

# Feast of Saint Theodore

Scripture  
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**November 9, 2008**

## MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY November 8

5:00 PM PHYLLIS BORZIN  
r/o Family

SUNDAY, November 9

8:00 AM JIM BROCIOS  
r/o Family

10:30 AM ANTHONY S. SIRIANNI  
r/o Altar Rosary Society

MONDAY, November 10

8:30 AM ED DELLINGER  
r/o Mark & Kara Dellinger

TUESDAY, November 11

8:30 AM SALLY R. GIORLANDO  
r/o Barbara & Michael Kovacs

WEDNESDAY, November 12

8:30 AM MARGARET SCARPIELLO  
r/o Rose & Karl Strohmaier

THURSDAY, November 13

8:30 AM IN THANKSGIVING FOR CARMELITE  
SISTERS  
r/o Fr. Anthony

FRIDAY, November 14

8:30 AM No Mass

SATURDAY November 15

5:00 PM FRANK BENNETT  
r/o Ann Bennett

SUNDAY, November 16

8:00 AM ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY  
10:30 AM WILLIAM & MICHELINA JULIANO  
r/o Family

Dear Parishioners!

Today we celebrate feast of Saint Theodore of Amasea. Many times we question each other: Who is The Saint Theodore? So, here is the answer.

Surnamed Tyro (Tiro), not because he was a young recruit, but because for a [time](#) he belonged to the Cohors Tyronum, called of Amasea from the place where he suffered martyrdom, and Euchaita from the place, Euchais, to which his body had been carried, and where he was held in such veneration that the city was frequently spoken of as Theodoropolis. His martyrdom seems to have taken place 17 Feb., 306, under the Emperors Galerius Maximian and Maximian, for on this day the Menologies give his feast. The Greeks and Armenians [honor](#) him also on the first Saturday of Lent, while the Roman [Martyrology](#) records him on 9 Nov. In the twelfth century his body was transferred to Brindisi, and he is there honored as patron; his head is enshrined at Gaeta. There are churches bearing his name at Constantinople, Jerusalem, Damascus, and other places of the East. An ancient church of Venice, of which he is titular, is said to have been built by Narses. At the foot of the Palatine in [Rome](#) is a very old church, circular in shape and dedicated to S. Teodoro, whom the Roman people call S. Toto, which was made a [collegiate](#) church by Felix IV. The people showed their confidence in the saint by bringing their sick [children](#) to his temple. His martyrdom is represented in the [choir](#) of the [cathedral](#) of [Chartres](#) by thirty-eight glass paintings of the thirteenth century. He is invoked against storms. Emblems: temple, torch, crocodile, pyre, crown of thorns .

St. Gregory of [Nyssa](#) delivered a panegyric on his feast and gave several data concerning his [life](#) and martyrdom. The oldest text of the "Martyrium S. Theodori Tironis" was published by Delehaye in "Les legendes grecques des saints militaires", p. 227, but it is considered largely interpolated. [St. Theodore](#) is said to have been born in the East (Syria or [Armenia](#) are mentioned by some writers). He enlisted in the army and was sent with his cohort to winter quarters in Pontus. When the edict against the Christians was issued by the emperors, he was brought before the Court at Amasea and asked to offer [sacrifice](#) to the gods. Theodore, however, denied their existence and made a noble profession of his [belief](#) in the Divinity of [Jesus](#) Christ. The judges, pretending pity for his youth, gave him [time](#) for reflection. This he employed in burning the [Temple](#) of Cybele. He was again taken prisoner, and after many cruel torments was burned at the stake.

In Christ,

Fr. Zenek, S.D.S.

### **2008 Bishop's Annual Appeal** *Continuing the Mission of Christ*

We are grateful to every family that has made a gift to this year's Appeal and know that you will remain faithful to your pledge. If you have not yet made your pledge, it is not too late to do so. Every gift, no matter the amount, is important. Please participate as your means allow. Pray for the success of the Appeal, and let us remember God's love for us and the grace and blessings of sharing what we have with others. To date our parish has pledged \$ **5,710**. in pledges/gifts to the 2008 Bishop's Annual Appeal from **45 families**. Our parish has been **assessed \$ 8,700.00** **Short of Goal: \$ 2,990.** It is not too late to make your gift. Please be as generous as you can.

