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October 2020 – A Time to Reimagine the Parish with the Pandemic

We have been going through challenging times and these times are requiring us to make some changes in the way we do things. We are called to adapt to new situations and our parish is not an exception. We have come up with new ways of operating and for now we cannot go back to the way things were. The first thing that has changed and will remain for a while is the live streaming of our services which continues to fill a need to those who are not able to get out and come to church. Live streaming not only reaches our shut-ins, but also many people looking for a service to attend. Sharing our live stream over social media has helped expand our reach. And with the ability to record the service, it allows people to view at a later date and time as well. There are many instances that hundreds of people viewed our services, especially during Holy Week this past year. This has been and continues to be a way of keeping people connected to their church in some way. However it does not take the place of actually being there and participating as if someone was present in the church. We must realize that and not become complacent with just watching church on Sunday on our laptops.

The second issue is that person to person ministry has been altered. The hands on approach has been largely shut down because of the requirements of physical distancing. Hopefully these will resume when conditions become better. Small group ministries for youth, Sunday School, Greek School, bible study, Philoptochos, and Parish councils have changed. Video conferencing has replaced in person meetings for now and some may continue as a preferred way to function. Our challenge is to keep these gatherings engaging for the participants. Join us for bible study on Wednesdays from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the google meet site. The link to join the Bible Study is meet.google.com/adh-cguj-cng. Church school and Greek School are also on line and you can join if you like.

Communication is also vital for the parish to be able to continue its mission and purpose. We currently do not print our Sunday bulletin but it is delivered to everyone via email on Friday afternoon. Please take the time to read it to see if there are any new topics that have been written for your information. If you have an email address and are not receiving anything from us via email, that means we do not have your email in our database. Please send an email to father@sttheodores.org so that we can add you to our database. Ultimately our goal is to keep in touch with everyone. During the shutdown of the pandemic, many calls were made by Father to see if everyone is doing well.

Online giving has become vital for the survival of the parish with donations made in memory, for the health of, stewardship and regular donations. Please check the store at our website www.sttheodores.org. Online candle donations and prayers continue to provide an opportunity to those who cannot come to light a candle and send a prayer into the holy altar. It is our intention to have set up soon a credit card station in the narthex for candle donations and for stewardship payments and this will become a standard practice.

Parish life has changed greatly in light of the pandemic. The pandemic has cost many lives, thankfully we have not had anyone who has gotten sick in the parish and our hope is that no one ever gets sick. Inevitably the pandemic has caused a lot of stress and anxiety in many people's lives. Our experience of the pandemic has influenced much discussion and will probably continue to do so for several years to come. I pray everyone has a blessed and happy October month. Continue to stay safe and please try and come to church if you are able. We have many precautions in place to assure you that your visit to the church is safe and rewarding.

Excerpts taken from Praxis Spring 2020/Fr. Anton Vrame

MONTHLY NEWS

Sunday School Online

Sunday School will be taught online on Saturdays in the morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. and concluding at 11 a.m. Our online class is held on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 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 mnbanis@gmail.com.

Greek School Online

Greek School will also be taught online on Fridays in the evening from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Classes will begin on October 2, 2020. Our teacher is Mrs. Evangelia Dimitropoulou. There will be 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 at mjburdusi@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-cgij-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 7 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.

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.





FUNERAL—STELLA HIGGS

On Monday, September 14, 2020, there was a funeral for Stella Higgs, 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. Stella is also survived by her brother Peter (Helen) Charuhas, and many dear relatives and friends both here and in Greece. She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Martin M. Higgs, Jr. as well as parents Efthimious and Regoula [Kallianis] Charuhas and brothers George and Elias. Stella was known for her intense love for her family and leaves them a legacy of character and faith.

Born in Vordonia, Greece she immigrated to the United States in 1957. A devoted member of St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church, she enjoyed working beside her dear friends and served a term as president of the Ladies Philoptochos. For many years she was a fixture at the yearly Greek Festival and offered coffee and warm greetings to all following Sunday liturgy.

Memorial donations in her name may be made to St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church, 7101 Cipriano Road, Lanham, MD 20706. May her memory be eternal.

MEMORIAL

On September 27, 2020, there was a 13-Year Memorial for Emmanuel Georhristodoulos, the dearly departed husband of Anastasia Georhristodoulos and father of Andrea, Chrysotomos, Aristidi and Yianni. May the Lord God give rest to his soul and health and strength to his family members. May his memory be eternal.

