



## Archangel Michael Church

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Ύμνος πλ. δ' / Pl. Fourth Mode ~ Ἑωθινὸν Η' / 8th Morning Gospel  
March 29th, 2020 ~ Sunday of St John of the Ladder

### Sunday of St John of the Ladder of Divine Ascent



On the Fourth Sunday of Lent we commemorate the Ladder of Divine Ascent and its author, St John Climacus. The memory of this Saint is celebrated on March 30, where his biography may be found. He is celebrated today because his book, The Ladder of Divine Ascent, is a sure guide to the ascetic life, written by a great man of prayer experienced in all forms of the monastic polity; it teaches the seeker after salvation how to lay a sound foundation for his struggles, how to detect and war against each of the passions, how to avoid the snares laid by the demons, and how to rise from the rudimental virtues to the heights of Godlike love and humility. It is held in such high esteem that it is universally read in its entirety in monasteries during the Great Fast. It takes the image from Jacob's dream where he saw a ladder with angels and people ascending to heaven.

Now, we have a beautiful image of this ladder of virtues which will lead us to heaven. However, it is not as if we need to ascend all the way in order to achieve the salvation God has planned for us. Through Christ, and His salvific work and Grace, as long as we are on the ladder we will be saved. Think of a ladder thrown from a helicopter in a disaster, we must only be on the first rung, trying to ascend. Good Climbing!

#### Άγιος Ιωάννης συγγραφέας της Κλίμακος

Η «Κλίμακα» περιλαμβάνει τριάντα λόγους περί αρετής, όπου ο καθένας λόγος περιλαμβάνει και μια αρετή, ξεκινώντας από τις πιο πρακτικές και ανεβαινοντας σαν σκαλοπάτια κατέληξε στις θεωρητικά υψηλές. Στη πνευματική ζωή έχουμε βαθμίδες χαμηλές και υψηλές, καταστάσεις κατώτερες και ανώτερες. Γι' αυτό και το σύγγραμμα ονομάζεται Κλίμακα των αρετών. Στο έργο του αυτό ο συγγραφέας παρουσιάζει συστηματικά τις ιδέες του για την κοινοβιακή κυρίως, αλλά και για την ερημική ζωή, ταξινομώντας αυτές κατά τρόπο που δείχνει πορεία προς την ηθική τελείωση. Είναι γραμμένο σε κομψή ελληνική γλώσσα, καλοδουλεμένη με χάρη και μελωδικότητα. Έχει διαύγεια, γλαφυρότητα, παραστατικότητα και παρουσιάζει πλούτο εκφράσεως, καλαισθησία και ευγένεια. Στη διακόσμηση του λόγου με εικόνες και παρομοιώσεις ο ιερός συγγραφέας είναι απaráμιλλος. Πάσης φύσεως σχήματα λόγου αναδύονται καθώς και ωραίες και επιτυχημένες προσωποποιήσεις. Από την αρχή της Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής το σύγγραμμά του διαβάζεται σε όλα τα ορθόδοξα μοναστήρια. Επειδή είναι παγκόσμιο κειμήλιο αναλύσεως όλων των παθών και των αρετών, η Εκκλησία τιμά ιδιαίτερα σε αυτή τη πνευματική περίοδο τον συγγραφέα άγιο Ιωάννη της Κλίμακας και το προτείνει για ανάγνωσμα. Η μνήμη του εορτάζεται στις 30 Μαρτίου και την Δ' Κυριακή των Νηστειών της Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής.

Holy father John, most glorious, you shed a well-spring of tears, and your soul thus was purified; you propitiated God by your standing in prayer all night. Thus given wings, you ascended to His love and to His beauty, all blessed as you are; which now you worthily are enjoying endlessly as you rejoice with your fellow athlete-monks, O godly-minded Saint.

