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Monthly Newsletter

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"Jesus spoke of love and showed compassion. He taught us by his example to love one another and to be compassionate toward those in need. In the Gospels, we read of the compassion of Jesus: When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick (Matthew 14:14). Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him (Matthew 20:34) ...he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd (Mark 6:34).

Compassion can often mean kindness and sympathy. In these verses, it means something deeper and much more powerful. "And he had compassion" is translated from the Greek $\dot{\epsilon}\sigma\pi\lambda\alpha\gamma\chi\nu(i\sigma\theta\eta)$ (esplachNEEsthee) and comes from the root word in Greek for "guts." In other words, it is compassion and concern that are felt in one's guts – a compassion that is felt in a deeply physical way. Compassion felt in this way compels us to respond with love and deep concern.

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus says "But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him..." (Luke 10:33). In the parable of the Prodigal Son Jesus says, But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him (Luke 15:20). These stories reflect the love and compassion that Jesus has for his people. His compassion inspires and challenges each one of us to live compassionately.

This understanding of the full meaning of compassion in the New Testament means that another person's suffering becomes our own suffering. Compassion in this sense can change the way we live and care for others and for our community. When we feel this physical type of compassion, we are fully and physically engaged. We serve others and care for our community with love.

To love in the way Saint Paul writes to the Christians at Corinth, when he says, "...the greatest of these is love," means we can't live without compassion for others. Love and compassion are not expressed only in our offerings of money and other support. Love and compassion are not something we give in order to receive something in return. Pride has no place in acts of love and compassion.

The love that Saint Paul describes in his letter to the Christians at Corinth is an expression of stewardship. Stewardship is everything we do after we say "I believe." Stewardship is about how we live our lives and make our choices. Stewardship is about love and love is about stewardship. Love and stewardship are inseparable when we consider God's blessings in our life. We use God's blessings with love and compassion for others and to honor, worship and give thanks to him.

Our parishes can be transformed, becoming beacons of Christian love as we care for one another, face challenges together, and serve our neighbors. We would be known as Christians by the love and compassion we embody as a parish family. We are called to be compassionate stewards, placing the needs of others before our own. Scripture is filled with passages of God's call for us to be generous, loving, compassionate givers. Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians tells us of God's call for us to "excel in the grace of giving." We are "hard-wired" to live as members of the Body of Christ and serve our larger community with compassion and love. The priority of compassionate stewardship is not to pay the bills. It is about how we, as a community, can do God's work with love and compassion. It is less about the parish's need to receive, and more about our need to give. It is our generosity with the gifts and blessings God has entrusted to us. Compassionate stewardship is an attitude and a way of life.

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 mjburdusi@gmail.com or Maria

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 atmjburdusi@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDY ONLINE

The bible study will be each Wednesday from September 23rd until December 16th. 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. Each week, we will be studying a different book of the New Testament to allow us to become more familiar with each book. We will be starting with the Gospel of Matthew. The link to join the Bible Study is meet.google.com/adh-cguj-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

It is so important for all of us to continue to support the church during these trying times. There are many people of the parish that did not complete their 2019 commitment and have not pledged yet or given anything for 2020. Please find it within your hearts to help out whatever way you can. It would be sad for St. Theodore Church to not be able to have services every Sunday and holidays as it does now. The decision is up to all of us how much we value and want St. Theodore to not only survive, but also to thrive. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. Remember that our response in giving to the church is an expression of our faith and love to God and His holy church.

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 9 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.

MEMORIAL

On October 18, 2020, there was a 40-Day Memorial for Stella [Stavroula] Higgs, the dearly departed mother of Veronica Higgs and Regina (Bob) Zick; cherished grandmother of Robert (Morgan), Jason (Anna), and Michael (Alison) Zick, and great grandson Henry. May her memory be eternal.

