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Ecumenical Patriarch: We declare 2020 as the Year of Spiritual Renewal and due concern for the Youth

Patriarch Bartholomew states this in his message, stressing that "the Church of Christ rejoices as it liturgically experiences the whole mystery of Divine Economy and receives a foretaste of the glory of the kingdom, offering a good and godly witness to faith, hope and love in the world." Patriarch Bartholomew also points out that adhering to the exhortation of the Holy and Great Council but also in light of the recent election and enthronement of the new Archbishops of America, Australia and Great Britain for three large Eparchies of the Ecumenical Throne in the Diaspora, we declare 2020 as the "year of spiritual renewal and due concern for the youth," inviting all our clergy and faithful to partici-

pate in and support this inspiring effort.

Excerpts from the Patriarchal Message: Having celebrated the great feast of the Lord's Nativity, we glorify with hymn and spiritual song the One who emptied Himself for our sake and assumed our flesh so that He might redeem us from captivity to evil and open the gates of paradise to the human race. The character of the Church, while "not of this world," does not isolate the Church from historical and social reality, but inspires and strengthens its witness. The Church, then, ever in reference to the eternal destiny of man, serves his existential needs, pouring out, like the Good Samaritan, "oil and wine" on his wounds, becoming a "neighbor" for everyone "who falls among thieves" (cf. Luke 10.25–37), healing contemporary "cultural illnesses" and illuminating people's minds and hearts. As the presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the faithful, spirituality means witnessing in word and deed to the hope that is in us The Holy Spirit is the giver of life, the source of goodness, the bestower of gifts, life and light. The Christian is a human being that is afire, loves God, humanity and beauty, active and creative.

The Gospel is again heard in a cultural environment where supreme value is attributed to "individual rights." Self-centeredness and the deceit of self-realization diminish social integrity, weaken the spirit of fellowship and solidarity, and objectivize interpersonal relations. Unrestricted emphasis on economy and secularization deepen the existential vacuum and lead to the diminishment of man's creative forces. The Church cannot possibly ignore these developments, whose consequences are primarily endured by our youth through the enchanting mechanism of technology and the manifold promises of "false paradises."

We aspire to the advancement of a "dialogical pastoral ministry" with imagination and vision, with unshakable faith in the eternally flowing grace of God and confidence in the power of human freedom. This pastoral ministry is centered on human persons and must turn young people away from "seeking their own interests" and "pleasing themselves" to a love that "does not seek its own" and "is pleasing to God," from "material goods" to "the only One who is good," from "endless needs" to the "one thing that alone is needed," thereby contributing to the promotion of everyone's charismas. Our truly free self is born by offering our self.

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The foundation of the Christian conscience's awakening remains to this day the experience and understanding of the meaning of Christian worship as well as its communal, Eucharistic and eschatological character. Young people must recognize that the Church is not a "union of Christians" but the "Body of Christ." We should not wait for our young men and women to come to us, but we should reach out to them ourselves, not as judges but as friends, in imitation of the "good shepherd," who "gives his life for his sheep" (John 10.11). A shepherd is always vigilant and on guard, aware of the pastoral needs of the youth and their social environment in order to act accordingly. His pastoral intervention draws inspiration and direction from the tradition of the Church, offering young people not merely "support" but the "truth" of freedom "to which Christ has set us free." (Gal. 5.1)

AΓΙΑΣΜΟΣ ΤΩΝ ΟΙΚΙΩΝ - BLESSING OF HOMES AND BUSINESSES

As part of my pastoral ministry to you and as the longstanding tradition of the blessing of homes after Epiphany, I would like to visit and bless your home this January and into February. I would like to visit as many parishioners as possible. So that I know that you would like for me to come and visit, I ask that you do one of the following: I) Complete the bottom portion of this form and return it to the church whenever you can or 2) Call the Church office at 301-552-3540 or my cell phone at 410-241-9690 to schedule a visit; or 3) email me at father@sttheodores.org. Thank you for your cooperation and I look forward to visiting with you.

_______ Yes, I would like for Father to come and bless our home/business. Please have him call me at the below telephone number to schedule a day and time that is good for us. Thank you.

NAME_______ADDRESS

TELEPHONE NUMBER

NEW YEAR CALENDARS 2020

We wish everyone a very healthy and happy New Year. Church calendars are available in the church office. If you have not received your New Year calendar for 2020 please see either Fr. Manuel or Juliana during the coffee hour. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to our volunteers who spoke about our church and how much they love and support it. They were George Papaspyrou, Angeliki Frangos, Amalia Spanos and Jacob Tosado.





Happy New Year!
Ευτυχισμένο το Νέο Έτος
from
St. Theodore's Greek Orthodox Church







DECEMBER MEMORIALS

On December 8, there was a 40-Day Memorial for Triantafilos Kakitsis, the beloved husband of Kassiani Kakitsas. May his memory be eternal.

On December 8, there was a 10-Year Memorial for Nicholas Demetrios Matsakis, the dearly departed husband of Theodora Matsakis, and father of Afrodite, Demetrios & Elias Matsakis. Also a 14-Year Memorial for Kalliroi Matsakis Levadioti and a 33-Year Memorial for Constantine D. Matsakis, the dearly departed sister and brother of Nicholas Demetrios Matsakis. May their memory be eternal.

On December 15, there was a Two-Year memorial for George Kouvaris, the dearly departed son of Catherine Kouvaris and beloved brother of Elias and Gregory Kouvaris, and a 3 ½ Year Memorial for Demostani Kourvaris, the dearly departed husband of Catherine Kouvaris and beloved father of Elias and Gregory Kouvaris. May their memory be eternal.

