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Monthly Newsletter

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Happy New Year 2021

Dear Parishioners,

We find ourselves at the first week of the New Year 2021. And with the newness of the year comes along our thoughts, feelings, and aspirations of hope and renewal, of excitement and wonder to what the new year will bring. Hopefully, it will be much better than 2020. My prayer is that 2021 surpasses all our expectations and dreams. And let us be thankful to God for everything; our health, our family, our church, and one another. You all have been the backbone of the community of St. Theodore.

As believing Orthodox Christians, let us shine even brighter with our Faith. May our precious faith become stronger, and more vibrant as each day arrives and goes. We have struggled to get where we are today; and have worked hard to reach our specific goals. But let us learn what is most important in life, the value of time. Time is so precious; it is a gift to us from God. To the sick, time is more precious than gold. To the young and the strong, time looks like it is endless. Let us not forget the time our Lord has blessed and given us.

Jesus said, "I have come so that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly." This is the meaning of life. To find meaning for life is to accept our Lord and follow Him and live for Him as an active member of His church. To find meaning for life is to find our place in the kingdom of God and to do the work God wants us to do. Jesus came to reveal God's love for us. He is the One who can assure us that our fondest hope and dreams can be fulfilled through Him.

Without God, life has no meaning whatsoever. With God, life has abundant meaning and purpose for now and all eternity. My prayer for all of you is that our Lord bless you now and grant you many years of health and happiness. 2021 is a special year and may we dedicate this year to our Lord and Savior. Let us appreciate each day as it comes, for once it has passed, it will never be seen again.

With love in Christ our Lord,

Father Manuel J. Burdusi

MONTHLY NEWS

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 Friday evenings from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Our teacher is Mrs. Evangelia Dimitropoulou. There are 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.

BIBLE STUDY ONLINE

The bible study will be taking a break for the month of January and will begin on Wednesday, February 3, 2021. 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. beginning February 3.** Each week, we will be studying a different book of the New Testament to allow us to become more familiar with each book. The link to join the Bible Study is meet.google.com/adh-cgui-cng. You would need to have a gmail email account in order to join google meet. Gmail accounts are free. Look forward to seeing you.

STEWARDSHIP

In order to become a steward, please complete the Stewardship form (found on our website www.sttheodores.org under Giving or use the form on page 7 that you can mail in.) 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.

PHILOPTCHOS VASILOPITA CUTTING

On Sunday, January 10, 2021, we will be cutting the vasilopita in church. This is done as a fundraiser for St. Basil's Academy. A special tray will be set out for St. Basil's Academy.



Join us for the Feast Day of our Church

Sunday, February 7, 2021

6 p.m. Great Vespers St. Theodore the General

Monday, February 8, 2021

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

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidoforos is tentatively planning to attend our feastday celebration.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Our parish was saddened by the falling asleep of Ariadne Coules, mother of Nora and son-in-law, William Presti; granddaughter Ariadne Nicole (and husband Ryan) O'Rourke and grandson Anthony Constantine Presti. A private funeral service was held at St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church on Tuesday, December 1st. A full obituary of Ariadne Coules can be found on the [Beall Funeral Home](#) website or the [Greek America Foundation](#) website.



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER MEMORIALS

On November 1, 2020, there was a One-Year Memorial for Triantafilos Kakitsis, the beloved husband of Kassiani Kakitsas. May his memory be eternal.

On December 13, 2020, a Seven-Year Memorial for Ekaterini Magoulas and 34-Year Memorial for Theologos Magoulas, the dearly parents of Paula Magoulas and grandparents of Anastasia Sarakakis Skarvelis and Catherine (Jesse) Sumner. An Eleven-Year Memorial will also be prayed for Joanne (Ioanna) Magoulas, beloved mother of Catherine (Jesse) Sumner, loving sister of Paula Magoulas and adored aunt of Anastasia Sarakakis Skarvelis. May their memory be eternal.

On December 20, 2020, there was a One-Year Memorial for Alexander Andreadakis, dearly departed Stepson of Jane McCullough, twin brother of Alexis Malle, and younger brother of Johnny Andreadakis. May his memory be eternal.

On December 20, 2020, there was a 17-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.

On December 27, 2020, there was a One-Year Memorial for Soula Alexandris, the dearly departed mother of Mariana Kourkoulakos and Stelios Alexandris. May her memory be eternal.

ARTOCLASIA


On November 8, 2020, there was an Artoclasia or Blessing of the Loaves of Bread service which is being offered by Vasilios & Elizabeth Panoutsopoulos in celebration of the feast of St. Menas.

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Dear Parishioners,

The Stewardship Year begins on January 1st and concludes on December 31st. We thank all the families who made their Stewardship pledge for 2020. We had a total of 127 stewards for 2020. We ask that you do not delay and join the "St. Theodore's Stewardship Program for 2021" 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!