Making Arrangements for Sacraments

Please call the Church Office, 301-552-3540 or speak to Fr. Manuel to schedule Weddings at least 6 months in advance and Baptisms 3 months in advance. Please call the office at least one week ahead for Artoclasies, Trisagion or Memorial Services. For home blessings please call Father at 410-241-9690. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

PRAYERS FOR PATRICK CURTIS

Please keep Patrick Curtis in your prayers as he is having some serious health issues.



Saint Theodore 2020 Annual Community Christmas Card

Dear members and friends of St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church:

Again, the time has come for the Church to prepare its annual Christmas card. It is an opportunity for you to spread the cheer and joy of our Lord's Birth and support the Church. If you wish that your name be included on the card, please complete, detach and mail the bottom portion of this mailing with your minimum donation of \$25.00 made out to St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church by Sunday, December 6th.

Ετήσια Χριστουγεννιάτικη Κοινοτική Κάρτα Αγίου Θεοδώρου

Αγαπητά μέλη και φίλοι του Αγίου Θεοδώρου:

Ήρθε ο καιρός για την Εκκλησία μας να ετοιμάσει την ετήσια Χριστουγεννιάτικη κάρτα. Είναι ευκαιρία για σας να διαδώσετε την χαρά της γέννησης του Χριστού και να υποστηρίξετε την Εκκλησία μας. Αν θέλετε να περιλαμβάνουμε το όνομα σας στην κάρτα, συμπληρώστε και ταχυδρομείστε το απόκομμα του γράμματος μαζί με την δωρεά σας για τουλάχιστον \$25.00 γραμμένη στο όνομα της εκκλησίας, St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church πριν τις 6 Δεκεμβρίου.

2020 Annual Christmas Card—Donation \$25

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Poinsettia Sale

Join the St. Theodore Community as we decorate and beautify the church in celebration of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



	Minimum Donation - \$20.00	How many	Total Amount \$
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All Names will be commemorated during the Consecration of the Holy Gifts on Christmas Eve Night.

You may take your poinsettia home after Christmas Eve service.



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GREEK WINTER FESTIVAL



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 11 AM-7 PM

ST. THEODORE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



USED CLOTHING SHED

Due to the lasting effects of COVID-19, Turnkey has made a decision to TEMPORARILY CLOSE all of their sheds until the end markets reopen. Thank you for supporting the church with your donations. We will update you when it reopens.

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?

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!

Official Twitter account of St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church of Maryland :

St. Theodore GOC(@sttheodoremd)

GREEK WINTER FESTIVAL

The Saint Theodore's Festival Committee is excited to present the Greek Winter Festival! This is an opportunity to share with our community all of our traditions that make a Greek Christmas so special. This will be an outdoor event on December 12, from 11am to 7pm. There will be food, loukoumades, baked goods, and more! If you're interested in being a vendor, volunteer, would like to bake your favorite cakes/desserts or donate holiday decorations and outdoor Christmas lights for the event, please contact George

Papaspyrou at 410-693-9773. Let's show our St. Theodore parish spirit this winter and come together as one village!



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Dear Parishioners.

Printed in the Newsletter each month is the form to become a steward 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 stewards to be supportive each and every year. There is no better time than now to remember your church and become a supporting steward. As of today, I24 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 FOR 2020 ΕΘΕΛΟΝΤΙΚΗ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑ

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Demetri Dimopoulos
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Ben & Lauren Rajewski Ferry

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Dimitrios & Myrofora Frantzis

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Dag & Phyllis Hestnes Peter & Theoni Hiotis

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As of **October 28, 2020,** we have a total of 124 stewards who have signed up for their 2020 Stewardship of the Church.

2020 Goal is \$100,000.00 Total pledged to date: \$65,332.00 Total paid to date: \$58,392.00 Balance Due: \$6,940.00

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.

