

# **Our Monthly News**

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## **CHURCH MINISTRIES MONTHLY NEWS**

## **OUR GREEK FESTIVAL IS FINALLY BACK!!**

Come and join us and have a great time at our Annual Greek Festival June 16, 17 & 18, 2023. Come out Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am. followed by the Great Vespers and immerse yourself in all things Greek. From food and of Pentecost and the kneeling prayers. On this day, the dance, to music, culture and Greek Orthodoxy. Live music seventh Sunday of Pascha, the tenth day after the Ascension by the famous Golden Flames of St. Theodore's Saturday and the fiftieth day after Pascha, at the third hour of the day and Sunday. There will be folk dance presentations, raffle, from the rising of the sun, there suddenly came a sound and activities for children. How can you help? Come and from Heaven, as when a mighty wind blows, and it filled the support your church, bring your friends, neighbors, whole house where the Apostles and the rest with them were co-workers and relatives. Take a flier from the Narthex and gathered. Immediately after the sound, there appeared post it at work. Request for a yard sign and place it some- tongues of fire that divided and rested upon the head of each where prominent where people can see it. Share the festival one. Filled with the Spirit, all those present began speaking with your friends on Facebook or, do it the old-fashioned not in their native tongue, but in other tongues and dialects, way, pick up the phone and call people. Remember also to as the Holy Spirit instructed them. This gave them the power volunteer for the festival. We need your help! Even a few and the strength to go out and preach the word of God to the hours can help someone who needs a break. You're also world. Let us come and attend this special service to welcome to bake Greek cookies and bring them to be sold. receive the blessings of the church and so that the power of Finally, help us sell or buy raffle tickets to help support the Holy Spirit may continue to work within us and for our festival. Please see special articles below about signing up Church. to volunteer and our anniversary raffle which is \$50,000.00.

## **FESTIVAL SIGN UP GENIUS**

Everyone is asked to go to our website @ Sttheodores.org then click Festival and then look for the Volunteers section to sign up and you will see a button for Sign Up Genius to sign up to volunteer for the Festival, which is June 16,17 and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Please do not delay in signing up to volunteer. We need all the time slots and positions filled by June 15, 2023. We are a small community and cannot afford to be short handed at our biggest fundraiser of the year. If you can cover multiple shifts, it would be an immense help. If you prefer to email your preferences instead, send an email

volunteers@sttheodores.org and we will enter your information for you.

## **2023 ANNIVERSARY RAFFLE**

Try your luck with our Special Anniversary Raffle this year. It is a simple scratch off card. All you do is scratch off 6 of the same picture of cash and you win instantly \$50,000.00. Each ticket is \$20, but we have decided to give you two chances for the price of one. Stop by the table at the coffee hour and try your luck for \$50 thousand (Dina) of Martinez, CA. May her memory be eternal. dollars. You will also be helping out the church in this fundraising effort.

## ARTOCLASIA – BLESSING OF THE LOAVES

On May 14, 2023, there was an Artoclasia for the especially for all the ladies who work so hard and diligently for the Philoptochos.

## HELP WITH PRE-FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS

To volunteer for festival preparations, send an email to volunteers@sttheodores.org and we'll let you know when and how you can help.

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost is Sunday, June 4. Orthros at 8:30 am,

## SAINT THEODORE 50TH ANNIVERSARY GREEK FESTIVAL (JUNE 16-18)

It's time again to have a festival! Being that it's the 50 -year celebration for Saint Theodore, it needs to be exceptional. To achieve this requires the help of everyone so please help in any way you can. For more information, contact the church secretary (Juliana), at (301)552-3540.

## ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΦΕΣΤΙΒΑΛ 50ΗΣ ΕΠΕΤΕΙΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΘΕΟΔΩΡΟΥ 16– 18 ΙΟΥΝΙΟΥ

Ήρθε η ώρα ξανά για ένα φεστιβάλ! Δεδομένου ότι είναι ο εορτασμός των 50 χρόνων του Άγιου Θεοδώρου, πρέπει να είναι κάτι το εξαιρετικό. Για να είναι επιτευχθείς, απαιτείται η βοήθεια όλων, γι 'αυτό παρακαλώ βοηθήστε με όποιον τρόπο μπορείτε. Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες, επικοινωνήστε με τη γραμματέα της εκκλησίας (Τζουλιάνα). στο (301)552-3540.

## **MEMORIAL SERVICE/TRISAGIA PRAYERS**

On May 14, 2023, we prayed the 40-Day Memorial Service for the soul of **Katherine Spathis**, dearly departed mother of Dimitri and Chris Spathis, and grandmother of two grandchildren Amanda & Lukas, her brother Stefanos

There also was a 3 day Trisagion for the sudden passing of Anna (Ioanna) Gerasimidis, the dear sister of Ekaterina Exis. We pray that the good Lord give rest to her soul and to give strength and comfort to her family.

