

Archangel Michael Church

Ἡ Εκκλησία του Αρχαγγέλου Μιχαήλ

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Ἦχος γ' / Third Tone ~ Ἐωθινὸν Γ' / 3rd Morning Gospel
February 23rd, 2020 ~ Judgement Sunday/ Meatfare Sunday



Judgement Sunday

This Sunday, the third Sunday of Triodion, we read the story of the Judgement of all the nations in the Gospel of St Matthew. We read this periscope, or selection of the Gospel, after the parables of the Publican and the Pharisee, and the Prodigal Son, to remind us that certain actions are needed for eternal life. In each of the preceding Sundays, we have read of the mercy the Lord will have for all who repent, no matter how they have sinned. However, with this Sunday, the Church reminds us in her wisdom, that we are meant to act out our repentance with concrete steps of righteousness.

The most identifiable acts of righteousness that he is looking for is how we treat the lowly, or the forgotten. Each one of us has it within our power to love in the active sacrificial sense that agape implies. We each can show respect and love to those in our family who we take for granted and so easily mistreat. We each can remember to socialize with those who maybe do not have a group of friends or

any para. We each can, if we have the means, to provide for those without. Whatever it is, the Lord and His Church today remind us to act our Christian calling.

Κυριακή τῆς Ἀπόκρεω

Ἡ τρίτη Κυριακή του Τριωδίου εἶναι αφιερωμένη στο πιο φοβερό γεγονός της ἀνθρώπινης ιστορίας, στη μέλλουσα Κρίση. Ἡ ἐνθύμηση της φοβερῆς μελλούσης Κρίσεως στην ἀρχή του Τριωδίου εἶναι ἀπαραίτητη, διότι ἀπώτερος σκοπός του ὅλου πνευματικοῦ ἀγώνα μας εἶναι να βρεθούμε ἐκ δεξιών του Δεσπότη Χριστοῦ, κατὰ τη μεγάλη Κρίση. Αυτό εἶναι ἀποτυπωμένο κάλλιστα στην υπέροχη ὑμνωδία της ἡμέρας. Οἱ ἅγιοι ὑμνογράφοι συνέθεσαν διδακτικότερα τροπάρια, τα οποία προτρέπουν τους πιστούς να συναισθανθῶν την ἐπερχόμενη βεβαία και φοβερή Κρίση. Σε ἓνα ἀπὸ αὐτά ψάλλουμε: «Τὴν φοβερὰν της κτίσεως, και ἀρρήτου σου δόξης, ἡμέραν ἐνθυμούμενος, φρίττω, Κύριε, ὅπως και τρέμων φόβω κραυγάζω· Ἐπὶ γῆς ὅταν ἔλθῃς, κρίναι, Χριστέ, τα σύμπαντα, ο Θεός μετὰ δόξης, τότε οἰκτρὸν, ἀπὸ πάσης ρύσαι με τιμωρίας, ἐκ δεξιών σου, Δέσποτα, ἀξιώσας με στήναι». (saints.gr)

Daniel the prophet, a man of goodly desires, considered God's authority, and cried out thus and said, "The Judgment Seat was set up and books were opened." Look, my soul, are you fasting? Do not neglect your neighbor! Are you abstaining from food? Do not condemn your brother, lest you be sent to the fire that will burn you up as wax. But unimpeded, let Christ lead you into His kingdom.

(From the Praises of Triodion)

Δανιὴλ ὁ Προφήτης, ἀνὴρ ἐπιθυμιῶν γενόμενος, τὸ ἐξουσιαστικὸν Θεοῦ θεωρήσας, οὕτως ἐβόα: Κριτήριον ἐκάθισε, και βίβλοι ἠνεώχθησαν. Βλέπε, ψυχή μου, νηστεύεις; τὸν πλησίον σου μὴ ἀθέτει. βρωμάτων ἀπέχη; τὸν ἀδελφόν σου μὴ κατακρίνης, μὴ τῷ πυρὶ παραπεμπομένη, κατακαῆς ὡσεὶ κηρός, ἀλλ' ἀνεμποδίστως εἰσάξῃ σε Χριστός, εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν αὐτοῦ.

(Ἀπὸ τα Αἶνοι τοῦ Τριωδίου)

ΣΥΝΑΞΑΡΙΟΝ

Ἡ μνήμη τοῦ Ἁγίου Ἱερομάρτυρος Πολυκάρπου, Ἐπισκόπου Σμύρνης. Τῇ αὐτῇ ἡμέρᾳ, τῆς δευτέρας καὶ ἀδεκάστου Παρουσίας τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ἡμεῖς ποιούμεθα .

