

St. Theodore the General

March 2010 Monthly Newsletter



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“Ta Nea” (The News) **at St. Theodore’s**

Feastday Services

Unfortunately because of the snow, we were unable to celebrate our feast day services. However, Metropolitan Evangelos was able to visit us on the Sunday of Orthodoxy.

Feastday Dinner-Dance

We are still in the process of rescheduling our feast day Dinner Dance. We will keep you informed as soon as we are able to secure a date.

Salutations to the Mother of God (Akathist)

We will be having the Salutations (Hairetismoi) to the Theotokos on March 5, 12 & 19 at 7:30 pm.

Philoptochos

The Philoptochos will be hosting the annual Fish Luncheon on Sunday, March 28. They will also be selling Tsourekia for \$10.00. Please fill out the form included in this newsletter for your donation for the Tsourekia and Easter Lilies, as well as, purchasing your tickets for the Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon.

The next Philoptochos meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 14th after the Divine Liturgy.

Graduations

We are pleased to announce the following graduations:

Polymnia Manassis, the daughter of Spyridon & Ourania Manassis graduated from University of Maryland College Park with a degree in Computer Science.

Vicky Villano, daughter of Robert & Christina Villano, graduated from the University of Connecticut with a degree in Art History.

Nicole Presti, daughter of William & Nora Presti, will be graduating from River Hill High School, and will be attending Towson University.

Congratulations and may God bless you all.

Service Books

We have the Akathist Hymn book with accompanying CD available for \$20.00 and the Services for Holy Week and Easter Book for \$25.00. They will be available for purchase in the church narthex.

Washington Metropolitan Area Forty-First Annual Ahepa Awards Scholarship

Local graduating high school seniors who meet the scholarship criteria are invited to submit applications that are evaluated by an independent group of high school teachers, none of whom are affiliated with the Greek community. Each student is ranked according to objective evaluation criteria for academic achievement, extracurricular activities, athletic participation, and a personal written statement. Application deadline is Friday, April 2. If you are interested in applying, contact the church office for an application.

Saint Basil Academy Luncheon

The Holy Metropolis of New Jersey is once again sponsoring a Lenten Luncheon honoring the 65th Anniversary of the ministry performed at our beloved and most vital Saint Basil Academy. The Lenten Luncheon will be held on the Sunday of the Veneration of the Cross, March 7, 2010, at 2:30pm, at the Pines Manor in Edison, New Jersey.

Lenten Retreat

The Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation will be hosting the 16th annual Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 20, 2010. The speaker will be Fr. Theodore Dorrance and there will be a special concert by Eikona, the nationally-renowned Orthodox chanting trio. The Retreat is from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and the concert is 4:00 -5:00 p.m. Registration is \$30 for the retreat and concert which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Registration deadline is March 10. After March 13, registration will be \$35. If attending only the concert, cost is \$15. You can obtain a registration from from the church office.

Stewardship

If you have not already done so, please submit your pledge card indicating your membership amount. Stewardship cards are available in the church narthex. The financial level at which you arrive should be a spiritual expression of gratitude and love to God for all you have received.

Safeway's E-Script Program

This is a *FREE*, *easy* way for you to support St. Theodore's school programs! St. Theodore's member #1036768. Every purchase counts, so sign up today! If you have not already done so, you need to renew your participation for this program every year. Contact the church office 301-552-3540 or email school@sttheodores.org for more information.

Making Arrangements for Sacraments

Please call the Church Office, 301-552-3540 or directly to the parish president, Mr. John Maroulis, 301-464-0925 to schedule Weddings and Baptisms at least 3 months in advance, and for Artoclasies, Trisagia, Memorial Services as well as home blessings at least 2 weeks in advance. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Newsletter Online!

The Saint Theodore Monthly Newsletter is going on-line! Please visit to our website to see it!
<http://sttheodores.org>.

March with us as we
Celebrate Freedom at the 2010

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE



BALTIMORE'S GREEKTOWN

The annual Greek Independence Day Parade will take place in Baltimore on Sunday, March 21st. Beginning at 2:00 pm, the parade route takes place along Eastern Avenue in Baltimore's Greektown. Our Greek School students will be marching as representatives of our church. We hope you plan to attend! Your family will enjoy the wonderful tribute to our heritage, and the Greek School would love to have the support of its community. Come share their pride and joy!

If you have any questions or are in need of a carpool/ride, please contact the church office @ 301-552-3540. We look forward to seeing you!

SUPPORT ST THEODORE – MARCH WITH US IN THE PARADE!

PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR 'BLUE & WHITE' ATTIRE OR ETHNIC COSTUME. CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO REGISTER BY MARCH 14TH.