



# Monthly Newsletter

## St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church Lanham, Maryland



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## A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

by Fr. Manuel J. Burdusi

On Christmas afternoon and the days after, adults and children ask one another “What did you get for Christmas?” This is one way you can open a conversation with another person. The trouble with this emphasis on what we get at Christmas is that the whole point of this holy season is in giving not getting. We give gifts at Christmas in humble imitation of the Gift that God gave all of us – His Only Son, our Lord

Jesus Christ. God gave to us the very best He had, His Son. For all of us, the emphasis is on giving, not on getting. Let us help make real to one another the true spirit of Christmas which is the love of Christ. Material gifts are wonderful, but there are many gifts that are not material. The most personal and appreciated gift that you can give is the gift of time. Your time, those valuable 24 hours per day can only be spent by you, no one else. How do we choose to spend our time?

In addition to the gift of time, we can give the gift of friendship. Instead of asking “how many friends do I have?” we need to ask, “how many people can I be a friend to?” Find people who need you and let them know you care.

The greatest gifts are free – the gift of encouragement, the gift of appreciation, the gift of forgiveness, the gift of understanding, the gift of listening and being truly present with someone. To be sensitive to what others are really saying, to give one’s whole and serious attention to another person, to adults but especially to children, is a real gift.

Through Jesus we receive the gift of being members of God’s family. The house in which we come together as God’s family in the house of God, which is our Church. I ask you during this time of giving to remember your Church, the Church of St. Theodore on your Christmas list of gift-giving. Remember what the church has given you and what it continues to offer to you. Remember to submit your stewardship pledge form and your initial payment to the church during this most blessed season of giving.

So when we are asked, “What did you get for Christmas?” Our answer should be, “I got Christ as my Savior and Lord!” And because I have received him, I can only respond by giving my time, my love and my care to those around me. Merry Christmas everyone!

# MONTHLY NEWS

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is being held downstairs in the social hall after Holy Communion. 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](mailto:mjburdusi@gmail.com) or Maria Adamos at [mnbanis@gmail.com](mailto:mnbanis@gmail.com). All young people of the community are encouraged to come and be a part of the Sunday School program. Please contact Maria Adamos if you are interested. The schedule for the Elementary Class (ages 5-9) will be December 4 & 18 (Sunday School Christmas carols). Secondary (Middle and High School students) will be December 11 & 18 (Sunday School Christmas carols). The Sunday School will be having their Sunday School Christmas program on Sunday, December 18, immediately after the Divine Liturgy. We hope you plan on attending as you don't want to miss it!

## BIBLE STUDY ONLINE

The bible study is offered online on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday, from September 21 to December 14, 2022. The link to join the Bible Study is [meet.google.com/adh-cguj-cng](https://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. If you are interested in being a part of the bible study, please send a message to Fr. Manuel at [mjburdusi@gmail.com](mailto:mjburdusi@gmail.com).

## ST.THEODORE PHILOPTOCHOS

Dearest Parishioners:

Our Annual Philoptochos Luncheon brought us more than 49 people, \$1040 in ticket sales, and \$218 in raffle tickets (all together \$1258.) Thank you to our planning committee Maria Kapsalis, Paula Magoulas, Maria Tsioumas, and all of our volunteers Zoe Lazarou, and Christina Villano. Special thanks to everyone who donated food, and brought desserts—especially to Victoria Singer for her amazing pies for the raffle. Thank you to all the Parish Council members who volunteered their help as well. All of the feedback was very positive and everyone had a great time.

I'd also like to give appreciation and shout out to our Parish Council President Nick Michaelides and his wife, our Philoptochos Board Member, Elaine, and all the volunteers for their hard work in getting the kitchen in order and decluttering the sheds, etc. It was a Herculean effort and we are thankful to them for working tirelessly to get this done. God bless you!

Our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive was a great success. Many of you donated food to support our drive to support the Bowie Food Pantry. They wanted me to thank each of you who donated and they are thankful for our support. Eight boxes of food were collected and donated.