In Christ our Lord,
Father Manuel

STEWARDSHIP HONOR ROLL - PLEDGES FOR 2021 ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑ

Theodore & Maria Adamos
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Nektarios & Eleni Banis
George & Katherine Billos
Fr. Manuel J. & Molly Burdusi
Lee & Mary Caprinolo
George & Mary Charuhas
Patrick & Mary Curtis
Katerina, Peter & Chris Exis
Angeliki Fanourgakis
George & Angeliki Papaspyrou
Angie Geralis
Matthew & Payal Halkos
Timothy & Cheryl Halkos
John-Peter & Elizabeth Jalbert
Diane Karras
Keith & Nicolette Kirby
George Kollaros
Louis Kouvaris
Christina Malliakos
Ourania Manassis
Vasilike Mantzouranis
John S. Maroulis
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Paul & Juliana Moniodis
John & Catherine M. Nazarene
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Nikolaos & Maria Paschalidis
Phillip & Georgia Plangetis
Anthony Presti
William & Nora Presti
Michael & Evangeline Ross
Ioanna Elisabet Christoforou
Michael & Anna Sergotick

Iliana Siarmalis
Zachary & Victoria Villano Singer
James Speropulos
Andrew E. Tompros
Chris & Joyce Trikeriotis
George & Majida & Maria Tsiomas
Robert & Christina Villano
Peter E. Yakas & Eleni Harlepas
Pantelis & Anthie Zairis

As of **January 3, 2021**, we had a total of **47** stewards who have signed up for their 2021 Stewardship of the Church.

USED CLOTHING SHED REOPENED

Our used clothing shed has now reopened. We are now taking 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 to subscribe.

CREDIT CARD STEWARDSHIP PAYMENTS

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

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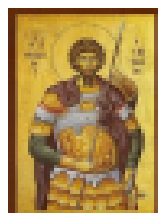
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January/Ιανουάριος 2021

| Sunday Κυριακή | Monday Δευτέρα | Tuesday Τρίτη | Wednesday Τετάρτη | Thursday Πέμπτη | Friday Παρασκευή | Saturday Σάββατον |
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| | | | | | 1 <i>New Year's Day/</i> Πρωτοχρονιά <i>St. Basil the Great/Άγιος</i> <i>Βασίλειος ο Μέγας</i> <i>Circumcision of Christ/</i> ΠΕΡΙΤΟΜΗ ΤΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00am | 2 <i>No Sunday School</i> |
| 3 <i>Sunday before</i> Theophany/ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΠΡΟ ΤΩΝ ΘΕΟΦΑΝΕΙΩΝ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ | 4 | 5 <i>Eve of</i> <i>Theophany</i> Vespersal Liturgy— 10AM Small Blessing of the Waters | 6 <i>Holy Theophany/ΤΑ</i> ΑΓΙΑ ΘΕΟΦΑΝΕΙΑ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/ 10:00 am | 7 <i>St. John the Baptist/</i> ΑΓ. ΙΩΑΝΝΟΥ ΒΑΠΤΙΣΤΟΥ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/ | 8 Greek School online 5:00—8:00 pm | 9 <i>Sunday school online</i> <i>10am</i> |
| 10 <i>Sunday After</i> Theophany/ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΜΕΤΑ ΤΩΝ ΘΕΟΦΑΝΕΙΩΝ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15am Cutting of Vasiloptia/ Κοπή της Βασιλόπιτας | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Greek School online 5:00—8:00 pm | 16 <i>Sunday school online</i> <i>10am</i> |
| 17 <i>12th Sunday of Luke/</i> 12η Κυριακή Λουκά Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15 am | 18 <i>Martin Luther</i> <i>King Jr. Day</i> OFFICE CLOSED | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Greek School online 5:00—8:00 pm | 23 <i>Sunday school online</i> <i>10am</i> |
| 24 <i>14th Sunday of</i> Luke/14η Κυριακή Λουκά Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15 am | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 Greek School online 5:00—8:00 pm | 30 <i>Three Hierarchs</i> ΤΡΙΩΝ ΙΕΡΑΡΧΩΝ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am <i>Sunday school online</i> <i>10am</i> |
| 31 <i>Sunday of Zacchaeus/</i> Κυριακή του Ζακχαίου Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15 am | | | | | | |

February/Φεβρουάριος 2021

| Sunday Κυριακή | Monday Δευτέρα | Tuesday Τρίτη | Wednesday Τετάρτη | Thursday Πέμπτη | Friday Παρασκευή | Saturday Σάββατον |
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| | 1 | 2 Presentation of Our Lord/Η ΥΠΑΠΑΝΤΗ ΤΟΥ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00am | 3 Bible study online 7pm. | 4 | 5 Greek School online 5:00—8:00 pm | 6 Sunday school online 10am |
| 7 16th Sunday of Matthew/16η Κυριακή Ματθαίου Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15 am Great Vespers/ ΜΕΓΑΣ ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ 6:00pm | 8 Theodore The General/Θεοδωρος Στρατηλάτης Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00 /10:00 am | 9 | 10 Bible study online 7pm. | 11 | 12 Greek School online 5:00—8:00 pm | 13 Sunday school online 10am |
| 14 Sunday of the Canaanite/ ΤΗΣ ΧΑΝΑΝΙΑΣ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - Θ. ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am | 15 President's Day Office closed | 16 | 17 Bible study online 7pm. | 18 | 19 Greek School online 5:00—8:00pm | 20 Sunday school online 10am |
| 21 Publican and Pharisee/ ΤΕΛΩΝΟΥ & ΦΑΡΙΣΑΙΟΥ Tridion Begins/ΑΡΧΗ ΤΡΙΩΔΙΟΥ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - Θ. ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am | 22 | 23 | 24 Bible study online 7pm. | 25 | 26 Greek School online 5:00—8:00pm | 27 Sunday school online 10am |
| 28 Prodigal Son/ΤΟΥ ΑΣΩΤΟΥ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am | | | | | | |
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STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT FORM - 2021

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).

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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.

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