



The Rev. Fr. Theodoros Alamanos was born and raised in Toronto, Ontario to Greek immigrant parents, the late Nikolaos and Maria. The youngest of 2 children, he grew up in the Greek Orthodox Communities of Panagia, and later, All Saints. Father is a proud Greek-Canadian who has adopted both cultures in his heart. He served the Church for many years as an altar server, church choir, chanter, Metropolis School of Byzantine Music Choir, and as a Youth Director.

After completing Secondary School, Father enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces and proudly served his country as a Military Policeman. During this time, he completed a Diploma in Law Enforcement as well as a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology/Psychology from York University. Having received an Honourable Discharge from the military, he proceeded to complete a Master of Science in Education at St. Bonaventure University in New York State. Upon graduation, Father went on to have a very successful career as an educator for over 20 years teaching Mathematics, Science, and Physical & Health Education.

In July 1999, Father married his best friend and future Presbytera, Chariklia, at Panagia Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Toronto.

While continuing to teach, Father enrolled in the AHOS and successfully graduated *Summa Cum Laude* with a Graduate Diploma in Applied Orthodox Theology from Balamand University (Patriarchate of Antioch). In 2010, Father was tonsured a Reader and a Subdeacon in the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese (ACROD) by His Eminence, the late Metropolitan Nicholas of Amissos.

Though teaching was very fulfilling, after much prayer and with the blessing of his late spiritual father, Father resigned from teaching and proceeded to serve the poor at an Orthodox inner-city mission as its Director of Community. In September 2013, Father was ordained to the Holy Diaconate and in November 2015, he canonically transferred to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Canada. On November 27th, 2015 Father was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by His Eminence, Archbishop Sotirios of Canada. He temporarily served Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Toronto, and a year later, was appointed Parish Priest (*Ιερατικῶς Προϊστάμενος*) of the Greek Orthodox Community of Holy Cross - St. Nektarios (Barrie).

Wishing to further his theological studies, upon his Ordination to the Priesthood, Father enrolled in our Patriarchal Toronto Orthodox Theological Academy and graduated *Magna Cum Laude* with a Bachelor of Theology Degree from Saint Paul University/University of Ottawa.

In addition to his Parish responsibilities, Father is a former Professor at our Theological Academy; Archdiocese Mission's Director; member of the Archdiocesan Council; and Librarian of Religious Books at our Theological Academy Library.

Fr. Theodoros and Presbytera have a beautiful daughter named Maria, whom they have been homeschooling since 2013. Father is an avid outdoorsman who also enjoys exercising, reading, and spending time with his family.

As local residents since 2011, Father and his family feel very blessed to be able to serve our community.