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TRIODION BEGINS FEBRUARY 9TH

We in the Orthodox faith have been blessed abundantly by the presence of the Holy Spirit. Our faith in Christ has provided us with the richness of life. However, as with all wealth, we often take for granted the very life for which Christ was crucified. The Great Lent is a unique time to recognize this human frailty. This period urges us to re-examine our lives and to renew it in the Resurrection of our Lord. In Her wisdom, the Church also provides us with a four week pre-Lenten period in which we are given the proper means to prepare for Great Lent.

The focus of the pre-Lenten period is upon the four Sunday Gospel readings.

The four consecutive Sundays and their Gospel readings are:

Sunday, Feb. 9 - The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee (Luke 18:10-14)

Sunday, Feb. 16 - The Sunday of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)

Sunday, Feb. 23 - Meatfare Sunday (Matthew 25:31-46)

Sunday, Mar. 1 - Cheesefare Sunday (Matthew 6:14-21)

The themes of these four Sundays set the tone for the great journey of Lent. The Gospel lessons of these Sundays answer four basic and essential questions:

For whom is this Lenten journey?

How can we begin this journey?

When is this journey to begin?

What does this journey entail?

We discover through the Gospel reading of the Publican and the Pharisee that the Lenten journey is for sinners. We find out from the prodigal son that in order to begin this journey we must recognize that we are sinners and repent, or turn away from our sin and turn to God. We learn on Meatfare Sunday that the journey begins now, for the judgement of God is at hand. Finally, on Cheesefare Sunday we are told that the journey entails forgiveness – forgiving others so that we may be forgiven; and fasting. These together help us to turn our focus in life away from worldly cares and to our ultimate goal, the kingdom of God.

It is my hope and prayer that we utilize the tools provided for us in the pre-Lenten Sundays and that during Great Lent we turn our focus in life away from our worldly cares and to God's Kingdom. Let us, as the Body of Christ, properly prepare to walk with Christ; to suffer in His passion; to die with Him on His Cross; and to live again, with fullness, in His Glorious Resurrection.



Join us for the Feast Day of our Church

Friday, February 7, 2020

7 pm Great Vespers St. Theodore the General
Followed by a reception/coffee hour hosted by
our Philoptochos

Saturday, February 8, 2020

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



NEW PARISH COUNCIL SWORN IN

On January 12, 2020, the new Parish Council took the oath of office to serve on the Parish Council for the next two years. Theodore Adamos, Timothy Halkos, Vice President, John Maroulis, Nicholas Michaelides, President, George Papaspyrou, Treasurer, Anthony Presti, Secretary, Nora Presti, Craig (Gregorios) Tuthill, Jacob Tosado, and Pantelis Zairis. We wish our new council all the best for a productive new year.

The Three Saturdays of the Souls - Prayers for the Deceased February 22, 29, and March 7, 2020

We pray for the repose of the souls of our departed brothers and sisters in the Lord and for the forgiveness of their every transgression . . .

Ἔτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ ἀναπαύσεως των ψυχων των κεκοιμημένων δούλων τοῦ Θεοῦ, καὶ ὑπὲρ τοῦ συγχωρηθῆναι αὐτοῖς πᾶν πλημμέλημα ἐκούσιόν τε καὶ ἀκούσιον.

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GREEK SCHOOL

If anyone is interest-
 ed in our Greek
 School program, We
 have four levels.
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 older beginners, in-

termediate 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.
 The 2019-2020 Registration forms are available at the
 pangari/candlestand.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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



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STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT FORM - 2020

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

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In gratitude for God's many blessings, I/we commit to the stewardship of St. Theodore's and pledge the following amount for 2020.

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

Suggested amounts for giving:

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| <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 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 birthdates:

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 Proskophora |
| <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 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

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, 68 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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Fr. Manuel J. & Molly Burdusi
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Angeliki Fanourgakis
Ben & Lauren Rajewski Ferry
Angeliki Frangos
Dimitrios & Myrofora Frantzis
Angie Geralis
Randy E. & Anna Grow
Timothy & Cheryl Halkos
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Stella Higgs
John-Peter Jalbert & Elizabeth Demetrides
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Vasilios & Tracy Papadopoulos
George Papaspyrou

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Robert & Christina Villano
William David Wrigley, PhD
Peter E. Yakas & Eleni Harlepas
Pantelis & Anthie Zairis

As of **January 22, 2020** we have a total of **68** stewards who have signed up for their 2020 Stewardship of the church.

2020 Goal is \$100,000.00

Totals Pledged to date:

\$38,805.00

Total Paid: \$13,120.00

Balance: \$25,685.00

CREDIT CARD STEWARDSHIP PAYMENTS

If you would like to pay your stewardship monthly by credit card, please email  re@sttheodores.org with your total pledge and frequency?

St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church Annual Dinner Dance

Saturday 15th February 2020

7.00pm

Music by The Golden Flame Band

Adults \$40.00

Kids free

Free parking

Cash bar

*Adults \$40
in advance
\$50 at the door
Kids 18 and under
are free
College Students \$10*



February/Φεβρουάριος 2020

Sunday Κυριακή	Monday Δευτέρα	Tuesday Τρίτη	Wednesday Τετάρτη	Thursday Πέμπτη	Friday Παρασκευή	Saturday Σάββατον
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2 Presentation of Our Lord/Η ΥΠΑΠΑΝΤΗ ΤΟΥ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 8:45/10:15 am Sunday School/Κατηχητικό σχολείο	3	4 Parish Council Meeting—7PM	5 Bible Study/ ΜΕΛΕΤΗΣ ΑΓ. ΓΡΑΦΗΣ 7:0 0 pm	6	7 Greek School/ Ελληνικό Σχολείο 5pm Great Vespers/ ΜΕΓΑΣ ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ 7:00pm	8 Theodore The General/ Θεόδωρος Στρατηλάτης Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00 /10:00 am
9 Publican and Pharisee/ ΤΕΛΩΝΟΥ & ΦΑΡΙΣΑΙΟΥ Tridion Begins/ΑΡΧΗ ΤΡΙΩΔΙΟΥ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 8:45/10:15 am Sunday School/Κατηχητικό σχολείο Clergy Retreat	10 Clergy Retreat	11 Clergy Retreat Festival Meeting 7PM	12 Bible Study/ ΜΕΛΕΤΗΣ ΑΓ. ΓΡΑΦΗΣ 7:0 0 pm	13	14 Greek School/ Ελληνικό Σχολείο 5pm	15 St. Theodore Dinner Dance—7PM
16 Prodigal Son/ΤΟΥ ΑΣΤΟΥ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 8:45/10:15 am Sunday School/Κατηχητικό σχολείο	17 President's Day OFFICE CLOSED	18	19 Bible Study/ ΜΕΛΕΤΗΣ ΑΓ. ΓΡΑΦΗΣ 7:0 0 pm	20	21 Greek School/ Ελληνικό Σχολείο 5pm	22 1st Saturday of Souls/A' ΨΥΧΟΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00 /10:00 am
23 Judgement Sunday/ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΗΣ ΚΡΙΣΕΩΣ Meat Fare Sunday/ΤΩΝ ΑΠΟΚΡΕΩΝ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 8:45/10:15 am Godparent Sunday Sunday School/Κατηχητικό σχολείο	24	25	26 Bible Study/ ΜΕΛΕΤΗΣ ΑΓ. ΓΡΑΦΗΣ 7:0 0 pm	27	28 Greek School/ Ελληνικό Σχολείο 5pm	29 2nd Saturday of Souls/B' ΨΥΧΟΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00 /10:00 am



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