

Sunday, November 29, 2020

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE/ ΔΕΚΑΤΗ ΤΡΙΤΗ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΛΟΥΚΑ

LOVE TAKES ACTION

It's one thing to say "I love you." It's quite another to act on that love. The father who sits down on the floor to read to his children after a long day at work is showing his love. The daughter who tends to her ailing mother is demonstrating her love. God provided the ultimate demonstration of love when He gave His only Son to die for our sins. We follow Jesus' example when we do something tangible that shows we truly mean it when we say, "I love you." When you love someone, you do many little (and sometimes big) things that help the other person feel your affection. Today, you can take action to show the love you have for our church and our community. As you exit the church, there will be the offering basket on a column for you to make your weekly offering. Let us remember to give not out of a sense of duty or obligation, but from our hearts.

WELCOME

I hope that you have been doing well as we continue to stay safe during this pandemic. I would like to remind you that the church is sanitized after each service and we continue to do whatever is necessary to keep the church in accordance with the guidelines we have been given to make your visit as safe as possible. We continue to check temperatures upon entering, hand sanitize and record everyone who enters to have contact tracing possible. There have been no reports of anyone getting ill after coming to church. We continue to provide online live streaming through the website of the parish and Facebook for those of you who cannot attend.

STEWARDSHIP

It is so important for the vitality and growth of the parish that our stewards are supportive each and every year. In order to become a steward, please complete the Stewardship form (found on our website www.sttheodores.org under Giving.) Stewardship payments may be made monthly by credit card, if desired. Please email square@sttheodores.org with your total pledge and the desired frequency of your payments. Remember, you do not need to pay all at once! Determine the monthly contribution amount that is affordable for you. Stewardship pledges and donations can still be mailed directly to the church, if desired. Include any special instructions for Fr. Manuel or Juliana.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ONLINE

Sunday School is taught online on Saturdays in the morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. and concluding at 11 a.m. The platform that we are using is Google Classroom. Both Maria Adamos & Georgia Plangetis are teaching the class. If any new students would like to enroll you can contact Fr. Manuel at mjburdusi@gmail.com or Maria Adamos at mnbanis@gmail.com.

GREEK SCHOOL ONLINE

Greek School is taught online on Fridays in the evening from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Our teacher is Mrs. Evangelia Dimitropoulou. There will be classes for all three levels – Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced. All students returning and new students need to register as soon as possible by emailing Fr. Manuel at mjburdusi@gmail.com.

SEVEN-DAY CANDLES

Due to the increase in the cost of candles and the purchase of new red globes, the price of the seven-day votive candles has been raised to \$10.00 each.

NOVEMBER FOOD DRIVE

Today we will be filling 30 bags for the homeless with 10 items in each bag. If you would like to volunteer, we will be assembling these bags after church services.

BIBLE STUDY ONLINE

The bible study will be each Wednesday from September 23rd until December 16th. You are invited to be a part of it either by listening or participating in an active way. We are trying this online for two reasons: 1) due to the pandemic it would be safer than meeting at the church and 2) it can actually facilitate more people to become involved and participate while staying in the comfort of their own home or offices. **Join us every Wednesday from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** Each week, we will be studying a different book of the New Testament to allow us to become more familiar with each book. We will be starting with the Gospel of Matthew. Look forward to seeing you. The link to join the Bible Study is meet.google.com/adh-cguj-cng. You would need to have a gmail email account in order to join google meet. Gmail accounts are free.

GREEK WINTER FESTIVAL

The Saint Theodore's Festival Committee is excited to present the Greek Winter Festival! This is an opportunity to share with our community all of our traditions that make a Greek Christmas so special. This will be an outdoor event on December 12, from 11am to 7pm. There will be food, loukoumades, baked goods, and more! If you're interested in being a vendor, volunteer, would like to bake your favorite cakes/desserts or donate holiday decorations and outdoor Christmas lights for the event, please contact George Papaspyrou at 410-693-9773. The Vendor Registration form is below. Let's show our St. Theodore parish spirit this winter and come together as on village!

