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A Reflection on the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

The Lord, the eternal Word of God came into the world. He entered human history to become a man. He lived with us. We witnessed His divine glory which shone through His human nature. We saw His miracles. We watched Him die on the cross. We buried Him. And now we witness and celebrate His glorious Resurrection. This is the account of St. John the Evangelist who saw all this with his own two eyes. His witness is shared with us again. We heard his glorious account in detail during the Gospel reading of Easter's Liturgy.

The Lord Jesus is the true light who leads us to salvation. He is the Son of Righteousness. With His death on the cross and His three days in the tomb it appeared as if death had won. But with His glorious Resurrection He became victorious over death once and for all. We are justified in our happiness for He gives light and hope to all of us. We now shall become bearers of this light. We have witnessed the glory and the power of the Resurrection. We glorify and worship the one who has Resurrected from the dead. The Lord Jesus rose from the dead. With His death on the cross He put to death DEATH and He became victorious over corruption. He destroyed the power of Hades. He resurrected victoriously and with Him he resurrected Adam representing all of human nature.

The Lord truly rose. He reopened the door of Paradise and the children of His Father can now reach from earth to heaven. Our salvation now is an undeniable reality. Our participation in the divine life is a gift from on high because of God's philanthropy. Our sanctification is a blessed fruit of Christ's dispensation and economy. It is the day of Resurrection! And this is why we all rejoice. This is why we all celebrate. This is why our faces shine. This is why our hearts are jumping. From the life-giving Tomb of Christ springs forth and flows hope. We rejoice over the glory which fills our church during this Paschal season.

The sacred hymns of our church are triumphant. They are messages of joy and hope engulfed in the light of life. Heaven and earth rejoice together. Angels and man rejoice. Everything rejoices. The Resurrection of Christ is the triumph of life. Death has been defeated and that is why we no longer fear death. It no longer brings us sadness because it is the passage way to "true" life. This true life of eternity can be foretasted by us the faithful now in this life when we partake in the Body and Blood of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Every time we partake in Holy Communion we remember that Christ died for us, but we also proclaim and we glorify His Resurrection. His Holy Body is our bread of eternal life and His precious blood is our source of incorruption. The Lord's mystical supper makes us participants in the divine life. It joins us with our Risen Savior. It gives us the power and strength to be resurrected on the last day. The Resurrection of Christ reverses everything. The old world dies. The old man dies and the new man arises.

As genuine Orthodox Christians let us all walk in a newness of life. Resurrected with Christ let us proceed towards the light of eternal life. Freed from the weight of sin, we now commit to following God's word. We want to follow His life-giving commandment. We forgive one another with all our heart and we treat one another with love and respect. This is how we will be able to know the transfiguring power of the Resurrection of Christ. This is how we become partakers of the divine life through Christ the giver of life. I pray that every had a blessed Easter and to let the joy and meaning of Easter continue to brighten and have a profound impact to our lives.

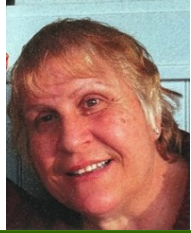
By Fr. Manuel J. Burdusi

PHILOPTOCHOS

Our next **Philoptochos Meeting** will be online and in-person on **May 8** following church .

MEMORIAL

On April 10, 2022, there was a One-Year memorial for Vasiliki Tsiambouris the dearly departed mother of Katerina Exis, and Ioanna Gerasimidis, and grandmother of Panagiotis and Christos Exis. May her memory be eternal.



IN LOVING MEMORY

We are saddened to announce the passing of Helen Rigas Sineriz, dearly departed mother of George & Nick Sineriz. Funeral services were held on April 8, 2022 @ 11:00 a.m. here at St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church. May her memory be eternal.

METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY PHILOPTOCHOS SCHOLARSHIP

The Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos, with the blessings of His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia, and our Metropolis Chancellor, the Very Reverend Father Christoforos Oikonomidis, is embarking upon a new initiative. Each year we will be 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. There are five (5) scholarships for 2022, each in the amount of \$1,000.00 and they will be awarded to qualifying applicants. If you are interested, please see Fr. Manuel Burdusi for an application.

NEW PARISH COUNCIL GIVEN OATH OF OFFICE

On January 9, 2022, the new parish council was given their their oath of office after church services. The members are in alphabetical order: Ted Adamos, Antonios Gemetzopoulos, Tim Halkos, John Lazarou, John Maroulis, Nick Michaelides, Paul Moniodis, George Papaspyrou, Nora Presti, Maria Tsioumas, and Pantelis Zairis. Following the oath of office, the council members will elect their officers. We wish the new parish council a very successful and productive new year.



MONTHLY NEWS

BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study will resume back on Wednesday nights beginning on Wednesday, May 4, 2022. @ 7pm. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our scripture, our faith, and to get to know each other better. The google link is: meet.google.com/adh-cguj-cng.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is held on Sundays in person downstairs in the social hall after Holy Communion. 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. All young people of the community are encouraged to come and be a part of the Sunday School program.