November/ Νοέμβοιος 2020

Sunday Κυριακή	Monday Δευτέρα	Tuesday Τρίτη	Wednesday Τετάρτη	Thursday Πέμπτη	Friday Παρασκευή	Saturday Σάββατον
Sth Sunday of Luke/ 5η Kυριακή Λουκά Matins & Divine Liturgy/ OΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15 am	2	Parish Council Meeting 7PM	4 Bible study online 7pm	5	Greek School online 5:00—8:00 pm	7 Sunday school online 10am
8 7th Sunday of Luke/ 7η Κυριακή Λουκά Synaxis of the Archangels/ ΤΩΝ ΑΡΧΑΓΓΕΛΩΝ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15 am	9 ST. NEKTARIOS/ AΓΙΟΥ NEKTAPIOY Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/ 10:00 am	10 Winter Festival Meeting online 7pm	Observance of Veterans Day Bible study online 7pm.	12	Greek School online 5:00—8:00 pm	4 Sunday school online 10am
15 8th Sunday of Luke/ 8η Κυριακή Λουκά Nativity Fast Begins./ΑΡΧΗ ΝΗΣΤΕΙΑΣ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΩΝ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15 am	16	17 Winter Festival Meeting online 7pm	18 Bible study online 7pm.	19	Greek School online 5:00—8:00 pm	2 I Entrance of the Theotokos/TA ΕΙΣΟΔΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am Sunday school online 10am
22 9th Sunday of Luke/ 9η Κυριακή Λουκά Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15 am	23	24 Winter Festival Meeting online 7pm	25 Katherine the Great Martyr/ ΑΓΙΑΣ ΑΙΚΑΤΕΡΙΝΑΣ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am Bible study online 7pm.	26 Thanksgiving Day! Office Closed	27 No online Greek School Office Closed	28 No online Sunday School
29 I3th Sunday of Luke/I3η Κυριακή Λουκά Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/I0:I5 am	30					

December/Δεκέμβοιος 2020

Sunday Κυριακή	M onday Δευτέρα	Tuesday Τρίτη	Wednesday Τετάρτη	Thursday Πέμπτη	Friday Παρασκευή	Saturday Σάββατον
		Parish Council Meeting 7PM	2	3	Greek School online 5:00—8:00 pm	5 Great Vespers of St. Nicholas @ St. Nicholas Church, Baltimore, MD 5:00 p.m. Sunday school online 10am
6 10th Sunday of Luke/10η Κυριακή Λουκά St. Nicholas /ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15 am	7	8 Winter Festival Meeting online 7pm	9 Bible study online 7pm.	10	Greek School online 5:00—8:00 pm	12 St. Spyridon/ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΣΠΥΡΙΔΩΝΟΣ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/ 10:00 am Sunday school online 10 am Winter Festival 11—7pm
13 11th Sunday of Luke/ 11η Κυριακή Λουκά Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - Θ. ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am	14	15	I 6 Bible study online 7pm.	17	Greek School online 5:00—8:00 pm	19 Sunday school online 10am
20 Sunday before Nativity/Κυριακή προ των Χριστουγέννων Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - Θ. ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am	21	22	23 No bible study	24 Nativity EvelΩPEΣ ΤΩΝ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΩΝ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/ 10:00 am ************************************	25 Christmas Day/ XΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΑ Service to take place on Christmas Eve Night @ 10 pm Merry Christmas ΚΑΛΑ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΑ	26 No online Sunday school
27 6th Sunday of Luke/ 6η Κυριακή Λουκά Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am	28 Fast Free Week Office closed	29	30 No bible study	31	New Year's Dayl Πρωτοχρονιά St. Basil the Great/Άγιος Βασίλειος ο Μέγας Circumcision of Christ/ ΠΕΡΙΤΟΜΗ ΤΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥ Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am	



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).

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In gratitude for God's many blessings, I/we commit to stewardship of St. Theodore's and pledge the following for 2020.				
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□ \$50 per week (\$2600 /yr) □ \$150/mon (\$1,80		2,000/уг		
Other per week \$ Other per month :	Other \$			
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	Your time & tale I would like to off St. Theodore's	er my time an	nd talents for the ministry of	
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membership but should still fill out this form .	☐ Chanting		Bible Study	
Dependent Children's names and birthdates:				
	☐ Philoptochos		Baking Prosphora	
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