(From the Praises of the Triodion)

Πάτερ Ἰωάννη ἔνδοξε, ταῖς τῶν δακρῶν πηγαῖς, τὴν ψυχὴν καθαιρόμενος, καὶ παννύχοις στάσεσι τὸν Θεὸν ἱλασκόμενος, ἀνεπερώθης πρὸς τὴν ἀγάπησιν τὴν τούτου Μάκαρ, καὶ ὠραιότητα, ἧς ἐπαξίως νῦν ἀπολαύεις ἄληκτα, χαρμονικῶς, μετὰ τῶν συνάθλων σου, θεόφρον Ὅσιε.

(Από τα Αἶνοι τοῦ Τριωδίου)

## ΣΥΝΑΞΑΡΙΟΝ

Τῆ αὐτῆ ἡμέρα, Κυριακῆ τετάρτη τῶν Νηστειῶν, μνήμην ποιούμεν τοῦ Ὁσίου Πατρὸς ἡμῶν Ἰωάννου, τοῦ Συγγραφέως τῆς Κλίμακος καὶ μνήμη τῶν Ἁγίων Μαρτύρων, Μάρκου Ἐπισκόπου Ἀρεθουσίων, Κυρίλλου Διακόνου, καὶ ἐτέρων πολλῶν.

### Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἦχος πλ. δ΄

Ταῖς τῶν δακρῦν σου ῥοαῖς, τῆς ἐρήμου τὸ ἄγονον ἐγεώργησας, καὶ τοῖς ἐκ βάθους στεναγμοῖς, εἰς ἑκατὸν τοὺς πόνους ἐκαρποφόρησας, καὶ γέγονας φωστὴρ τῆ οἰκουμένη, λάμπων τοῖς θαύμασιν, Ἰωάννη Πατὴρ ἡμῶν ὅσιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

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### Ἀπολυτίκιον Τῶν Ταξιαρχῶν

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

### Ἀπολυτίκιον Αἰκατερίνης Μεγαλομάρτυρος

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

### Κοντάκιον

Τῆ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, Ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. Ἀλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, Ἴνα κράζω σοι· Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

## SYNTAXARION

Today, the fourth Sunday of Lent, we commemorate our devout Father John, author of The Ladder. We commemorate the holy martyrs Mark, Bishop of Arethusa, Cyril the deacon, and many others.

### Apolytikion Plagal Fourth Mode

From on high did You descend, O merciful Lord, for us did you endure, three days in the tomb, that we may be, released from passions in this world, You who are our resurrection and our life, Glory unto You O Lord.

### Apolytikion of the Devout Saint

With the rivers of your tears, you have made the barren desert fertile. Through sighs of sorrow from deep within you, your labors have borne fruit a hundred-fold. By your miracles you have become a light, shining upon the world. O John, our Holy Father, pray to Christ our God, to save our souls.

### Hymn of the Archangels (4<sup>th</sup> 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 (Pl 4<sup>th</sup> Mode)

O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you Triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, Being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos Inasmuch as you have power unassailable, From all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride .

**Today's Scripture Readings:  
Both for Sunday of St John Climacus (the Ladder)**

**Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 6:13-20**

Ἀδελφοί, τῷ Ἀβραάμ ἐπαγγειλάμενος ὁ θεός, ἐπεὶ καθ' οὐδενὸς εἶχεν μείζονος ὁμόσαι, ὥμοσεν καθ' ἑαυτοῦ, λέγων, Ἡ μὴν εὐλογῶν εὐλογήσω σε, καὶ πληθύνων πληθυνῶ σε. Καὶ οὕτως μακροθυμήσας ἐπέτυχεν τῆς ἐπαγγελίας. Ἄνθρωποι μὲν γὰρ κατὰ τοῦ μείζονος ὀμνύουσιν, καὶ πάσης αὐτοῖς ἀντιλογίας πέρας εἰς βεβαίωσιν ὁ ὄρκος. Ἐν ᾧ περισσώτερον βουλόμενος ὁ θεὸς ἐπιδείξει τοῖς κληρονόμοις τῆς ἐπαγγελίας τὸ ἀμετάθετον τῆς βουλῆς αὐτοῦ, ἐμεσίτευσεν ὄρκῳ, ἵνα διὰ δύο πραγμάτων ἀμεταθέτων, ἐν οἷς ἀδύνατον ψευσασθαι θεόν, ἰσχυρὰν παράκλησιν ἔχωμεν οἱ καταφυγόντες κρατῆσαι τῆς προκειμένης ἐλπίδος· ἦν ὡς ἄγκυραν ἔχωμεν τῆς ψυχῆς ἀσφαλῆ τε καὶ βεβαίαν, καὶ εἰσερχομένην εἰς τὸ ἐσώτερον τοῦ καταπετάσματος· ὅπου πρόδρομος ὑπερῶν εἰσηλθεν Ἰησοῦς, κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ ἀρχιερεὺς γενόμενος εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα.

**St. Paul's First Letter to the Hebrews 6:13-20**

BRETHREN, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

**Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Μάρκον 9:17-31 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα**

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἄνθρωπός τις προσήλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ λέγων, διδάσκαλε, ἤνεγκα τὸν υἱόν μου πρὸς σε, ἔχοντα πνεῦμα ἄλαλον. καὶ ὅπου ἂν αὐτὸν καταλάβῃ, ῥήσσει αὐτόν, καὶ ἀφρίζει καὶ τρίζει τοὺς ὀδόντας αὐτοῦ, καὶ ξηραίνεται· καὶ εἶπον τοῖς μαθηταῖς σου ἵνα αὐτὸ ἐκβάλωσι, καὶ οὐκ ἴσχυσαν. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς αὐτῷ λέγει· ὦ γενεὰ ἄπιστος, ἕως πότε πρὸς ὑμᾶς ἔσομαι; ἕως πότε ἀνέξομαι ὑμῶν; φέρετε αὐτὸν πρὸς με. καὶ ἤνεγκαν αὐτὸν πρὸς αὐτόν. καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὸν εὐθέως τὸ πνεῦμα ἐσπάραξεν αὐτόν, καὶ πεσὼν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἐκυλίετο ἀφρίζων. καὶ ἐπηρώτησε τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ· πόσος χρόνος ἐστὶν ὡς τοῦτο γέγονεν αὐτῷ; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· παιδιόθεν. καὶ πολλάκις αὐτόν καὶ εἰς πῦρ ἔβαλε καὶ εἰς ὕδατα, ἵνα ἀπολέσῃ αὐτόν· ἀλλ' εἴ τι δύνασαι, βοήθησον ἡμῖν σπλαγχνισθεὶς ἐφ' ἡμᾶς. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ τὸ εἰ δύνασαι πιστεῦσαι, πάντα δυνατὰ τῷ πιστεύοντι. καὶ εὐθέως κράζας ὁ πατὴρ τοῦ παιδίου μετὰ δακρύων ἔλεγε· πιστεύω, κύριε· βοήθει μου τῇ ἀπιστίᾳ. ἰδὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι ἐπισυντρέχει ὄχλος, ἐπέτιμησε τῷ πνεύματι τῷ ἀκαθάρτῳ λέγων αὐτῷ· τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἄλαλον καὶ κωφόν, ἐγὼ σοι ἐπιτάσσω, ἐξέλθε ἐξ αὐτοῦ καὶ μηκέτι εἰσέλθῃς εἰς αὐτόν. καὶ κράζαν καὶ πολλὰ σπαράζαν αὐτὸν ἐξῆλθε, καὶ ἐγένετο ὡσεὶ νεκρός, ὥστε πολλοὺς λέγειν ὅτι ἀπέθανεν. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς κρατήσας αὐτόν τῆς χειρὸς ἤγειρεν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀνέστη. Καὶ εἰσελθόντα αὐτόν εἰς οἶκον οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἐπηρώτων αὐτόν κατ' ἰδίαν, ὅτι ἡμεῖς οὐκ ἠδυνήθημεν ἐκβαλεῖν αὐτό. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τοῦτο τὸ γένος ἐν οὐδενὶ δύναται ἐξελθεῖν εἰ μὴ ἐν προσευχῇ καὶ νηστείᾳ. Καὶ ἐκεῖθεν ἐξελθόντες παρεπορεύοντο διὰ τῆς Γαλιλαίας, καὶ οὐκ ἤθελεν ἵνα τις γινῶ· ἐδίδασκε γὰρ τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς ὅτι ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου παραδίδοται εἰς χεῖρας ἀνθρώπων, καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀποκτανθεὶς τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ ἀναστήσεται.

