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YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Those of us who observe the Sermon on the Mount are called the “light of the world”. We need to shine forth before all so that others may see our good works and give glory to our Father who is in heaven.

Christ Himself is the true light and He is the source of light and life. We as His believers are lights of the world only in so much as we absorb and reflect the light from the Divine Light who is Jesus Christ. He is our source of guidance, direction and blessing. He is the one who leads us to salvation. In as much as we yield ourselves to Him then we too can be instruments of His salvation to point others along the path which leads to salvation.

We can confidently shine forth as we do good works and live according to the commandments of Christ because it is God who is shining through us. We can reflect His Divine Light and this is possible because of the Holy Spirit. We are vessels of the Holy Spirit and it is He who uses us to glorify God and point others by word and deed to a new life. Just as the apostles gathered around the Lord and learned from Him, so too we need to gather close to the Lord who is our Good Shepherd. As long as we abide at the Lord’s feet, we never need to fear about walking in darkness. God is gracious, full of compassion, full of tender mercy and loving kindness and He is always ready to forgive.

We see that our Lord has crystallized the essence of the teachings of the Old Testament which is love for God and love for neighbor. Christ came to point to us the most important duties of the human heart. Christ has elevated the love for God and neighbor as the supreme message of the Gospel. It is the complete meaning of discipleship as well as the identifying feature of the Church.

If we love God and neighbor then all other things will fall into place – sin will have no more place in the life of the believer and the Cross and Resurrection are the believer’s adoration. God is love and the good works we are to do for others are works of love and compassion. And it is for this that witnesses will glorify our Father who is in heaven. God’s love for us is limitless. He gave His Son to us that we might believe in Him and be saved. Christ went to the cross so that we might receive eternal life. It is up to us to communicate God’s love to a suffering and confused world by pointing people and introducing them to the Good Shepherd who is Christ our Lord. Christ will draw all to Himself, all we need to do is to be faithful disciples, faithful to the Gospel and to let our light shine before others that the world can see the blessed hope and know deep within their hearts that God is love.

Please join us, now that the pandemic is ending and it is safe to come back to church. Join us for Liturgy each and every Sunday beginning at 10:15 a.m. Let us not let complacency preside, but allow us to recommit to coming to church on a regular basis and allow the grace of the Holy Spirit to mature to fullness of the stature of Christ. Amen.

MONTHLY NEWS

MEMORIALS

On May 16, 2021, there was a 40-Day memorial for Chareclia Gjoni, dearly departed aunt of Maria Bouzouki. May her memory be eternal.

On May 23, 2021, there was a 40-Year Memorial for the soul of Andrew Christopher, which is being offered by his daughter, Kevi Christopher. May his memory be eternal.

On May 30, 2021, there was a 40-Day Memorial for Vasiliki Tsiambouris, the dearly departed mother of Katerina Exis, and grandmother of Panagiotis and Christos Exis. May her memory be eternal.

On June 13, 2021, there was a Three-Month Memorial for John M. Burdusi "Chrysostomos" beloved father of Rev. Manuel J. Burdusi and his wife, Presbyteria Malama (Molly), and Michael J. Burdusi, beloved grandfather of Nicholas and his wife Julie, and Aristeia as well as one great grandchild, Charles Nicholas. May his memory be eternal.

On June 6, 2021, there was a Three-Year Memorial for Maria Tsioumas, dearly departed mother of George (Majida) Tsioumas, & Popi Papadopoulos, grandmother of Lena, Katerina and Vasili Papadopoulos, Joseph, Maria, Demetrios and Jacquelyn Tsioumas, and great grandmother of George, Brandon, & Najieh Panayiota Tsioumas. May her memory be eternal.

On June 13, 2021, there was a One-Year Memorial for Maria Despotides, the dearly departed mother of Helen (Cameron) Jenkins and Irene (Scott) Cusimano, and beloved grandmother and great-grandmother. May her memory be eternal.

On June 13, 2021, there was an Eight-Year Memorial for Maria Kokkalos, the dearly departed mother of Anna Kokkalos Chandler. May her memory be eternal.

ARTOCLASIA

On June 27, 2021, there was an Artoclasia or Blessing of the Loaves of Bread service in recognition of All Saints Day from the family of Adam & Eftihia Koutelis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/GREEK SCHOOL GRADUATION

Sunday School and Greek School Graduation was held on Sunday, June 13, 2021. Congratulations to all the graduates!

