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Dear Parishioners,

St. Paul in his Epistle to the Galatians states, "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." There is such beauty in that expression of St. Paul's and when we apply it to our personal lives, it can be a dynamic force of goodness. As followers of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit assists us to live in accordance with God's will and His divine plan. God will guide us to live with love in our hearts and to have joy in our everyday activities. He will help us to show kindness towards our fellow man and to excel in goodness in our lives and in our faith. God wants us to use gentleness with one another and to exercise self-control where needed. This indeed is what the Holy

Spirit can do to help us in our lives. As we quickly approach this Christmas season, let us express our faith and our love in simpler ways by following some of the below suggestions:

- Make every effort to mend a quarrel you had with someone between now and Christmas.
- Seek out a forgotten friend and reconnect.
- Share some of your wealth with others.
- Answer others with a soft voice and not a harsh one.
- Encourage our young people to achieve their dreams.
- Keep your promises to others.
- Find time to do things that are important but get put to the side all the time.
- Listen to those around you and listen to your heart. God speaks through others and directly to your heart through reading and prayer.
- Apologize to others when you are wrong, don't let pride get in your way of making amends.
- Be gentle with yourself and others.
- Learn and practice more laughing.
- Express your gratitude to one another.
- Feed the stranger and the hungry and do not forget those in prison.
- Gladden the hearts of your children and the hearts of children less fortunate than yourselves.
- Stop rushing through life and take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of God's creation.
- Speak your love to one another. Speak it again and again.
- Let resentment and hatred melt from your heart and allow the Holy Spirit to come into your heart and abide there forever.

Enclosed is the annual Christmas Offering envelope. If possible, we ask that you consider giving a special Christmas Gift to your beloved Church. It will be between you and God and it will remain confidential and it shall be put to good use for the church. On behalf of the Parish Council and myself, I wish you a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

In Christ our Incarnate Lord,

Januel

SERVICES IN DECEMBER **December 5**—Vespers @ St. Nicholas, Baltimore 7pm

December 6— St. Nicholas—Orthros 9am/Divine LITURGY 10AM @ ST. NICHOLAS, BALTIMORE

December 12— St. Spyridon—Orthros 9am/Divine LITURGY 10AM

DECEMBER 24— CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING—VESPERAL LITURGY 10AM

DECEMBER 24— CHRISTMAS EVE NIGHT — ORTHROS 10pm/Divine Liturgy 11pm

SINCE THE CHRISTMAS LITURGY WILLCONCLUDE AFTER MIDNIGHT ON CHRISTMAS EVE, THERE WILL NOT BE LITURGY ON CHRISTMAS MORNING

CHURCH SERVICES FOR NEW YEARS/ EPIPHANY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST—FEAST OF ST. BASIL/NEW YEARS DAY-ORTHROS 9AM/ DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH—EVE OF EPIPHANY–ORTHROS 9AM/ LITURGY 10AM & BLESSING OF HOLY WATER

MONDAY, JANUARY 6TH-THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST-Orthros 9am/ Liturgy 10am Followed by the GREAT BLESSING OF THE HOLY WATER.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7TH—ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHROS 9AM/ DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

ARTOCLASIA

On Sunday, November 10, an Artoclasia service was prayed for the health and well being of the Papoulias family.

On Sunday, November 17, an Artoclasia service was prayed for the Tsiglifis Family for the celebration of St. John Chrysostom and for the nameday of their son, Chrysostomos.

MEMORIAL

On November 24, there was a One-Year Memorial for Spyridon Manessis, the dearly departed husband of Ourania Manessis, and father of Polymnia and Angelos Manessis, and brother of Angeliki Fanourgakis. May his memory be eternal.

IN LOVING MEMORY

The parish is saddened by the passing away of Triantafilos Kakitsis. He passed on on Monday, November 4, 2019, Beloved husband of Kassiani Kakitsis; brother of Sophia (Alkis) Kaldakis; uncle of Vaggelis, Matina, Roxani and Demetra. Also survived by his cousins Despina (and the late Pantelis) Vourlos and Effie (and Dr. Pete) Protos, as well as many cousins abroad. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church in his name. The 40-Day Memorial Service will be on Sunday, December 8.



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GREEK SCHOOL

Greek School began on Friday, September 27, 2019 at 5PM with the service of Agiasmos and orientation to the Greek School. We are having four levels. Young beginners, older beginners, intermediate and advanced. The cost for Greek School is \$450 (1st) \$400 (2nd) \$375 (3rd). If any adults are interested in learning Greek, please see Fr. Manuel. 2019-2020 Registration forms are available at the pangari, candlestand.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

All young people of the community are encouraged to come and be a part of the Sunday School We will be having three levels. Elementary, Middle School and High School. 2019-2020 program. Registration forms are available at pangari/candlestand.

BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES

We will continue our bible study on Wednesdays at 7PM until December 18. All those who are interested in learning more about the bible and our Orthodox faith are encouraged to come. We are discussing the book of Genesis. Please join us.

PHILOPTOCHOS MEETING

Following Church services, all the ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend the general Philoptochos meeting on Sunday December 8. The meeting will take place in the social hall after the services.

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As Orthodox Christians, we are called to be st	OMALTMENT FORM – 2020 ewards of our Church. When we are faithful to this calling, then our Lor "Well done good and faithful servant" (Mt 25:23).			
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HOME PHONE In gratitude for God's many blessings, I/we commit stewardship of St. Theodore's and pledge the follow for 2020.				
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Suggested amounts for giving: \$10 per week (\$520/yr) \$40/mon (\$480) \$15 per week (\$780 /yr) \$50/mon (\$600) \$20 per week (\$1040 /yr) \$75/mon (\$900) \$25 per week (\$1300 /yr) \$100/mon (\$1,2 \$50 per week (\$2600 /yr) \$150/mon (\$1,8 Other per week \$ Other per month \$ignature:	□ \$ 500/yr □ \$ 1,000/yr 00) □ \$ 1,500/yr 00) □ \$ 2,000/yr			
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 web- site: 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. Dependent Children's names and birthd ates:	Your time & talent I would like to offer Imy time and talents for the ministry of St. Theodore's (check all that apply) Church School Import GOYA/YOUTH Greek School /PTO Young Adult Chanting Bible Study Philoptochos Baking Prosphora Festival Grounds and Maintenance Fundraising Altar Boy Dance Group Flowers/Decorations			

Saint Theodore 2019 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 <u>St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church</u> by **Sunday, December 8th.**

Ετήσια Χριστουγεννιάτικη Κοινοτική Κάρτα Αγίου Θεοδώρου

Αγαπητά μέλη και φίλοι του Αγίου Θεοδώρου:

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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.

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, 106 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

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As of November 26, 2019 we have a total of **106** stewards who have signed up for their 2019 Stewardship of the church.

2019 Goal is \$100,000.00

Totals Pledged to date: \$61.610.49 Total Paid: \$56,481.73 **Balance: \$5.128.76**

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December/Δεκέμβοιος 2019

Sunday Κυριακή	Monday Δευτέρα	Tuesday Τρίτη	Wednesday Τετάρτη	Thursday Πέμπτη	Friday Παρασκευή	Saturday Σάββατον
14th Sunday of Luke/14η Κυριακή ΛουκάMatins & Divine Litur- gy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 8:45/10:15 am	2	3	4	5 Great Vespers / M. EXITEPINOS 7pm at St. Nicholas Church in Balti- more	6 St. Nicholas Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am at St. Nicholas Church in Baltimore	7
8 10th Sunday of Luke/10η Κυριακή Λουκά Matins & Divine Litur- gy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 8:45/10:15 am Sunday School/ Κατηχητικό σχολείο Philoptochos Meeting	9	10	μ Bible Study/ΜΕΛΕΤΗΣ ΑΓ. ΓΡΑΦΗΣ 7:0 0 pm	12 st. Spyridon/ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΣΠΥΡΙΔΩΝΟΣ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am] 3 Greek School/Ελληνικό Σχολείο 5pm	14
15 11th Sunday of Luke/ 11η Κυριακή Λουκά Matins & Divine Litur- gy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 8:45/10:15 am Sunday School/	16	17	/ 8 Bible Study/MEлетн АГ. ГРАФНΣ 7:0 0 pm	19	20 Greek School/Ελληνικό Σχολείο 5pm	21
22 Sunday before Navity/Κυριακή προ των Χριστουγέννων Matins & Divine Litur- gy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 8:45/10:15 am Sunday School/ Κατηχητικό σχολείο	23	24 Νατίνιτ Eve/ΩΡΕΣ ΤΩΝ XPIΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΩΝ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 10:00/11:00 pm	25 Christmas Day/ XPIETOYFENNA Service to take place on Christmas Eve Night 10 pm Merry Christmas KAAA XPIETOYFENNA	26 Office closed	27 Office closed No Greek School	28
29 13th Sunday of Luke/13η Κυριακή Λουκά Matins & Divine Litur- gy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 8:45/10:15 am	30	31	New Year's Day/ Πρωτοχρονιά St. Basil the Great/Άγιος Βασίλειος ο Μέγας Gircumcision of Christ/ ΠΕΡΙΤΟΜΗ ΤΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am			

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