We wish everyone a beautiful Christmas and a Happy New Year. May God and Saint Theodore continue to bless our homes, and health and keep our parish thriving.

With Love in Christ,  
Angeliki Frangos-Papaspyrou

## WINTER FESTIVAL UPDATE

St. Theodore's Winter Festival will be held on December 4 from 12pm to 5pm. A pre-order link for desserts will be available later this month. Please save the date and if you would like to volunteer at the festival, all hands are needed! Please sign up via email [festival@sttheodores.org](mailto:festival@sttheodores.org) with your availability, name, phone number. We will need help with kitchen prep, order packing, and grilling/gyro making. If you cannot order or volunteer, please consider donating to support our church here: <https://st-theodore-greek-church.square.site/>. Thank you for your continued support.

Το Χειμωνιάτικο Φεστιβάλ του του Αγίου Θεοδώρου θα πραγματοποιηθεί στις 4 Δεκεμβρίου από τις 12 μ.μ. έως τις 5 μ.μ. Προπαραγγελίες για επιδόρπια θα γίνει διαθέσιμος αργότερα αυτόν τον μήνα. Παρακαλούμε αποθηκεύστε την ημερομηνία και αν θέλετε να γίνετε εθελοντής στο φεστιβάλ, χρειάζονται χέρια! Παρακαλούμε εγγραφείτε μέσω email [festival@sttheodores.org](mailto:festival@sttheodores.org) με τη διαθεσιμότητα σας, το όνομα/επώνυμο, τον αριθμό τηλεφώνου σας. Θα χρειαστούμε βοήθεια με την προετοιμασία της κουζίνας, τη συσκευασία παραγγελιών και το ψήσιμο/γυρο. Εάν δεν μπορείτε να παραγγείλετε ή να προσφέρετε εθελοντικά, σκεφτείτε να κάνετε δωρεές για να στηρίξετε την εκκλησία μας εδώ: <https://st-theodore-greek-church.square.site/>. Σας ευχαριστούμε για την υποστήριξή σας.

## *Saint Theodore 2022 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 4th**.

### ***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 4 Δεκεμβρίου**.

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### ***2022 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.*

**MEMORIALS**

On November 6, 2022, there was a Three-Month Trisagion for Nikolaos Kretsis, the dearly departed husband of Vasiliki Kretsis; and father of Marianne Kretsis and Dimitrios (Vicky) Kretsis; brother of George Kretsis of Australia, and Konstantinos and Panagiotis Kretsis, both of Greece; and grandfather of Maria Kretsis; and many nieces and nephews. May his memory be eternal.

On November 13, 2022, there was a Two-Year Memorial for Ariadne Coules, dearly departed mother of Nora Presti and son-in-law, William Presti; granddaughter Ariadne Nicole (and husband Ryan) O'Rourke and grandson Anthony Constantine Presti. May her memory be eternal.

On November 20, 2022, there was a 40-Day memorial for Georgios Kapsalis, the father of Georgia, Stavroula, and Panagos and grandfather of Kleopatra, Ioannis, Christos, Elena, George, Alexandra, Aimilios, George, Stavros, Alexandros, Eugenia, George, Michalis and great grandfather of Eleni, Georgia, and George. May the Lord give comfort and strength to the grieving family and may his memory be eternal.

On December 11, 2022, there will be a 19-Year Memorial Service for the soul of Dimitrios Tsiambouris, the dearly departed husband of Vasiliki Tsiambouris, loving father of Katerina Exis and the grandfather of Christos and Panagiotis Exis. May his memory be eternal.

**TRISAGIA**

On November 27, 2022, there was a 40-Day Trisagion Service for Juana C. Brown, mother and mother-in-law of Olympia and Peter Boutselis. Grandmother of Katerina Boutselis. May her memory be eternal.