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἦχος γ΄

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Τῶν Ταξιαρχῶν

Τῶν οὐρανίων στρατιῶν Ἀρχιστράτηγοι, δυσωποῦμεν ὑμᾶς ἡμεῖς οἱ ἀνάξιοι, ἵνα ταῖς ὑμῶν δεήσεσι, τειχίσητε ἡμᾶς, σκέπη τῶν περυγῶν, τῆς αὐλοῦ ὑμῶν δόξης, φρουροῦντες ἡμᾶς προσπίπτοντας, ἐκτενῶς καὶ βοῶντας· Ἐκ τῶν κινδύνων λυτρώσασθε ἡμᾶς, ὡς Ταξίαρχαι τῶν ἄνω Δυνάμεων.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Αἰκατερίνης Μεγαλομάρτυρος

Τὴν πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστοῦ υμνήσωμεν, Αἰκατερίναν τὴν θεῖαν καὶ πολιοῦχον Σινά, τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν καὶ ἀντίληψιν, ὅτι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς κομπσοὺς τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῆ μαχαίρα, καὶ νῦν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πάσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Κοντάκιον

Ὅταν ἔλθῃς ὁ Θεός, ἐπὶ γῆς μετὰ δόξης, καὶ τρέμωσι τὰ σύμπαντα, ποταμὸς δὲ τοῦ πυρὸς πρὸ τοῦ Βήματος ἔλκη, καὶ βίβλοι ἀνοίγωνται, καὶ τὰ κρυπτὰ δημοσιεύονται, τότε ῥῦσαί με, ἐκ τοῦ πυρὸς τοῦ ἀσβέστου, καὶ ἀξίωσον, ἐκ δεξιῶν σου μὲ στήναι, Κριτὰ δικαιοσύνη.



SYNAXARION

We commemorate the holy Hieromartyr Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna. On this day, we also remember the second and impartial coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Apolytikion Third Mode

Let all things above in heav'n rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet has trampled down death by death, and first born of the dead has He become. From the womb of Hades He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy.

Hymn of the Archangels (4th Mode)

Supreme Commanders of the Hosts of the Heavens, * we, the unworthy, importune and beseech you * that by your supplications ye encircle us * in the shelter of the wings * of your immaterial glory, * guarding us who now fall down * and cry to you with fervor: * Deliver us from dangers of all kinds, * as the Great Marshals of the heavenly hosts on high.

Apolytikion of Great Martyr Catherine

Let us praise the all-lauded and noble bride of Christ, * the godly Catherine, the guardian of Sinai and its defense, * who is also our support and succor and our help; * for with the Holy Spirit's sword * she hath silenced brilliantly the clever among the godless; * and being crowned as a Martyr, she now doth ask great mercy for us all.

Kontakion (1st Mode)

O God, when You come upon the earth in glory, the whole world will tremble. A river of fire will bring all before Your Judgment Seat and the books will be opened, and everything in secret will become public. At that time, deliver me from the fire which never dies, and enable me to stand by Your right hand, O Judge most



**Today's Scripture Readings:
Both for the Judgement Sunday**

Πρὸς Κορινθίους α' 8:8-13, 9:1-2

Ἀδελφοί, βρῶμα ἡμᾶς οὐ παρίστησιν τῷ θεῷ· οὔτε γὰρ ἐὰν φάγωμεν περισσεύομεν, οὔτε ἐὰν μὴ φάγωμεν ὑστερούμεθα. Βλέπετε δὲ μήπως ἡ ἐξουσία ὑμῶν αὕτη πρόσκομμα γένηται τοῖς ἀσθενούσιν. Ἐὰν γὰρ τις ἴδῃ σε τὸν ἔχοντα γνώσιν ἐν εἰδωλείῳ κατακείμενον, οὐχὶ ἡ συνείδησις αὐτοῦ ἀσθενοῦς ὄντος οἰκοδομηθήσεται εἰς τὸ τὰ εἰδωλόθυτα ἐσθίειν; Καὶ ἀπολείται ὁ ἀσθενῶν ἀδελφὸς ἐπὶ τῇ σῆ γνώσει, δι' ὃν Χριστὸς ἀπέθανεν; Οὕτως δὲ ἁμαρτάνοντες εἰς τοὺς ἀδελφούς, καὶ τύπτοντες αὐτῶν τὴν συνείδησιν ἀσθενοῦσαν, εἰς Χριστὸν ἁμαρτάνετε. Διόπερ εἰ βρῶμα σκανδαλίζει τὸν ἀδελφόν μου, οὐ μὴ φάγω κρέα εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα, ἵνα μὴ τὸν ἀδελφόν μου σκανδαλίσω. Οὐκ εἰμι ἀπόστολος; Οὐκ εἰμι ἐλεύθερος; Οὐχὶ Ἰησοῦν Χριστὸν τὸν κύριον ἡμῶν ἐώρακα; Οὐ τὸ ἔργον μου ὑμεῖς ἐστε ἐν κυρίῳ; Εἰ ἄλλοις οὐκ εἰμι ἀπόστολος, ἀλλὰ γε ὑμῖν εἰμι· ἡ γὰρ σφραγὶς τῆς ἐμῆς ἀποστολῆς ὑμεῖς ἐστε ἐν κυρίῳ.