**The Gospel According to Mark 9:17-31**

At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise."



## A JOURNEY OF FAITH PILGRIMAGE TO JORDAN & THE HOLY LAND

Led By Reverend Fr. John Lardas of Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church in Port Washington, NY  
& Reverend Fr. Panteleimon Papadopoulos of the Church of the Holy Resurrection in Brookville, NY  
October 23- November 5, 2020: 14 Days / 12 Nights



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Enjoy a panoramic tour of Amman, the capital of Jordan. Visit Christ's baptismal site on the Jordan River and visit our awe inspiring church and monastery. Enjoy a meeting with H.E. Metropolitan Benedict of Amman (subject to confirmation). Also, visit Mt. Nebo and the town of Madaba and the Greek Orthodox Church there with the ancient Byzantine mosaic of the Holy Land. Visit the Dead Sea. No visit to Jordan would be complete without Petra, one of the great wonders of the world! Enjoy a Jeep safari in Wadi Run and a night at a Bedouin desert camp.

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**CONDITIONS:** Confirmation is subject to receipt of deposit with reservation form no later than June 5, 2020 to guarantee your seat. Deposits received after June 6 and later are subject to a \$50 late booking fee & applicable air surcharges. Final balance due July 16, 2019. **Air taxes / fuel surcharges are not guaranteed unless ticketed. Ticketing must occur for the group at the same time.** A minimum of 30 people required or additional fees will apply. **Cancellation fees:** Once deposit is received, an administration fee of \$200 per person applies in cases of all cancellations. Additional fees for cancellations received between Jul. 23-Sept 3, \$700 per person and between Sept. 4-Oct. 1, 75% of the tour price and between Oct. 2 to day of departure, non-refundable. No refund for no-shows or unused portions of tour. Additional cancellation fees may be imposed by suppliers subject to date of cancellation. Should the group cancel for any reason, including political strife, Cloud Tours reserves the right to charge \$150 per person administration fee. **Travel protection is recommended & must be paid with deposit to waive the pre-existing medical conditions exclusion. Travel protection is nonrefundable. You may request a copy of the Description of Coverage, prior to purchase, which includes the terms, conditions, limitations, and exclusions.** This plan provides insurance coverage for your trip that applies only during the covered trip. You may have coverage from other sources that provides you with similar benefits but may be subject to different restrictions depending upon your other coverages. You may wish to compare the terms of this policy with your existing life, health, home and automobile policies. If you have any questions about your current coverage, call your insurer, insurance agent or broker. The purchase of this plan is not required in order to purchase any other travel product or service offered to you by your travel retailer. Cloud Tours reserves the right to deny service to any person based upon its discretion and/or the particular needs or circumstances of a given group.

