

Church Treasurer Sifted Nearly Half a Million From Offerings

A church treasurer stole more than \$400,000 from his congregation, according to several reports.

The Knoxville District Attorney's office convicted Constantine Dimitri Christodoulou for theft of more than \$60,000. Christodoulou received a 10-year sentence, one year in prison and the remainder under probation, as well as paying restitution, for the crime.

Christodoulou pleaded guilty for his crime, and his attorney says, "He's moving heaven and earth to pay it back."

Christodoulou reported to jail on Jan. 22, but still owes more than \$200,000 to Saint George Greek Orthodox Church.

"One of our main concerns as prosecutors is to make sure the victims of crime are made whole again," DA Charme Allen said in a release. "Under the terms of this agreement, we made sure Christodoulou will serve time in custody for his crime and will be supervised upon his release. Most importantly, we have retained jurisdiction over the case to make sure Christodoulou pays his restitution and the church is made whole."