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 25:31-46 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Ὅταν δὲ ἔλθῃ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐν τῇ δόξῃ αὐτοῦ καὶ πάντες οἱ ἅγιοι ἄγγελοι μετ' αὐτοῦ, τότε καθίσει ἐπὶ θρόνου δόξης αὐτοῦ, καὶ συναχθήσεται ἔμπροσθεν αὐτοῦ πάντα τὰ ἔθνη, καὶ ἀφοριεῖ αὐτούς ἀπ' ἀλλήλων ὡσπερ ὁ ποιμὴν ἀφορίζει τὰ πρόβατα ἀπὸ τῶν ἐρίφων, καὶ στήσει τὰ μὲν πρόβατα ἐκ δεξιῶν αὐτοῦ, τὰ δὲ ἐρίφια ἐξ ἐωνύμων. τότε ἐρεῖ ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῖς ἐκ δεξιῶν αὐτοῦ· δεῦτε οἱ εὐλογημένοι τοῦ πατρὸς μου, κληρονομήσατε τὴν ἡτοιμασμένην ὑμῖν βασιλείαν ἀπὸ καταβολῆς κόσμου. ἐπέειπασα γάρ, καὶ ἐδώκατέ μοι φαγεῖν, ἐδίψησα, καὶ ἐποτίσατέ με, ξένος ἦμην, καὶ συνηγάγετέ με, γυμνός, καὶ περιεβάλατέ με, ἠσθένησα, καὶ ἐπεσκέψασθέ με, ἐν φυλακῇ ἦμην, καὶ ἤλθετε πρὸς με. τότε ἀποκριθήσονται αὐτῷ οἱ δίκαιοι λέγοντες· κύριε, πότε σε εἶδομεν πεινῶντα καὶ ἐθρέψαμεν, ἢ διψῶντα καὶ ἐποτίσαμεν; πότε δὲ σε εἶδομεν ξένον καὶ συνηγάγομεν, ἢ γυμνὸν καὶ περιεβάλομεν; πότε δὲ σε εἶδομεν ἀσθενῆ ἢ ἐν φυλακῇ, καὶ ἤλθομεν πρὸς σε; καὶ ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ βασιλεὺς ἐρεῖ αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἐφ' ὅσον ἐποιήσατε ἐνὶ τούτων τῶν ἀδελφῶν μου τῶν ἐλαχίστων, ἐμοὶ ἐποιήσατε. τότε ἐρεῖ καὶ τοῖς ἐξ ἐωνύμων· πορεύεσθε ἀπ' ἐμοῦ οἱ κατηραμένοι εἰς τὸ πῦρ τὸ αἰώνιον τὸ ἡτοιμασμένον τῷ διαβόλῳ καὶ τοῖς ἀγγέλοις αὐτοῦ. ἐπέειπασα γάρ, καὶ οὐκ ἐδώκατέ μοι φαγεῖν, ἐδίψησα, καὶ οὐκ ἐποτίσατέ με, ξένος ἦμην, καὶ οὐ συνηγάγετέ με, γυμνός, καὶ οὐ περιεβάλατέ με, ἀσθενῆς καὶ ἐν φυλακῇ, καὶ οὐκ ἐπεσκέψασθέ με. τότε ἀποκριθήσονται αὐτῷ καὶ αὐτοὶ λέγοντες· κύριε, πότε σε εἶδομεν πεινῶντα ἢ διψῶντα ἢ ξένον ἢ γυμνὸν ἢ ἀσθενῆ ἢ ἐν φυλακῇ, καὶ οὐ διηκονήσαμεν σοι; τότε ἀποκριθήσεται αὐτοῖς λέγων· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἐφ' ὅσον οὐκ ἐποιήσατε ἐνὶ τούτων τῶν ἐλαχίστων, οὐδὲ ἐμοὶ ἐποιήσατε. καὶ ἀπελεύσονται οὗτοι εἰς κόλασιν αἰώνιον, οἱ δὲ δίκαιοι εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον.