On November 27, 2022, there was a Four-Year Trisagion service for Spyridon Manassis, the dearly departed husband of Ourania Manassis, and father of Polymnia and Angelos Manassis, and brother of Angeliki Fanourgakis. May his memory be eternal.

**ARTOCLASIA**

On November 20, 2022, there was an Artoclasia service offered by the Chios Society of Greater Washington, DC in honor of the 110<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary of the liberation of Chios which took place on November 11, 1912. We thank the many members who came today to worship with us and who are also providing desserts and coffee during the coffee hour. Officers: Maria Stefanias-President, John Costalas-Vice President, Kay Matthews-Treasurer, Pete Likouris-Recording Secretary, Olga Soukas-Corresponding Secretary

**HELPING ONE ANOTHER**

There are several parishioners who have said that they do not have a way to get to church. We would like to start a program whereby we can assist those parishioners to come to church. If you are in need of a ride to church, please inform Fr. Manuel or call the church office during normal business hours Monday – Friday 10:00 – 2:00 p.m. Also, for those who would like to assist in giving rides to those in need, please let Fr. Manuel know or the church office.

**IF INTERESTED IN GREEK SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN OR ADULTS**

We will be starting up the After-School Afternoon Greek School during the latter part of September and if you are interested in enrolling your child or if an adult would like to learn Greek in the Adult class, please notify Father Manuel, or the Church office M-F 10a-2p at 301-552-3540. We would like to have as many children to become interested in learning the language of their parents and grandparents. Adults also are encouraged to take the plunge and come learn the Greek language.

**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. You have until December 4th! Donation is \$25 for Christmas card/\$20 for Poinsettia.

**CREDIT CARD STEWARDSHIP PAYMENTS**

If you would like to pay your stewardship monthly by credit card, please email [square@sttheodores.org](mailto:square@sttheodores.org) with your total pledge and frequency.

# December/Δεκέμβριος 2022

Sunday Κυριακή	Monday Δευτέρα	Tuesday Τρίτη	Wednesday Τετάρτη	Thursday Πέμπτη	Friday Παρασκευή	Saturday Σάββατο
				1	2	3
<b>4</b> <i>10th Sunday of Luke/</i> <i>10η Κυριακή Λουκά</i> Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15am Sunday School/ Κατηχητικό σχολείο <b>Elementary</b> Winter Festival 12pm—5pm	5	<b>6</b> <i>St. Nicholas /</i> <b>ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ</b> Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am	7  Bible Study 7PM ONLINE	8	9	10
<b>11</b> <i>11th Sunday of</i> <i>Luke/11η Κυριακή</i> <i>Λουκά</i> Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15 am Sunday School/ Κατηχητικό σχολείο <b>Secondary</b> Stewardship Sunday	<b>12</b> <i>St. Spyridon/</i> <b>ΑΓΙΟΥ ΣΠΥΡΙΔΩΝΟΣ</b> Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00am	<b>13</b> Parish Council Mtg. 7pm	<b>14</b> Bible Study 7PM ONLINE	15	16	17
<b>18</b> <i>Sunday before</i> <i>Nativity/Κυριακή προ</i> <i>των Χριστουγέννων</i> Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15am Sunday School Christmas Program	19	20	21	22	23	<b>24</b> <i>St. Eugenia</i> <b>Nativity Eve/</b> <b>ΠΑΡΑΜΟΝΗ ΤΩΝ</b> <b>ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΩΝ</b> <b>EVENING SERVICE</b> Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 7:00PM/8:00PM
<b>25</b> <b>CHRISTMAS DAY/</b> <b>ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΑ</b> Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - Θ. ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15am <b>ΚΑΛΑ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΑ</b> 	26  Office Closed	27	28	29	30	31