DISTRICT ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

St. Theodore hosted this year's District Oratorical Festival on Saturday, April 7. Congratulations to all the participants who spoke. They did a wonderful job! Thank you to Maria Adamos and Georgia Plangetis for organizing and setting everything up. You did a great job! A big thank you to Angel Frangos Pappaspyrou and Bill Presti for preparing the luncheon for the District Oratorical Festival.



May/Μάιος 2022

Sunday Κυριακή	Monday Δευτέρα	Tuesday Τρίτη	Wednesday Τετάρτη	Thursday Πέμπτη	Friday Παρασκευή	Saturday Σάββατον
1 Sunday of Thomas/ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΘΩΜΑ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15 am Sunday School/Κατηχητικό σχολείο	2	3	4 Bible study Online—7:00pm	5	6	7
8 Sunday of the Myrrh Bearers/ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΜΥΡΟΦΟΡΩΝ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - Θ. ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15 am Sunday School/Κατηχητικό σχολείο Philoptochos Meeting	9	10 Parish Council Mtg./ Festival Mtg.—7PM	11 Bible study Online—7:00pm	12	13	14
15 Sunday of the Paralytic/ΤΟΥ ΠΑΡΑΛΥΤΟΥ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - Θ. ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15 am Sunday School/Κατηχητικό σχολείο	16	17	18 Mid-Pentecost Bible study Online—7:00pm	19	20	21 Sts. Constantine & Helen/ΑΓΙΩΝ ΚΩΝΣΤΑΝΤΙΝΟΥ & ΕΛΕΝΗΣ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am
22 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman/ΤΗΣ ΣΑΜΑΡΕΙΤΙΔΟΣ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 8:45/10:15am Sunday School/Κατηχητικό σχολείο	23	24	25 Bible study Online—7:00pm	26	27	28
29 Sunday of the Blind Man/ Κυριακή του Τυφλού Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15 am No Sunday School	30 Memorial Day Office closed	31				

PHILOTOCHOS NEWS

As part of the *Operation Classroom* initiative, the ladies of our Philoptochos recently assisted a young teacher from Columbia MD. Jody teaches second grade at a Title I public school located in a high needs area of Baltimore City. As is the case for many teachers, Jody's caring and compassion doesn't end at the classroom door. She

herself has lived through difficult times, experiencing homelessness, hunger and the difficulties of 'going without'. Knowing several of her students and their families would be going without this Easter, Jody took to raising money so she could purchase baskets, candy and nutritious Easter meals to distribute to the families of twelve of her students. Our Philoptochos supported Jody by providing a monetary donation towards the purchase of meals and baskets, as well as providing classroom supplies for the upcoming weeks. The joy in the eyes of her students is what keeps Jody (and us!) continuing to want to help. Jody may not be a member of our Philoptochos but she is, indeed, *a friend of the poor*.



To learn more about the philanthropic works of Philoptochos or to join in our mission, visit

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 2022” 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!

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 Phillip & Kristi Arnold
 Syrmatenia Bakalides
 Nektarios & Eleni Banis
 George & Katherine Billos
 Fr. Manuel J. & Molly Burdusi
 Michael J. Burdusi
 Lee & Mary Caprinolo
 Michael & Anna Chandler
 Nicholas Cox & Karen Beswick
 Jessie Defalco
 Bess Demas
 Spero & Theano Demetrides
 John & Fofa Dimopoulos
 Demetri Dimopoulos
 Katerina, Peter & Chris Exis
 Angeliki Fanourgakis
 George & Angeliki Frangos-
 Pappaspyrou
 Dimitrios & Myrofora Frantzis
 Placido & Dia Freni
 Spyridon & Stavroula Galiatsatos
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 Vasilios & Tracy Papadopoulos
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 Ioannis Perelas
 William & Nora Presti
 George Rallis
 Gregory Rallis
 Georgia Romas
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 Tom & Nikki Zizos

As of April 24, 2022 we
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 100 stewards
 who have signed up for
 their 2022 Stewardship
 of the Church.

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 your total pledge and
 frequency.



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<https://forms.gle/9SqKz6nLpdunVJxc6>
 or scan the Ticket QR code and follow the instructions.



Payment options will appear once your RSVP is submitted.
 Checks and Credit Cards are accepted.

RSVP By May 14, 2022. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.
 Tables consist of 10 seats. Tickets will be mailed out before the event.



For anyone interested in participating in Father Dean's communal gifts, fill out the Gift Form located:

<https://forms.gle/tgumCbk7RwcMp5YE9>

or scan the Gift QR Code and follow the instructions.

Your Name(s) will be acknowledged at the luncheon with the gifts.

If you have any questions or for more details, contact Rhoula Monios/443-625-9898 or Nikki Monios/443-930-0404 or at frdeans25th@gmail.com

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.

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2022 ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDAR

If you haven't received an Ecclesiastical Calendar for 2022 and would like to receive one, please contact the church office or you can pick one up in the church narthex. Thank you.

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| <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 \$ _____ |

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