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SACRAMENTS & HOME BLESSINGS

Please call the Church Office, 301-552-3540 or Fr. Manuel 410-241-9690 to schedule Weddings and Baptisms at least 3 months in advance, and for Artoclasias, Trisagia, Memorial Services as well as home blessings at least 2 weeks in advance. Your cooperation is appreciated.

GREEK FESTIVAL SAVE THE DATE SEPT. 17-19, 2021

The festival committee has determined the dates of the upcoming festival. They are Friday, Saturday, Sunday, September 17, 18 & 19, 2021. We need your help in three ways:

Please join us for our weekly Festival meetings every Tuesday evening from 7PM-8PM the entire summer.

Make every effort to attend when you can by joining the video call link: <https://meet.google.com/afe-vhue-wyg>

By volunteering at the festival. Sign-up will be forthcoming.

Helping make the food items. Schedule will be forthcoming.

We need everyone to help in some way so we can have a successful festival. We will be all hands-on deck for this event. Remember the Festival is our TOP fundraiser for the year.

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 to subscribe.

Safeway's eScrip program is a **FREE**, **easy** way for you to support St. Theodore's school programs! St. Theodore's member# 1036768. Contact the church office 301-552-3540 or Nora Presti 410-952-8922 for more information. Every purchase counts, so sign up today!

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Dear Parishioners,

The Stewardship Year begins on January 1st and concludes on December 31st. 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	Chrisovalantis & Johanna Koutelis	Vasilios & Alexandra Tsigliffis
Charles & Victoria Alevrofas	Louis C. Kouvaris	Helen D. Tsintolas
William & Angie Alexion	Gregory & Vasiliki Kozakos	George & Majida & Maria Tsioumas
Demetrios Bafitis	Nikolaos & Vasiliki Kretsiss	Stella C. Tsourounis
Syrmatenia Bakalides	Erasmia Lois	Gregory & Andriana Tuthill
George Banis	Paula Magoulas	Robert & Christina Villano
Nektarios & Eleni Banis	Dimitri Makres	William David Wrigley, PhD
George & Katherine Billos	Christina Malliakos	Peter E. Yakas & Eleni Harlepas
Michael J. Burdusi	Ourania Manessis	Pantelis & Anthie Zairis
Fr. Manuel J. & Molly Burdusi	Polymnia Manessis	Tom & Nikki Zizos
Lee & Mary Caprinolo	Alexandros Manitaras	
Michael & Anna Chandler	Vasilike Mantzouranis	
George & Mary Charuhas	John S. Maroulis	
Christina & James Cirillo	Panagiotis Marousis	
Mary Curtis	Aphrodite T. Matsakis, PhD.	
Jessie Delfalco	Reed & Gina Melis	
Bess Demas	Nicholas & Elaine Michaelides	
Irene Cusimano	Robert & Marilia Michell-Samaras	
John & Fofa Dimopoulos	Paul & Juliana Moniodis	
Demetri Dimopoulos	Nick & Katherine Mostris	
Katerina, Peter & Chris Exis	Vasilios & Evangelia Nasios	
Angeliki Fanourgakis	John & Catherine M. Nazarene	
George & Angeliki Frangos-	Ryan & Ariadne Nicole O'Rourke	
Papaspyrou	Afroditi E. Papadopoulos	
Dimitrios & Myrofora Frantzis	Vasilios & Tracy Papadopoulos	
Panayioti/Marianthi Georgakopoulos	Nikolaos & Maria Paschalidis	
Anastasia Georhristodoulos	Georgios & Constantina Pelekanos	
Angie Geralis	Ioannis Perelas	
Randy E. & Anna Grow	George & Janet Philipopoulos	
Matthew & Payal Halkos	Phillip & Georgia Plangetis	
Timothy & Cheryl Halkos	Anthony Presti	
Dennis & Mary Pittas Herschbach	William & Nora Presti	
John-Peter & Elizabeth Jalbert	George Rallis	
Angela Jones	Gregory Rallis	
Kassiani Kakitsis	Georgia Romas	
Panagos & Maria Kapsalis	Michael & Evangeline Ross	
Olga Karahalas	Elpis Sakaria	
Diane Karras	Ioanna Elisabet Christoforou	
Bill & Tina Katcheves	Michael & Anna Sergotick	
Kyriakos & Argiro Kiotsekoglou	Iliana Siarmalis	
Keith & Nicolette Kirby	Zachary & Victoria Villano Singer	
Stephen G. Koklas	Gregory & Anastasia Skarvelis	
Athanasios & Marilu Kolazas	Katherine Spathis	
George Kollaros	James Speropulos	
Anastasios Kouridis	Gregory L. Stamulis	
Mariana Kourkoulakos	James Tancabel	
Maria Koustenis	Andrew E. Tompros	
Adam & Eftihia Koutelis	Chris & Joyce Trikeriotis	