The Gospel According to Matthew 25:31-46

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."



By the Grace of God
And in accordance with the Apostolic Tradition
Of the Holy Orthodox Christian Church
The servant of God

Dn. Michael Palamara

Will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood
Through the laying on of hands and invocation of
The Holy Spirit by

**His Eminence
Archbishop Elpidophoros**

Sunday March 22nd, 2020

Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church
100 Fairway Drive, Port Washington, NY 11050
Orthros: 7:45 AM | Divine Liturgy: 9AM

Reception to follow in the church hall generously hosted by
the AMC Parish Council and Philoptochos

Your presence and prayers are humbly requested

Please RSVP to
info@archangelmichaelchurch.org

Great Lent Retreat

"The Need for Mission Outreach in the Orthodox Church"
His Eminence Archbishop Athenagoras of Mexico, Exarch of
Central America, The Islands of the Caribbean,
Columbia and Venezuela
Priests from Columbia and Guatemala



Friday April 3rd

Power Point Photo Presentation of the missionary work in
Central America

Saturday April 4th—9AM-1PM

- 1) "What does it mean to be an Orthodox Christian in America"
by the V. Rev. Timotheos Torres Esquivel
- 2) "The missionary work in Guatemala and the role of the Mayan People"
by Rev. Fr. Evangelos Pata Tutuc

Sunday April 5th

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy Celebrated by His Eminence Metropolitan Athenagoras
All Donations may be made to "Orthodox Mission Mexico" a 501C3 Fedarl Tax Ex-
empt, Non-Profit, Religious Organization
Registration Link—<https://forms.gle/N2QZKcnQmkNggKPX9>

2020 Philoptochos Stewardship

The Philoptochos Stewardship Drive
for 2020 is underway!

Become a member of Philoptochos and join a
90 year old legacy of women who endeavor
to help the needy,
promote philanthropy, preserve Orthodox
Christian values and promote participation in
the Greek Orthodox Community.

A legacy of hope, faith, charity and love. We
invite all women of our church to
experience the joy that can be found in a life
of service to others.

**The tradition continues, become a member
today!**

The Archangel Michael Annual Blood Drive Tuesday, March 17th from 2:30 pm – 8:30 pm

in the Fellowship Hall.

Did you know that 25% of our blood supply
in the Metro NY region comes from other US
blood centers? We import blood because the
region does not donate enough blood to keep
our hospitals going.

This is one of the many reasons we need you!

Please help. Please donate.

For more information
or to schedule an appointment,
call Marina Vlahos at 627-7303.

THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY

is partnering with *The Book Fairies* to **STAMP OUT ILLITERACY**

Did You Know???

80% of pre-schools and after school programs serving children in need do not have a single book for the children they serve

94% of teachers use their own money to provide books & resources for their students

84% of all 4th graders in New York State read below grade level

1 in 4 New Yorkers are functionally illiterate



Donate your new or gently used books:

- Board Books
- Picture Books
- Elementary Chapter Books
- Elementary Non-Fiction
- Young Adult (middle/high school)
- Adult

***Unfortunately we cannot accept: encyclopedias, magazines, prep-books or books with visible damage (e.g., water or mold).*

Bring in your new or gently used books

JANUARY 1, 2020

through

FEBRUARY 28, 2020

Drop the books in the brown boxes outside the church office



PHILOPTOCHOS' AMC COOKING CLUB

DIPLES AND CRETAN XEROTIGANA (Fried honey dough rolls)



Chef: Anna Giouroukakis
Saturday, February 29, 2020, 11am-1pm
AMC Fellowship Hall

ONLY 15 SPOTS

Space is Limited!