CHRISTMAS CARD/POINSETTIAS

Don't forget to complete the form below to put your name in the Community Christmas Card and to donate poinsettias in memory of a loved one or for the health of a family member. Help us decorate the Church for Christmas. Donation is \$25 for Christmas card/\$20 for Poinsettia.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY LITURGIES

Saturday, December 12 – Feast of St. Spyridon, 9AM Orthros, 10AM Divine Liturgy
Thursday, December 24 – Morning Service of Christmas Eve, Vespertal Liturgy 10AM
Thursday, December 24 – Evening Service of Christmas, 10PM Orthros, 11PM Divine Liturgy
Friday, January 1 – New Year's Day and Feast of St. Basil, 9AM Orthros, 10AM Divine Liturgy

St. Theodore is having a Holiday gifts and baked goods sale to help support St. Theodore. See information below for ordering, etc.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ. δ'. Ψαλμὸς 75.

Εὐξασθε καὶ ἀπόδοτε Κυρίῳ τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν.

Στίχ. Γνωστὸς ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ ὁ Θεός, ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ μέγα τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ.

Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

Εφ 4:1-7

Ἀδελφοί, παρακαλῶ ὑμᾶς ἐγὼ ὁ δέσμιος ἐν Κυρίῳ ἀξίως περιπατῆσαι τῆς κλήσεως ἧς ἐκλήθητε, μετὰ πάσης ταπεινοφροσύνης καὶ πραΰτητος, μετὰ μακροθυμίας, ἀνεχόμενοι ἀλλήλων ἐν ἀγάπῃ, σπουδάζοντες τηρεῖν τὴν ἐνότητα τοῦ πνεύματος ἐν τῷ συνδέσμῳ τῆς εἰρήνης· ἐν σῶμα καὶ ἐν Πνεῦμα, καθὼς καὶ ἐκλήθητε ἐν μιᾷ ἐλπίδι τῆς κλήσεως ὑμῶν· εἷς Κύριος, μία πίστις, ἐν βάπτισμα· εἷς Θεὸς καὶ Πατὴρ πάντων, ὁ ἐπὶ πάντων καὶ διὰ πάντων καὶ ἐν πᾶσιν ὑμῖν. Ἐνὶ δὲ ἐκάστῳ ἡμῶν ἐδόθη ἡ χάρις κατὰ τὸ μέτρον τῆς δωρεᾶς τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

Epistle

Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 4. Psalm 75.

Pray and return to the Lord Your God.

Verse: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

The reading is from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. Eph. 4:1-7

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Τὸ Εὐαγγέλιον

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 18:18-27 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἄρχων λέγων· διδάσκαλε ἀγαθέ, τί ποιήσας ζωὴν αἰώνιον κληρονομήσω; εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· τί με λέγεις ἀγαθόν; οὐδεὶς ἀγαθὸς εἰ μὴ εἷς ὁ Θεός. τὰς ἐντολὰς οἶδας· μὴ μοιχεύσης, μὴ φονεύσης, μὴ κλέψης, μὴ ψευδομαρτυρήσης, τίμα τὸν πατέρα σου καὶ τὴν μητέρα σου. ὁ δὲ εἶπε· ταῦτα πάντα ἐφυλαξάμην ἐκ νεότητός μου. ἀκούσας δὲ ταῦτα ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἔτι ἐν σοὶ λείπει πάντα ὅσα ἔχεις πώλησον καὶ διάδος πτωχοῖς, καὶ ἔξεις θησαυρὸν ἐν οὐρανῷ, καὶ δεῦρο ἀκολουθεῖ μοι. ὁ δὲ ἀκούσας ταῦτα περίλυπος ἐγένετο· ἦν γὰρ πλούσιος σφόδρα. ἰδὼν δὲ αὐτὸν ὁ Ἰησοῦς περίλυπον γενόμενον εἶπε· πῶς δυσκόλως οἱ τὰ χρήματα ἔχοντες εἰσελεύσονται εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ! εὐκοπώτερον γὰρ ἐστὶ κάμηλον διὰ τρυμαλιᾶς ῥαφίδος εἰσελθεῖν ἢ πλούσιον εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ εἰσελθεῖν. εἶπον δὲ οἱ ἀκούσαντες· καὶ τίς δύναται σωθῆναι; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· τὰ ἀδύνατα παρὰ ἀνθρώποις δυνατὰ παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ ἐστίν.