A 15 year Trisagion was prayed for the soul of health and well being of all the mothers of the parish and Nikolaos Gialamas, the dear husband of Stacia Gialamas and dear father of Angela Papas, both of Dallas, Texas.

> And lastly, a special prayer was said for all the mothers who have passed away from our beloved community and for all those present here today who have lost their mothers. May God give rest to their dear souls and may He give you strength and courage to be the best Orthodox Christian that you can be to honor your mother's memory.

## 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISING PROJECT

fund-raising effort that everyone can participate in to help **SOCIETY** with the many expenses for the Anniversary celebration. Church. If all the envelopes are submitted, \$5000 will be the church office. raised. We will do this now at the beginning and again in the Fall, September - November. There will be many STEWARDSHIP expenses to have the Archbishop of America come in complimentary as well as the tickets of all the past priests Stewardship who have served the church and the area priests. This www.sttheodores.org under along with other special expenses add up. We pray that you have an unforgettable experience this year for our 50<sup>th</sup> achieve 100% participation from \$1 to \$100 dollars.

## PHILOPTOCHOS SCHOLARSHIP

With the blessings of His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia, and those of the Very Reverend Father Christoforos Oikonomidis, our Metropolis Chancellor, the Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos is once again offering an opportunity to qualifying High School seniors, who are enrolled in an accredited University, College or Trade School, to apply for a Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos merit based scholarship. Deadline for submitting the application is June 15, 2023. The scholarship application is also posted under Resources on our Philoptochos website at niphiloptochos.org.

## THE HELEN APOSTOLOS SCHOLARSHIP

An annual award of \$1000.00 to help Greek Orthodox women pursue studies that will lead to, enhance, or extend careers in business. Eligible Applicants must be: • Female • Baptized in the Greek Orthodox Church\* • Accepted by, or enrolled in, an accredited educational institution/program of study; and • In, or about to initiate, a course of study directly related to a career in business. \* Note that preference will be given to congregants of Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral. How to Apply: Download the Application Form from the Philoptochos page of the Saint Sophia Cathedral website or click on www.saintsophiadc.org/ministries/philoptochos/.Send your completed application as a PDF attachment in an email with the subject line reading "Apostolos Scholarship Application" to PhiloptochosDC@gmail.com no later than midnight on the Fourth of July. Application Requirements: • A signed and completed copy of the application form; • Proof of baptism or chrismation as a Greek Orthodox Christian; • Proof of acceptance to, or enrollment in. an accredited educational institution or program directly related to a career in business; • Personal statement of intent; and • At least one letter of recommendation.

## UNITED CHIAN SOCIETIES OF BALTIMORE Father Manuel introduced to us an easy "ANDREAS SYGGROS" AND LADIES PANCHIAN

For over seventy hears the United Chian Societies Just as a wedding is a very costly but worthy endeavor and of Baltimore "Andreas Syggros" and Ladies Panchian memorable event for the couple, a Church anniversary also Society has awarded scholarships to young people within incurs expenses that are not part of the normal yearly our community. All qualified candidates are encouraged budget. We are grateful to be a part of the 50<sup>th</sup> to apply regardless of church affiliation or regional herit-Anniversary of the Church and help in whatever way we age. The applications can be downloaded from linking to can. There will be 100 envelopes between \$1.00 and www.chios.us or http://chiossocietyofbaltimore.com/-\$100.00 dollars for you to make your donation to the 2023scholarship-application. We also have applications in

It is so important for the vitality and growth of the December and his entourage. They will need to be placed parish that our stewards are supportive each and every in a hotel and we are to have their tickets to the banquet year. In order to become a steward, please complete the form (found on Giving.) Stewardship payments may be made monthly by credit card, if desired. Please email square@sttheodores.org with your total Anniversary. The chart will be updated so that we can pledge and the desired frequency of your payments. Stewardship pledges and donations can still be mailed directly to the church by check. You can also set up with your checking account for a check to be mailed automatically from your bank to the Church, if desired. Smaller, regular payments are easier to manage then paying one lump sum at the beginning or end of the year. Actually, your giving power to the Church is strengthened if you can offer on a regular basis. Monthly is the preferred frequency.