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## Worship Schedule:

All Church services will take place with only **the clergy and the chanter in attendance**. You may follow the services through the Church Facebook Live feature on the Archangel Michael Facebook page until a permanent link is established on the church's website. ***In order to stream live on YouTube, we need 1,000 subscribers; please share the following link with your friends and subscribe: <https://bit.ly/3d6THph>*** This site will not be implemented right away. To temporarily view streamed services please use the following link: <https://video.nest.com/live/217KIfB5gF>

~ Mon, Tues, and Thurs, **March 30th, 31st, and April 2nd** - Great Compline 6:30 pm  
~ Wed, **April 1st** - Book Club 11:00 a m (virtual only); Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm  
~ Thurs, **April 2nd** - Book Club 7:30 pm (virtual only) following the 6:30 pm Compline  
~ Fri, **April 3rd** - Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 9:00 am; Salutations to the Theotokos 7:00pm

## Saints of the Week:

**Today, March 29th ~ Sunday of St. John Climacus,**

Sts. Mark, Bishop of Arethusa, Cyril the Deacon  
Mon, Mar 30th ~ Sts. John Climacus, Sosthenes, Apollos,  
Cephas, Casear, & Epaphroditos

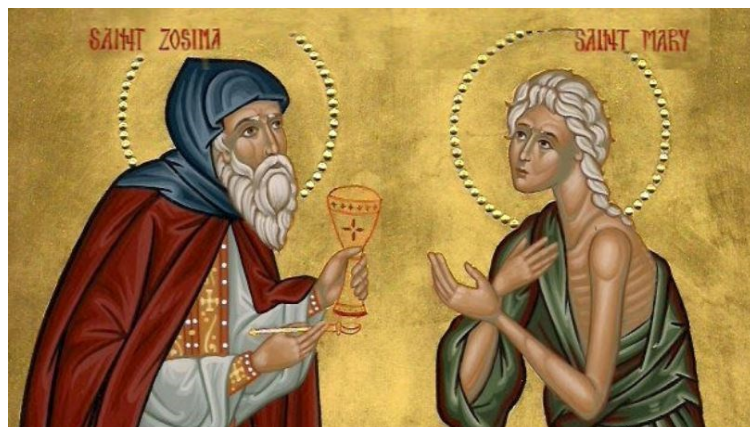
Tues, Mar 31st ~ Sts. Hypatios the Wonderworker,  
& Innocent the Enlightener of Alaska

**Wed, April 1st ~ St. Mary of Egypt (shown to the right),**  
Sts. Gerontios & Vasilides

Thurs, April 2nd ~ Sts. Titus the Wonderworker,  
& Theodora of Palestine

Fri, April 3rd ~ Sts. Nikitas the Confessor  
& Joseph the Hymnographer

Sat, April 4th ~ Sts. George of Maleon & Plato the Studite



**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 Fr. Michael visit and offer Holy Communion, please call the Church office to schedule a Pastoral visit.

## Memorials:

We will have a 3 year Trisagion today for Zafiria Nikolis.

## Philotochos News:

Every spring the AMC Philotochos sponsors our “**Dress for Success**” philanthropy. While you are nesting at home, we hope you will think about supporting our “Dress for Success” drive by starting to clean out your closets with this initiative in mind! More info will be forthcoming.

If you are looking for a good book to read while staying at home, we recommend “**The Icon Hunter**” by Tasoula Hadjitofi. Our “Reading for a Cause” initiative will support *Walk of Truth*, a non-for-profit organization that we became aware of through our recent “Meet the Author” event.

**Please contact us at [philotochos@archangelmichaelchurch.org](mailto:philotochos@archangelmichaelchurch.org) to get your copy of “The Icon Hunter!”**

## Upcoming Events:

~ **SAVE THE DATES: May 7 - 17th ~ 2020 Apostolic Visit to America by Patriarch Bartholemew**

~ **SAVE THE DATES: Pilgrimage to Jordan & The Holy Land - October 23 - November 5th**

~ **SAVE THE DATE - Friday, Nov. 20th - The 40th Anniversary of Archangel Michael Church Dinner Dance!**

*Our Forsythia  
Drive is still underway!  
Please consider donating  
a plant for Easter!*

*Thank you for your support!*

**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 [wrherz@gmail.com](mailto:wrherz@gmail.com) or 516-238-6789.

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