# January/Ιανουάριος 2023

Sunday Κυριακή	Monday Δευτέρα	Tuesday Τρίτη	Wednesday Τετάρτη	Thursday Πέμπτη	Friday Παρασκευή	Saturday Σάββατο
<b>1</b> New Year's Day/ Πρωτοχρονιά St. Basil the Great/Άγιος Βασίλειος ο Μέγας Circumcision of Christ/ ΠΕΡΙΤΟΜΗ ΤΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥ  Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am	2	3	4	<b>5</b> Eve of Theophany Vespers Liturgy— 6PM Small Blessing of the Waters	<b>6</b> Holy Theophany/ΤΑ ΑΓΙΑ ΘΕΟΦΑΝΕΙΑ  Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am	<b>7</b> St. John the Baptist/ΑΓ. ΙΩΑΝΝΟΥ ΒΑΠΤΙΣΤΟΥ  Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am
<b>8</b> Sunday After Theophany/ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΜΕΤΑ ΤΩΝ ΘΕΟΦΑΝΕΙΩΝ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15am Sunday School/ Κατηχητικό σχολείο <b>Elementary</b>	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>15</b> 12th Sunday of Luke/ 12η Κυριακή Λουκά Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15 am Sunday School/ Κατηχητικό σχολείο <b>Secondary</b>	16	<b>17</b> St. Anthony the Great/ΑΓ. ΑΝΤΩΝΙΟΥ  Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am	<b>18</b>  Bible Study 7PM ONLINE	19	20	21
<b>22</b> 15th Sunday of Luke/ 15η Κυριακή Λουκά Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15 am Sunday School/ Κατηχητικό σχολείο <b>Elementary</b>	23	24	<b>25</b>  Bible Study 7PM ONLINE	26	27	28
<b>29</b> Sunday of the Canaanite/ΤΗΣ ΧΑΝΑΝΑΙΑΣ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15 am <b>Secondary</b>	<b>30</b>  <i>Three Hierarchs to be observed on the 29th.</i>					

Dear Parishioners,

The Stewardship Year begins on January 1<sup>st</sup> and concludes on December 31<sup>st</sup>. We ask that you do not delay and join the “St. Theodore’s Stewardship Program for 2022” so that we can grow and become a stronger Church and minister to the people of God. The Church needs the support of its members year round. Please consider giving a pledge as a way of showing your support and love to the Church. It cost thousands of dollars a month to operate the Church with the monthly utility and maintenance bills and salaries. 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 very easy and affordable. Pay Pal has also been set up for those who would like to use it. Thank you!