As of **June 28, 2021**, we have a total of **105** stewards who have signed up for their 2021 Stewardship of the Church.

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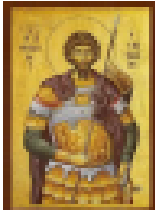
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July/Ιούλιος 2021

Sunday Κυριακή	Monday Δευτέρα	Tuesday Τρίτη	Wednesday Τετάρτη	Thursday Πέμπτη	Friday Παρασκευή	Saturday Σάββατον
				1	2	3
4th 2nd Sunday of Matthew/3rd Κυριακή Ματθαίου Independence Day Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am	5 Office Closed	6 Festival Meeting 7pm	7	8	9	10
11th 5th Sunday of Matthew/4th Κυριακή Ματθαίου Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - Θ. ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am	12	13 Parish Council Meeting 7PM	14	15	16	17
18th Sunday of the Holy Fathers/ΤΩΝ ΑΓΙΩΝ ΠΑΤΕΡΩΝ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am	19	20 Festival Meeting 7pm	21	22	23	24 Baptism - Yianoulou
25th 5th Sunday of Matthew/5th Κυριακή Ματθαίου Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am	26	27th Panteleimon the Great Martyr/ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΠΑΝΤΕΛΕΗΜΟΝΟΣ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am	28	29	30	31 Baptism –Koutelis

August/Αύγουστος 2021

Sunday Κυριακή	Monday Δευτέρα	Tuesday Τρίτη	Wednesday Τετάρτη	Thursday Πέμπτη	Friday Παρασκευή	Saturday Σάββατο
1 8th Sunday of Matthew/ 8^η Κυριακή Ματθαίου Dormition Fast Begins/ΑΡΧΗ ΝΗΣΤΕΙΑΣ ΔΕΚΑΠΕΝΤΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΥ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am	2 Paraklesis / ΠΑΡΑΚΛΗΣΗ 6PM	3 Festival Meeting 7pm	4 Paraklesis / ΠΑΡΑΚΛΗΣΗ 6PM	5 Great Vespers/ ΜΕΓΑΣ ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ 6PM	6 Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (Fish and Wine allowed)/ ΜΕΤΑΜΟΡΦΩΣΗ ΤΟΥ ΣΩΤΗΡΟΣ (ΚΑΤΑΛΥΣΗ ΟΙΝΟΥ & ΙΧΘΥΟΣ) Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am	7
8 7th Sunday of Matthew/ 7^η Κυριακή Ματθαίου Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am	9 Paraklesis / ΠΑΡΑΚΛΗΣΗ 6PM	10 Festival Meeting 7pm	11 Paraklesis / ΠΑΡΑΚΛΗΣΗ 6PM	12	13 Paraklesis / ΠΑΡΑΚΛΗΣΗ 6PM	14 Great Vespers / ΜΕΓΑΣ ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ 6PM
15 Dormition of the Theotokos/Η ΚΟΙΜΗΣΗ ΤΗΣ ΘΕΟΚΟΟΥ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - Θ. ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am	16	17 Festival Meeting 7pm	18	19	20	21
22 9th Sunday of Matthew/ 9^η Κυριακή Ματθαίου Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am	23	24 Festival Meeting 7pm	25	26	27	28
29 Beheading of John the Baptist Strict Fasting)/ ΑΠΟΤΟΜΗ ΤΙΜΙΑΣ ΚΕΦΑΛΗΣ ΠΡΟΦΗΤΟΥ ΙΩΑΝΝΟΥ (ΑΥΣΤΗΡΗ ΝΗΣΤΕΙΑ) Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am	30	31 Festival Meeting 7pm				



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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| <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.

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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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