### **Upcoming St. Theodore Calendar:**

#### **~ Nov. 10 St. Theodore Fundraising Committee Sale.**

The Committee will be taking orders for handmade religious bracelets and special awareness bracelets to benefit the Religious Education Program. Orders will be taken from now and until November 10.

#### **~ Nov. 9 – 16. St. Theodore Christmas Giving Tree**

Will be displayed in the Church. Kindly return unwrapped gifts November 22 – November 30. Please return the original ornament attached to the gifts.

**~ Nov. 17 Tricky Tray Fundraiser** baskets due in Parish Center. Tricky Tray on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6pm.

### **Responsibility of Parents and Students of Rel. Ed.**

The teaching of the Catholic Church is very clear regarding our duty to keep holy the Lord's Day. This commandment of the Catholic Church obligates us to attend the celebration of the Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days. Therefore, **it is the requirement of every Catholic, which includes all Religious Education and Catholic school students, to attend Mass every Sunday (or every Saturday Vigil).** Parents of the children of St. Theodore are expected to attend Mass with their children every week.

### **FISH on Friday**

FISH on Friday is a series of teachings and evenings of renewal sponsored by the Steering Committee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Diocese of Metuchen. The next Fish on Friday will be held on Nov. 21. The topic will be "The Passion of St. Paul." At St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway. For more info, call Gerri at 908-735-7804.

### **Mass at Warren Haven**

Tuesday, November 11 at 2:30 PM for a "Personal Intention" by Cathleen & Don DeLorenzo

### **First Friday and First Saturday MASSES**

Mass will be celebrated at St. Theodore every first Friday and first Saturday with an hour of the exposition of the Holy Sacrament immediately following.

### **CHOIR REHEARSALS**

**Senior Choir:** Sundays 9 a.m. Nov. 16, & 30; Dec. 7, 21  
Tuesdays 7 p.m. Nov. 11, 18, & 25; Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23

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**Junior Choir:** Sundays 9 a.m. Nov. 9 & 30; Dec. 14  
Saturdays 4 p.m. Nov. 8; Dec. 13, 20

## **God's Plan for Giving**

November 1 and 2, 2008: \$ 2,675.32

Last Year: \$ 5,358.66

***This Week's Second Collection is for Major Maintenance.***

**May God bless you for your continued support of St. Theodore Parish.**



**Religious Education Student: Print Name above  
November 8/9, 2008**

## **MINISTRIES**

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

- Nov. 8 Carlee Moran, Melody Haag, Sean Flaherty(5pm)  
Nov. 9 Robert & Juliette Capaldo (8 am)  
Gianna Orrechio, Philip Koskoff, Kaitlyn Gagliano  
(10:30am)  
Nov. 15 Evan & Ryan Moran (5pm)  
Nov. 16 Robert & Mackenzie Mason  
Phil Koskoff, Justin Watt, Kaitlyn Gagliano  
(10:30am)

### **LECTORS**

- Nov. 8 Mary Rupell  
Nov. 9 Joan Capaldo(8am)  
Phil Koskoff (10:30am)  
Nov. 15 Christine DeLellis  
Nov. 16 Theresa Lucas(8am)  
Bob Gagliano (10:30am)

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

- Nov. 8 The Bishop & Priests  
Nov. 9 Diane Keggan(E) Nadie Hill(C)  
Monica Merkel (C) (8am)  
Mary Koskoff(C)Joy Haag (C), Jane Labato (E)  
Nov. 15 Ray Vonderheide (E) Ginny Moran(C)  
Tim Moran (C)  
Nov. 16 Bill Supple (E) Emily Cirone (C)  
Monica Merkel (C) (8am)  
Mary Koskoff(C) Patricia Kollar (C)  
Phil Koskoff (E) (10:30am)