am  Matins of Great Monday/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ Μ. ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑΣ — 6:00 pm	<b>13</b> <i>Holy Monday/ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ</i>  Matins of Great Tuesday ΟΡΘΡΟΣ Μ. ΤΡΙΤΗΣ —6:00 pm	<b>14</b> <i>Holy Tuesday/ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΤΡΙΤΗ</i>  Matins of Great Wednesday/ΟΡΘΡΟΣ Μ. ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗΣ —6pm	<b>15</b> <i>Holy Wednesday/ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ</i>  Presanctified Liturgy / ΠΡΟΗΓΙΑΣΜΕΝΩΝ ΔΩΡΩΝ —10:00 am  <i>Holy Unction/ΑΓΙΟΝ ΕΥΧΕΛΑΙΟΝ — 6:00pm</i>	<b>16</b> <i>Holy Thursday/ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΠΕΜΠΤΗ</i>  Vespers Liturgy/ ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΗ ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ - 10:00 am  Matins of Great Friday/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ Μ. ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗΣ 6:00 pm	<b>17</b> <i>Holy Friday/ Μ. ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ</i>  Royal Hours/ ΜΕΓΑΛΕΣ ΩΡΕΣ — 12:00 Noon/Great Vespers/M. ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ  Matins of Great Saturday—Επιτάφιος/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ Μ. ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟΥ - ΕΠΙΤΑΦΙΟΥ - 6:00pm	<b>18</b> <i>Great &amp; Holy Saturday/ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ</i>  Vespers Liturgy/ ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΗ ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 10:00 am  The Resurrection/Η ΑΓΙΑ ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΗ— 11:00 pm
<b>19</b> <i>PASCHA/ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΣΧΑ</i>  Vespers of Agape/ ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΑΓΑΠΗΣ— 12:00 pm	<b>20</b> <i>Renewal Monday St. George/ΑΓΙΟΥ ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΥ</i>	<b>21</b> <i>Renewal Tuesday</i>	<b>22</b> <i>Renewal Wednesday</i>	<b>23</b> <i>Renewal Thursday</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Renewal Friday</i>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <i>Sunday of Thomas/ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΘΩΜΑ</i>  Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am	27	28	29	30		





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