



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.

In 1985, Fr Theodoros enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces and proudly served his country for 8 years as a Military Police Officer. During this time, Father also completed a Diploma in Law Enforcement as well as earning his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology/Psychology from York University. Having received an Honourable Discharge from the military, he proceeded to complete his Master Degree in Education at St. Bonaventure University. 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.

In 2008, while continuing to teach, Father enrolled in the St. John of Damascus Institute of Theology (Balamand University - Patriarchate of Antioch). In 2011, he successfully graduated *Summa Cum Laude* with a Graduate Diploma in Applied Orthodox Theology. In 2010, Father was tonsured a Reader and a Subdeacon in the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese (ACROD) under the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.

Though teaching was very fulfilling, after much prayer and with the blessing of his late spiritual father, Father resigned from his teaching position and proceeded answer God's call to serve Him, by first serving the poor at an inner-city mission in downtown Toronto 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 (Toronto), and was then appointed Parish Priest (*Ιερατικώς Προϊστάμενος*) of the Greek Orthodox Community of Holy Cross - St. Nektarios (Barrie).

Wishing to further his theological studies, Father enrolled in our Patriarchal Toronto Orthodox Theological Academy and, in 2019, graduated *Magna Cum Laude* with a Bachelor of Theology Degree from the University of Ottawa and Saint Paul University. He additionally received his Degree in Orthodox Theology (*Πτυχίον Ορθόδοξου Θεολογίας*) from our Theological Academy.

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

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

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