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# June/Ιούνιος 2023

Sunday Κυριακή		<b>M</b> onday Δευτέρα	Tuesday Τρίτη	Wednesday Τετάρτη	Thursday Πέμπτη	Friday Παρασκευή	Saturday Σάββατον
					I	2	3 Saturday of Souls/ ΨΥΧΟΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00 /10:00 am
4 Holy Pentecost/ ΤΗΣ ΠΕΝΤΗΚΟΣΤΗΣ  Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - Θ. ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 8:30/10:15 am  Philoptochos Day of Honor  Sunday School Concludes	5		Parish Council MEETING 7pm	7	8	9 St. Nicholas Greek Festival	l O St. Nicholas Greek Festival
All Saints/KYPIAKH ΤΩΝ ΑΓΙΩΝ ΠΑΝΤΩΝ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - Θ.ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15 am	12		13	14	15	16 St.Theodore Greek	17 St.Theodore Greek Festival
		PREPARATIONS FOR FESTIVAL 6 P.M.—9 P.M.				Festival 11AM—9PM	I I AM-9PM
18 2nd Sunday of  Mathew/3 <sup>n</sup> Κυριακή  Ματθαίου  Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - Θ. ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15 am  FATHERS'S DAY  LAST DAY OF FESTIVAL	19	)	20	21	22	23	24
	HOLY APOSTLES LENT						
25 3rd Sunday of  Mathew/3 <sup>n</sup> Κυριακή  Ματθαίου  Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - Θ. ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15 am	26		27	28	29	30 Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles/ Σύναξις τῶν Αγίων Δώδεκα Αποστόλων Matins & Divine	
		,	APOSTLES LEN	T CONTINUES		Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15 am	

# July/Ιούλιος 2023

Sunday Κυριακή	Monday Δευτέρα	Tuesday Τρίτη	Wednesday Τετάρτη	Thursday Πέμπτη	Friday Παρασκευή	Saturday Σάββατον
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2 4th Sunday of  Mathew 4 <sup>n</sup> Κυριακή Ματθαίου  Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - Θ. ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15 am	3	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5	6	7	8
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9 5th Sunday of  Mathew/5 <sup>n</sup> Κυριακή  Ματθαίου  Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - Θ. ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15 am	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Sunday of the Holy Fathers/ΤΩΝ ΑΓΙΩΝ ΠΑΤΕ-ΡΩΝ  Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - Θ. ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15 am	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 7th Sunday of  Mathew/7° Κυριακή Ματθαίου  Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - Θ. ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15 am	24	25	26	27 Panteleimon the Great Martyr/ΑΓΙΟΥ ΠΑΝΤΕΛΕΗΜΟΝΟΣ  Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am	28	29
30 8th Sunday of  Mathew/8 <sup>n</sup> Κυριακή  Ματθαίου  Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - Θ. ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15 am	31					

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 2023" so that we can grow and become a stronger Church and minister to you, 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. Paying on Square@sttheodores.org has also been set up for those who would like to use it. Thank you!

## STEWARDSHIP HONOR ROLL Pledges for 2023 ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑ 2023

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As of June 1, 2023
we have a total of
111 stewards
who have signed up for their
2023 Stewardship of the
Church. Please join the
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## CREDIT CARD STEWARDSHIP PAYMENTS

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



## 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).

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HOME PHONE		VERY IMPORTANT			
In gratitude for God's many blessings, I/we commit to the stewardship of St. Theodore's and pledge the following for 2023.		To help with printing costs and conserve on paper we agree to receive the Parish Newsletter by e-mail only.			
\$ per month x 12 months = \$	for t	he year.	Please check to indicate		
Suggested amounts for giving:       \$40/mon (\$480)         \$10 per week (\$520/yr)       \$50/mon (\$600)         \$15 per week (\$780 /yr)       \$50/mon (\$600)         \$20 per week (\$1040 /yr)       \$75/mon (\$900)         \$25 per week (\$1300 /yr)       \$100/mon (\$1,200)         \$50 per week (\$2600 /yr)       \$150/mon (\$1,800)         Other per week \$       Other per month \$		] \$ 400/yr ] \$ 500/yr ] \$ 1,000/yr ] \$ 1,500/yr ] \$ 2,000/yr ] Other \$	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: <a href="https://www.sttheodores.org">www.sttheodores.org</a> and click the "Online Store" to make a	Your time & talent  I would like to offer my time and talents for the ministry of St. Theodore's   ☑ (check all that apply)				
credit card payment. Children 18 and over and who are working should become members separate from their parents. Children	☐ Church So	chool	☐ GOYA/YOUTH		
in college or graduate school can remain under their parent's	☐ Greek School/PTO ☐ Chanting ☐ Philoptochos		☐ Young Adult		
membership but should still fill out this form .			☐ Bible Study		
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	☐ Fundraising		☐ Altar Boy		
	☐ Dance Group		☐ Flowers/Decorations		
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