RSVP to Vicky
vgiouroukakis@molloy.edu or 917-584-9134

Donation to Philoptochos: \$20

BLOOD DRIVE

Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

2:30pm ~ 8:30pm

100 Fairway Dr, Port Washington

For more information or to sign up, call Marina Vlahos 627-7303



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Greek Independence Day

Parade

SUNDAY MARCH 29th 2020, 1:30pm

CELEBRATING THE 199th ANNIVERSARY OF HELLENIC INDEPENDENCE

5th Avenue
New York City
64th to 78th Street



Organized by the Federation of Hellenic Societies of Greater New York
www.hellenicsocieties.org - 718-204-6500

Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy

Lenten Nights Sponsored by:



Greek School—March 4th

Parish Council—March 11th

Philoptochos—March 18th

Goya—April 1st

Sunday School—April 8th

Pre-Sanctified Begins at 6:30PM, Except for March 4th at 6PM

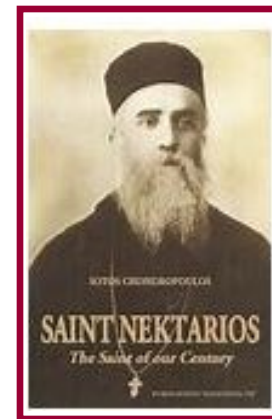
Meal to Follow

AMC Bookstore/Library

Our featured book of the month and for book club is *Saint Nektarios: The Saint of our Century*. An excerpt on pg. 267 reads:

“The faithful individual may be unimportant in this world, he may be ill and tired, he may have suffered tragedy or may be carrying a heavy cross, but his soul, nevertheless, shines for God. How many such people exist and who they are, God only knows. Yet, maybe it is because of their patience, acceptance of God’s will, and undying faith, that this world, with all its sins and offenses to God, still exists.”

The library/bookstore committee will be meeting on Monday February 24th, at 10 am. We will continue to color code the books and organize the library. All are welcome. If you have any questions about the library or bookstore please contact Connie Parsons at 516 551-9223 or Elena Vases at 917 658-0668.



The Archangel Michael Ladies Philoptochos

Together with

THE WOMEN'S INITIATIVE NETWORK

Invite you to

A Riveting Afternoon with the Author

Tasoula Hadjitofi
THE ICON HUNTER



In this gripping memoir, former refugee Hadjitofi reveals the despair of losing not only a nation but also its cultural heritage. While Honorary Consul of Cyprus in the Netherlands, she embarked on a 20 year quest to repatriate stolen artifacts and icons looted from Cypriot churches during the Turkish occupation of Cyprus, exposing the underworld of art traffickers and their impact on the lives of those torn apart by war. As founder of the NGO Walk of Truth, the logical extension of her life's work, Hadjitofi's vision is to engender a global sense of custodianship among ordinary citizens for their historical monuments, and to ensure crimes against heritage are investigated and brought to justice. Proceeds from this book are dedicated to this non-profit which serves as "Worldwide Culture Crime Watchers". Books will be available for purchase.

Sunday, March 8th, 2020
at 4:00pm

Archangel Michael Church Fellowship hall
100 Fairway Drive, Port Washington, NY

This event in FREE OF CHARGE. Please email your rsvp to:
Philoptochos@ArchangelMichaelChurch.org

We would like to invite the community to join us as we host a lecture given by the author **Tasoula Hadjitofi** based on her memoir.

She has been nominated by both Cyprus and Holland for the US State Department International Woman of Courage award. Her story will resonate with all of us and her experience will enrich us.

The Archangel Michael Ladies Philoptochos cordially invites you to
A Riveting Afternoon
with Author **Tasoula Hadjitofi**
The Icon Hunter

Sunday, March 8th, 2020 4:00pm
Archangel Michael Church Fellowship Hall
This event in FREE OF CHARGE,
Reservation Suggested.

Please email us at
Philoptochos@ArchangelMichaelChurch.org

Worship Schedule:

- ~ **Wed., Feb. 26th, Paraklesis to the Theotokos 10:00 am**
(followed by Book Club at 11:00 am)
- ~ **Thurs., Feb. 27th, Small Vespers 7:00 pm**
(followed by Book Club at 7:30 pm)
- ~ **Sat, Feb. 29th, Saturday of Souls:**
Orthros 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Saints of the Week: Today - Feb 23 - **Judgement Sunday; Meatfare Sunday**

- St. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, St. Proterios, Abp. of Alexandria*
- Feb. 24 ~ *First & Second Finding of Head of St. John the Baptist, St. Erasmios of the Kiev Caves*
- Feb. 25 ~ *St. Tarasios, Pat of Constantinople, St. Reginos, Bp. of Skopelos*
- Feb. 26 ~ *St. Porphyrios, Bp. of Gaza, St. Photini the Samaritan & sisters*
- Feb. 27 ~ *St. Prokopios the Confessor, **St. Raphael of Brooklyn** (to the right), & St. Stephen the Monk*
- Feb. 28 ~ *Sts. Basil the Confessor, Kyranna of Thessolonkiki, Jonah the Martyr*
- Feb. 29 ~ *St. John Cassian the Confessor*