### STEWARDSHIP HONOR ROLL - PLEDGES FOR 2022 ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑ

Theodore & Maria Adamos	Bill & Tina Katcheves	George Rallis
Charles & Victoria Alevrofas	Angela Katsakis	Gregory Rallis
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George Banis	George Kollaros	Ioanna Elisabet Christoforou
George & Katherine Billos	Anastasios Kouridis	Michael & Anna Sergotick
Peter & Olympia Boutselis	Mariana Kourkoulakos	Iliana Siarmalis
Michael J. Burdusi	Maria Koustenis	Zachary & Victoria Villano Singer
Fr. Manuel J. & Molly Burdusi	Adam & Eftihia Koutelis	George & Nick Sineriz
Lee & Mary Caprinolo	Chrisovalantis & Johanna Koutelis	Gregory & Anastasia Skarvelis
Michael & Anna Chandler	Vasilios Koutelis	Charles & Tara Smith
Christina & James Cirillo	Louis C. Kouvaris	James Speropulos
Nicholas Cox & Karen Beswick	Gregory & Vasiliki Kozakos	Daniel & Shea Svihra
Mary Curtis	Vasiliki Kretsiz	James Tancabel
Jessie Defalco	John & Zoe Lazarou	Andrew E. Tompros
Bess Demas	Erasmia Lois	Chris & Joyce Trikeriotis
Nicole Demetrides	Paula Magoulas	Vasilios & Alexandra Tsiglifis
Spero & Theano Demetrides	Dimitri & JeanMarie Makres	Georje & Majida & Maria Tsioumas
John & Fofa Dimopoulos	Joshua & Christina Malliakos Knepper	Stella C. Tsourounis
Demetri Dimopoulos	Ourania Manessis	Deborah Vandamm
Katerina, Peter & Chris Exis	Angelos Manessis	Robert & Christina Villano
Angeliki Fanourgakis	Polymnia Manessis	Brandon Washington
George & Angeliki Frangos-Papaspyrou	Vasilike Mantzouranis	William David Wrigley, PhD
Dimitrios & Myrofora Frantzis	John S. Maroulis	Peter E. Yakas & Eleni Harlepas
Placido & Dia Freni	Panagiotis Marousis	Pantelis & Anthie Zairis
Spyridon & Stavroula Galiatsatos	Aphrodite T. Matsakis, PhD.	Robert & Gina Zick
Antonios Gemetzopoulos	Reed & Gina Melis	Robert & Morgan Zick
Anastasia Georhristodoulos	John & Kaliopi Mereos & Aristidis	Michael Zick
Angie Geralis	Nicholas & Elaine Michaelides	Patricia Zissios
David & Shannon Gonzalez	Robert & Marilia Michell-Samaras	Tom & Nikki Zizos
Demetres & Eleanore Goumis	Michael Miltiadou	
Demetrius P. Govotsos	Paul & Juliana Moniodis	
Randy E. & Anna Grow	Joe & Adamadia Moxey	
Matthew & Payal Halkos	John & Catherine M. Nazarene	
Timothy & Cheryl Halkos	Vasilias Orfanidis	
Nick Hallas	Ryan & Ariadne Nicole O'Rourke	
Dennis & Mary Pittas Herschbach	Afroditi E. Papadopoulos	
John-Peter & Elizabeth Jalbert	Vasilios & Tracy Papadopoulos	
Angela Jones	Christopher Papanicolas	
Kassiani Kakitsis	Nikolaos & Maria Paschalidis	
Panagos & Maria Kapsalis	Georgios & Constantina Pelekanos	
Olga Karahalas	Ioannis Perelas	
Diane Karras	Phillip & Georgia Plangetis	
	William & Nora Presti	

As of **November 30, 2022**  
we have a total of  
123 stewards  
who have signed up for their  
2022 Stewardship of the  
Church.

**USED CLOTHING SHED**

Our used clothing shed is now open for donations again. Be sure to bring your items in plastic bags that are tied. We are accepting all clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys. Please **no** rags, fabric scraps, toys or household goods. It is a hardship and expense to dispose of.

**ORTHODOX OBSERVER**

The Orthodox Observer newspaper is now only being published in a digital format, and no longer delivered to parishioners' homes. If you wish to receive the paper, log on to [www.goarch.org/news](http://www.goarch.org/news) to subscribe.

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**Greek Pastries, Greek Food,  
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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022**  
 12 NOON - 5 PM

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## STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT FORM 2023

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 for 2023.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month x 12 months = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the year.

**Suggested amounts for giving:**

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 per week (\$520/yr)   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40/mon (\$480)         | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 400/yr      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 per week (\$780 /yr)  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50/mon (\$600)         | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 500/yr      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 per week (\$1040 /yr) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75/mon (\$900)         | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 1,000/yr    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 per week (\$1300 /yr) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100/mon (\$1,200)      | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 1,500/yr    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 per week (\$2600 /yr) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150/mon (\$1,800)      | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 2,000/yr    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other per week \$ _____    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other per month \$ _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____ |

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

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

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](http://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 20723.

Dependent Children's names and birthdates:  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Your time & talent**  
 I would like to offer my time and talents for the ministry of St. Theodore's  (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Church School	<input type="checkbox"/> GOYA/YOUTH
<input type="checkbox"/> Greek School/PTO	<input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult
<input type="checkbox"/> Chanting	<input type="checkbox"/> Bible Study
<input type="checkbox"/> Philoptochos	<input type="checkbox"/> Baking Prospora
<input type="checkbox"/> Festival	<input type="checkbox"/> Grounds and Maintenance
<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> Altar Boy
<input type="checkbox"/> Dance Group	<input type="checkbox"/> Flowers/Decorations
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