TRISAGION

On Sunday, September 6, 2020, a 28-Year Trisagion was chanted for the soul of Napoleon Moniodis, the dearly departed husband of the late Panagiota Moniodis, father of Paul (Juliana) and Xenofon Moniodis, grandfather of Anna (Jonathan) Ginns, Nicholas & Christina Moniodis and great-grandfather of Arianna, Nastasia, Juliana and Athan.

ARTOCLASIES

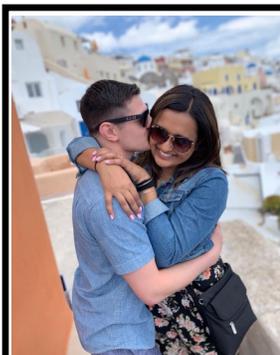
There was an Artoclasia service on September 8, 2020 in celebration of the Nativity of the Theotokos and was offered by the Kapsalis family. We wish them health and all God's blessings.

On Sunday, September 20, 2020, there was an Artoclasia service offered by Vasilios and Sophie Avgerinos in honor of the feast of the Nativity of the Theotokios. We wish the family all of God's blessings for health.

40-DAY BLESSINGS

On Sunday September 20, 2020, after church Antonios and Johanna Koutelis brought their daughter for a 40-day blessing. We wish the family many blessings and we thank them for hosting the out-door coffee hour.

On Wednesday, September 30, 2020, Maria & Banu Sakaria-Kori brought their first child, a boy, for a 40-Day blessing. We wish the family many blessings.



UPCOMING

WEDDINGS 10/10/2020

We are happy to announce that the wedding of Matthew Halkos and Payal Amin will take place on Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 4:00 PM. We wish the bride and groom a beautiful day and a happy and healthy life together. Matt is the son of Timothy and Cheryl Halkos.

We are also happy to announce the wedding of Angeliki Frangos and George Papaspyrou on Saturday, October 10, 2020, at 2:00 PM at Sandy Point State Park. We wish the bride and groom a beautiful day and a happy and healthy life together.



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.

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

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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, 120 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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Aristea E. Burdusi
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Lee & Mary Caprinolo
Nicholas & Dina Chahalish
Michael & Anna Chandler
George & Mary Charuhas
Ariadne Coules
Patrick & Mary Curtis
Spero & Theano Demetrides
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John & Fofa Dimopoulos
Demetri Dimopoulos
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Mariana Kourkoulakos
Maria Koustenis
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Chrisovalantou & Johanna Koutelis
Vasilios Koutelis
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As of **September 28, 2020**, we have a total of 120 stewards who have signed up for their 2020 Stewardship of the Church.

2020 Goal is \$100,000.00
Total pledged to date: \$64,002.00
Total paid to date: \$55,532.00
Balance Due: \$8,470.00

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October/Οκτώβριος 2020

	Monday Δευτέρα	Tuesday Τρίτη	Wednesday Τετάρτη	Thursday Πέμπτη	Friday Παρασκευή	Saturday Σάββατον
				1	2 Greek School online 5:00—8:00 pm	3
4 <i>2nd Sunday of Luke/ 2η Κυριακή Λουκά</i> Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:15 am	5	6 <i>Parish Council Meeting</i> 7PM	7 Bible study online 7pm.	8	9 Greek School online 5:00—8:00 pm	10 <i>Sunday school online</i> 10am
11 <i>7th Ecumenical Council/ 7η ΟΙΚΟΥΜΕΝΙΚΗΣ ΣΥΝΟΔΟΥ</i> Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - Θ. ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am	12	13	14 Bible study online 7pm.	15	16 Greek School online 5:00—8:00 pm	17 <i>Sunday school online</i> 10am
18 <i>Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke /Αγίου Άποστόλου και Εύαγγελιστού Λουκά.</i> Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - Θ. ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am	19	20	21 Bible study online 7pm.	22	23 Greek School online 5:00—8:00 pm	24 <i>Sunday school online</i> 10am
25 <i>6th Sunday of Luke/ 6η Κυριακή Λουκά</i> Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am Doxology for 28th Oct/ ΔΟΞΟΛΟΓΙΑ ΤΗΣ 28 ^{ης} ΟΚΤΩΒΡΙΟΥ OXI Day Celebration	26 <i>Services will be held at St. Demetrios Church in Baltimore, MD</i> Matins & Divine Liturgy/ ΟΡΘΡΟΣ - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 9:00/10:00 am	27	28 OXI DAY Bible study online 7pm.	29	30 Greek School online 5:00—8:00 pm	31 <i>Happy Halloween</i> <i>Please be safe</i> <i>Sunday school online</i> 10am



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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| <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 \$ _____ |

Please check to indicate 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: 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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