FORSYTHIAS!! SPONSORING SPRING PLANTINGS

The Garden Club is planning on adding a row of 60+ forsythias along the fence on the school side of our property from the road to the shed in north east corner. This will be a beautiful addition to the AMC grounds. Forsythias bloom bright yellow in the spring. Imagine how this will make the grounds look for **EASTER!**

To add these plants will require that we clean up the area along the fence, and add 4 yards of black mulch.

To do this work, we are asking the community to sponsor these plants. The cost to do the clean up, plant the forsythias and add the mulch will be **\$65 per plant**. **Please consider sponsoring 1, 2, 5 or as many forsythias as you can!**

We are blessed to have this large property. Lets make it even more beautiful! We are planning on planting the forsythias in March, weather permitting. So please help by sponsoring the plants as soon as possible.

Please make donations to: The Archangel Michael Church, Attention: Garden Club, 100 Fairway Drive, Port Washington, NY 11050, or simply drop off your donation at the church office.

If you would like to become a member of the Garden Club, and help us as we continue the process of beautifying the AMC grounds, please contact Warren Herz at [whertz@gmail.com](mailto:wherz@gmail.com) or 516-238-6789.

Sunday School News:

Sunday School Classes today, February 23rd.

Sunday School is looking for parents who would be interested in helping/assisting with teaching the younger grades, Nursery thru Kindergarten. If you would be willing to help please contact Sara on Sundays at the Sunday school office or at sspan65@yahoo.com



Philoptochos News:

Zumba will be back on Tuesday, February 25th, 9:30 am. Please join us!

Our next Cooking Club event will be on Saturday, February 29th, at 11:00 am, RSVP to Vicky: vgiouroukakis@molloy.edu or 917 584 9134. Donation to Philoptochos \$20.

Our new and gently used book drive will continue through the end of the February.

Thank you to HOPE/JOY who shopped for and filled the backpacks this month for our "Blessings in a Backpack" Program.

Pastoral Visits: If you have a loved one who is home-bound, in a hospital or nursing home, and would like to have Fr. John or Dn. Michael visit and offer Holy Communion, please call the Church office to schedule a Pastoral visit.

House Blessings: If you'd still like to have your home or business blessed, please call the Church office.

40 Day Churching: We welcome for the first time, Katerina, daughter of Nicole & Napoleon Georgatos. God bless!

Upcoming Events:

- ~ Tues., Feb. 25th - The Special Needs Support Ministry will meet at 7:30 pm in the Library.
- ~ Sat., Feb. 29th - Scouting Religious Awards Workshop - 11:30 am - 2:30 pm
- ~ Mon, Mar. 2nd - Clean Monday presentation: "*Confession in a Professional World*" by Dr. Dean Vafiadis
- ~ Sun., Mar. 8th - Bishop Apostolos will do a "Service of Compunction" at 6:00pm for Clergy of N/S & Qns
- ~ Tues., Mar. 17th - The AMC Annual Blood Drive
- ~ Sun., Mar. 22nd - Ordination to the Holy Priesthood of Deacon Michael
- ~ Fri., Mar. 27th - Following the 7pm Salutations, we will have a presentation on the Refugee Crisis in Greece
- ~ Sun., Mar. 29th - Greek Independence Day Parade
- ~ Fri, Sat, Sun, April 3-5 - Missionary Lenten Retreat Weekend (see enclosed flyer)
- ~ Sun., April 5th - Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt - Metropolitan Athenagoras of Mexico will be joining us.
- ~ **SAVE THE DATE - The 40th Anniversary of Archangel Michael Church Dinner Dance!**

Η ΠΑΡΑΒΟΛΗ ΤΩ ΔΟΥΤΕΣ ΥΙΩΝ

The Archangel Michael Church Presents

Καθαρά Δευτέρα/Clean Monday

March 2

Confession in a Professional World!

*A spiritual journey
of a young professional of the Archangel Michael Community!*



**Presented by Dr. Dean Vafiadis
New York Smile Institute of Manhattan**

Great Compline – 7:00PM

Lenten Meal – Served by The Philoptochos Ladies

For further information, please call and RSVP

to the church office at 516-944-3180 or to

The following link <https://forms.gle/tDunr9aGFrDL2XeR6>