On December 15, there was a Six-Year Memorial for Catherine and 33-Year Memorial for Theologos Magoulas, the dearly parents of Paula Magoulas and grandparents of Anastasia Sarakakis Skarvelis and Catherine (Jesse) Sumner. Memorial prayers 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 15, there was a 16-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 29, there was a a One-Year Memorial service for Mr. Dimitrios Geralis the beloved husband of Angie Geralis and devoted father of Emanuel Geralis and family.

IN LOVING MEMORY

The parish is saddened by the passing away of Alexander Andreadakis. He passed away on December 29, 2019. Beloved stepson of Jane McCullough, twin brother of Alexis Malle and brother of Johnny Andreadakis. Funeral will take place in Timber Hill, VA, date to be determined. May his memory be eternal.



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If anyone is interested in our Greek School program, We have 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. The 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 program. We have three levels. Elementary, Middle School and High School. 2019-2020 Registration forms are available at pangari/candlestand.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JANUARY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY I - FEAST OF ST. BASIL/NEW YEAR'S DAY-ORTHROS 9AM/ DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

MONDAY, JANUARY 6—THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST—ORTHROS 9AM/DIVINE LITURGY 10AM FOLLOWED BY THE GREAT BLESSING OF THE HOLY WATER.

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17-ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT-ORTHROS 9AM/ DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30—THREE HIERARCHS—ORTHROS 9AM/ DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

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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		MOBILE PH	ONE				
NAME OF SPOUSE (IF MARRIED)	_	MOBILE PHO	ONE				
STREET ADDRESS	-	EM AIL ADDRESS					
CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE	_	EM AIL ADDR	ESS OF SPOUSE (IF M ARRIED)				
HOME PHONE	_	VERYIMPORTANT					
In gratitude for God's many blessings, I/we commit to the stewardship of St. Theodore's and pledge the following amount for 2020. To help with printing costs and conserve on paper we agree to receive the Parish Newsletter by e-mail only. Yes							
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parents. Children in college or graduate school can remain under their parent's membership but should still fill out this	☐ Chanting		☐ Bible Study				
form.	☐ Philoptochos		☐ Baking Prosphora				
Dependent Children's names and birthdates:	☐ Festival		☐ Grounds and Maintenance				
	☐ Fundraising		☐ Altar Boy				
	□ Dance Grou		☐ Flowers/Decorations				
		•	□ Other				

ST.THEODORE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH 2019-2020 GOYA





40-DAY BABY BLESSINGS



On December 1, there was a 40-Day baby blessing for the daughter (Stavroula) of Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas & Andrianna Rodouskis, and granddaughter of Mr. Stamatis Roudousakis. We wish the family all of God's blessings to the new addition to their family. Na sas zisi!





On December 15, there was a 40-Day baby blessing of the son (Charles Nicholas) of Nicholas & Julie Burdusi and the grandson of Fr. and Presvytera Burdusi, and Jim & Theresa Biglen, as well as the great grandson of John Burdusi. We wish the family all of God's blessings on their new arrival. Na sas zisi!

PHILOPTOCHOS OATH OF OFFICE

On Sunday, November 3rd the following members were sworn in as the new Philoptochos Board and Officers. They were: President Presbytera Malama Burdusi, Past President Maria Kapsalis, Secretary Anthie Zairis, Treasurer Tracy Papadopoulos, Ourania Manessis, Kiki Fanourgakis and Zoe Lazarou. Not pictured are Elaine Michaelides and Magida Tsioumas.

VASILOPITA SUNDAY

On January 12, the Philoptochos will be cutting the vasilopita in church. This is done as a fundraiser for St. Basil Academy. Whoever finds a coin will receive a small icon. A second tray will be passed for St. Basil Academy.

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, 56 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

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As of **December 29, 2019** we have a total of 56 stewards who have signed up for their 2020 Stewardship of the church.

2020 Goal is \$100,000.00

Totals Pledged to date: \$24,435.00

Total Paid: \$3,190.00 Balance: \$21,155.00

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DATE:

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January/Ιανουάριος 2020

Sunday Κυριακή	Monday Δευτέρα	Tuesday Τρίτη	Wednesday Τετάρτη	Thursday Πέμπτη	Friday Παρασκευή	Saturday Σάββατον
			New Year's Dayl Πρωτοχρονιά St. Basil the Great/Άγιος Βασίλειος ο Μέγας Circumcision of Christ! ΠΕΡΙΤΟΜΗ ΤΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ	2	3	4
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Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 8:45/10:15 am Sunday School/	Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/ 10:00 am	Matins & Divine Liturgy/ OPOPOΣ - OEIA ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/ 10:00 am			Greek School/ Ελληνικό Σχολείο 5pm	
Κατηχητικό σχολείο						
12 Sunday After Theophany/KYPIAKH META ΤΩΝ ΘΕΟΦΑΝΕΙΩΝ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 8:45/10:15 am Sunday School/Κατηχητικό σχολείο Cutting of Vasiloptia/ Κοπή της Βασιλόπιτας	13	14	15	16	17 St. Anthony the Great/AΓ. AΝΤΩΝΙΟΥ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am Greek School/ Ελληνικό Σχολείο 5pm	18
19 12th Sunday of Luke/12η Κυριακή Λουκά Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 8:45/10:15 am Sunday School/ Κατηχητικό σχολείο	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day OFFICE CLOSED	21	22	23	24 Greek School/ Ελληνικό Σχολείο 5pm	25
26 15th Sunday of Luke/15η Κυριακή Λουκά Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 8:45/10:15 am 2020 Metropolitan Tea—2:00—4:00pm	27	28	29	30 Three Hierarchs TPIΩN ΙΕΡΑΡΧΩΝ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am	3 Ι Greek School/ Ελληνικό Σχολείο 5pm	



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