Gospel

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke – 18:18-27

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKIA/KONTAKION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφήν καταδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

From on high didst Thou descend, O Compassionate One; to burial of three days hast Thou submitted that Thou mightest free us from our passions. O our Life and Resurrection, Lord, glory be to Thee.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Τοῦ Ναοῦ

Στρατολογία αληθεί Αθλοφόρε, τού ουρανίου στρατηγός Βασιλέως, περικαλής γεγένησαι Θεόδωρε, ὅπλοις γάρ τῆς πίστεως, παρετάξω εμφρόνως, καί κατεξωλόθρευσας, τῶν δαιμόνων τά στίφη, καί νικηφόρος ὠφθης αθλητής, ὅθεν σε πιστεὶ αεὶ μακαρίζομεν.

Apolytikion of the Parish Church

In truth enlisted with the King of the Heavens, You did become for Him a noble commander, Trophy-bearer & Great Martyr Theodore. With the weaponry of faith, you armed yourself wisely and did utterly destroy the forces of evil, as a triumphant athlete of the Lord; we faithfully call you blessed.

Κοντάκιον

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.

Kontakion

On this day the Virgin Maid * goes to the grotto to give birth * to the pre-eternal Word * in an ineffable manner. * Dance for joy, all the inhabited earth, on hearing. * Glorify along with Angels and with the shepherds * Him who willed that He appear as * a newborn Child, * the pre-eternal God.

**Greek Winter Festival 2020
Vendor Registration**

Dates of Event: Saturday, December 12, 2020

Festival Hours: Saturday 11am-7pm

Please type or print all information legibly

Name of Organization _____

Type of Business / Products Sold _____

Contact Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

Email: _____

Festival Donation fee of \$75 per section (8'x8') is due by November 30, 2020

Additional sections may be purchased upon request and approval.

Rental of 6' Tables and Chairs are available for additional charge

(\$10 for Tables and \$5 for Chairs)

Due to space limitations, Covid Restrictions and Guidelines, Reservations are handled on a first-come, first-serve basis. We are following all CDC Guidelines. Facemasks must always be worn.

To ensure your reservation, please have your donation in by the above deadline.

Make checks payable to St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church

St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church

7101 Cipriano Road · Lanham, MD 20706

Church phone 301-552-3540 · Church fax 301-552-2424 · email: vendors@sttheodores.org and/or

call or text Mr. George Papaspyrou (Festival Chairman) at 410-693-9773

Saint Theodore 2020 Annual Community Christmas Card

Dear members and friends of St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church:

Again, the time has come for the Church to prepare its annual Christmas card. It is an opportunity for you to spread the cheer and joy of our Lord's Birth and support the Church. If you wish that your name be included on the card, please complete, detach and mail the bottom portion of this mailing with your minimum donation of **\$25.00** made out to St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church by **Sunday, December 6th**.

Ετήσια Χριστουγεννιάτικη Κοινοτική Κάρτα Αγίου Θεοδώρου

Αγαπητά μέλη και φίλοι του Αγίου Θεοδώρου:

Ήρθε ο καιρός για την Εκκλησία μας να ετοιμάσει την ετήσια Χριστουγεννιάτικη κάρτα. Είναι ευκαιρία για σας να διαδώσετε την χαρά της γέννησης του Χριστού και να υποστηρίξετε την Εκκλησία μας. Αν θέλετε να περιλαμβάνουμε το όνομα σας στην κάρτα, συμπληρώστε και ταχυδρομείστε το απόκομμα του γράμματος μαζί με την δωρεά σας για τουλάχιστον **\$25.00** γραμμένη στο όνομα της εκκλησίας, St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church πριν τις 6 Δεκεμβρίου.

2020 Annual Christmas Card – Donation \$25

Saint Theodore Greek Orthodox Church, 7101 Cipriano Road, Lanham, MD 20706
(Print clearly as you wish your name to appear in card/Γράψτε καθαρά όπως θέλετε να φαίνετε στην κάρτα)
Name/Όνομα: _____

Address/Διεύθυνση: _____

Poinsettia Sale

Join the St. Theodore Community as we decorate and beautify the church in celebration of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Minimum Donation - \$20.00 How many _____ Total Amount \$ _____

Donated by: _____ phone number _____

In Memory of _____ For the Health of _____

All Names will be commemorated during the Consecration of the Holy Gifts on Christmas Eve Night.

You may take your poinsettia home after Christmas Eve service.

ST. THEODORE HOLIDAY GIFTS AND BAKED GOODS SALE

Below is the baked goods link for pre-ordering your baked goods. George and Angel Frangos Papaspyrou will be taking orders for the wreaths and the chocolate gift sets this Sunday.

Baked goods link: <https://bit.ly/greekdessert>

Below is a flyer for Wreaths and Ghirardelli Gift Sets. Please call George Papaspyrou at 410-693-9773 or you can write down your order at church on Sunday.

Thank you for your support!

HOLIDAY GIFTS TO SUPPORT ST. THEODORE!

Choose from these beautiful Poinsettia or Pine Cone style 24" Holiday Wreaths only \$25 each or 2 for \$40

Choose from Gold, Blue or Red! Dark Chocolate Salted Caramel Ghirardelli Gift Set Planter only \$30 each!

All orders due by November 28 | Pick up at church any Sunday.

SAINT THEODORE
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
PRESENTS THE

GREEK WINTER FESTIVAL

WE'RE BRINGING
GREEK-AMERICAN HOLIDAY
TRADITIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY!
JOIN US FOR GREEK FOOD, HOLIDAY
BAKED GOODS, LOUKOUMADES, GIFTS,
DECORATIONS & MORE!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12
11 AM-7 PM

ST. THEODORE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
7101 CIPRIANO ROAD, LANHAM, MD 20706

AN ALL OUTDOOR EVENT
PLEASE WEAR FACE MASKS
WE WILL FOLLOW ALL CDC
GUIDELINES DURING THIS EVENT

PRE-ORDER BAKED GOODS HERE:
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/GREEKDESSERT](https://bit.ly/greekdessert)

PARISH REOPENING GUIDELINES

We have received notification from our Metropolitan to reopen, the following requirements below must be followed:

- Parishioners must register their attendance with their full names and contact information. Your Parish Priest will notify you of the registration process and platform which the Parish will use.
- Parishioners must screen themselves prior to coming to church including a temperature check even if they have not experienced any symptoms of COVID-19. If they have any symptoms, they are not to attend Church.
- Parishioners shall not come to the Church by a ride share (Uber, Lyft), taxi, or by means of public transportation. It is strongly recommended that Parishioners arrive in their own vehicle or arrange for another parishioner to transport them.
- Parishioners must sanitize their hands upon entering the Church.
- Parishioners must wear protective masks throughout the Services.
- Parishioners must adhere to the social distancing guidelines of keeping a six-foot distance from other parishioners at all times in the pews and throughout the Church. The only exception being for families that have quarantined together, as they will be able to sit together in a designated section of the Church.
- Parishioners are not to wander in the Church, in the Parish facilities, or outside on the parish grounds.
- Small children shall not be allowed to roam the aisles.
- Only one parishioner will be allowed in the restroom at a time. Parishioners must thoroughly wash their hands after using the restroom.
- Parishioners must leave the Church premises, including the parking lot and exterior grounds, upon conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, all the while maintaining social distancing standards.
- If after attending any service a parishioner experiences symptoms of or tests positive for COVID-19, in addition to immediately contacting their medical provider, they must contact the Church office to inform the parish of the date that they attended service.