



# The Archangel Michael Church Trumpet

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Friday, September 11th:  
GOYA Registration

Sunday, September 13th:  
Sunday School Registration

Tuesday, September 15th:  
Greek School Begins

Wed/Thur., September 16th, 17th:  
Bible Study Begins

Sunday, September 20th:  
Sunday School Begins

Wed/Thur., October 7th, 8th:  
Book Club Begins

October General Assembly  
Date TBA

Thursday, October 22nd  
Watsonian Golf Outing

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*The Ordination of Fr. Michael Palamara  
to the Holy Priesthood  
by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros on March 22, 2020  
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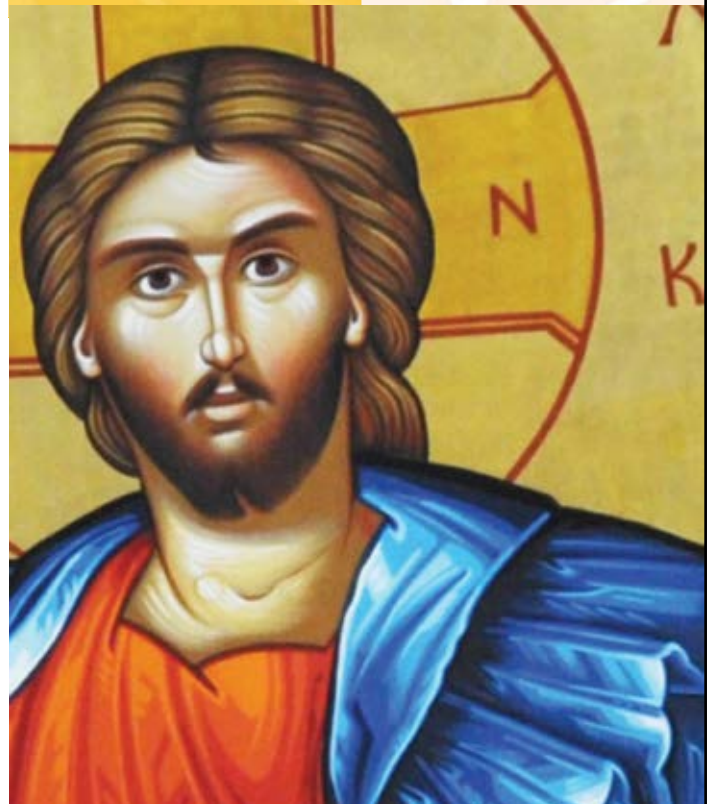
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The Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church is dedicated to the continuation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ's ministry of salvation through the proclamation and teaching of the Gospel. We are a community of individuals and families who share the traditions and ageless beliefs of our Holy Orthodox Christian Faith.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Our vision is to provide a loving, caring and welcoming environment where all belong and grow in the faith through worship, service, witness and fellowship.

## VISION STATEMENT



The Trumpet welcomes news and events from our  
community and organizations.

Please submit information as follows:

Articles: trumpet@archangelmichaelchurch.org

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## Sept/Oct Sunday Worship Schedule

Orthros: 7:15am; Divine Liturgies: 8:45am & 10:30am

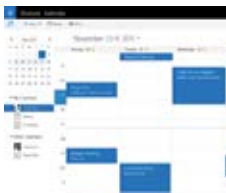
## A Year In The Grace of the Lord



Google Calendar

On a daily basis, we are trained to organize our lives with our calendar. The other day, as part of a sermon, during the Divine Liturgy, I asked the congregation, if anyone would like to share their calendar appointments with the parishioners. One person had a very important interview scheduled for Monday. Another person had indicated their departure date for Greece. One young man, entered a date he had with his girlfriend.

The church presents a very deliberate and organized calendar of feast days that commemorate saving moments of the Lord Jesus Christ; days that are dedicated to the life of the Virgin Mary, which are connected to salvation and to the lives of the saints. With each day of the month, there are always assigned scriptural readings and days that are denoted as “fast days” or “fast free days”. The pressure of society has trained humankind to have their calendars centered on social, political and historical events.



The perspective of the church is to see the calendar as the potential to encounter saving events.

Every year, the church calendar is distributed to the parishioners of the church. Marked on that calendar are the scriptural lessons for the day; to what the day is dedicated (an event in the life of Jesus, Mary or the saints.)



The calendar of salvation is also available by phone. The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Website offers the Daily Reading App.

In our calendars, did we input the start of Orthros and the Divine Liturgy? In our calendars, is it marked that Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> is the Exaltation of the Life Giving Cross? Are Wednesdays and Fridays in blue on our calendar, as fast days for our salvation?

One of the reasons that the events of salvation are not top-of-mind on our calendars is that they have become unimportant or irrelevant. Not that this is intentional. In a

world of survival, just keeping one’s head above water consumes the energy of most people.

How may salvation once again become relevant? Having an understanding of what salvation is, and why it is so vital to a Christian way of life, may help to see its relevance once again in our personal lives. When Joseph was bothered by the pregnancy of Mary, the Archangel Gabriel appeared to him and said, “and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:21)

During this pandemic of Covid-19, approximately ten percent of the population has been infected with the virus. For many, it is hard to grasp its effects. As a result, to live a disciplined life to help mitigate the pandemic’s spread is challenging. Sin on the other hand has infected every living person on the earth. For a certain percentage infected by the virus, tragic loss of life has occurred. For all infected with sin, the result is life that returns to the earth from which it came. This seems so depressing. It is, without Christ. With Christ, the curse has been redeemed. Through the virginal incarnation and birth from the sweet mother of God, the Virgin Mary, and through the saving passion of her Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, through the cross and the resurrection, we now have access to that great grace, which covered Adam and Eve in paradise.

We live by obedience to our calendar. Are we willing to include God in the calendar of our heart and live by obedience to God?

Caleb, in the Old Testament, was asked by Moses to go spy out the land of Canaan, with leaders of each tribe. Upon returning and giving their report and how good the land was, all the spies except for Caleb instilled fear in Israel telling them the strength and size of the people in these lands. Only Caleb silenced Israel and with his confidence in God, told Moses and Israel that they should take possession of the land immediately. Caleb remained obedient to the command of God. God, speaking to Moses, blessed Caleb and said the following. “Now my servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and followed Me fully, I will bring him into the land where he went.” (Numbers 14:24) No one of Moses’ generation entered the Promised Land except for Joshua and Caleb.

May the joy of Christ’s salvation inspire the rhythm of our hearts and minds to build an obedience to the calendar of salvation and include in our Google Calendar, or our Microsoft Office Calendar important appointments as to when we should pray, read the holy scriptures, fast and attend the beautiful and awe inspiring Divine Liturgies.

In Christ,  
Fr. John K. Lardas

## “This is My Blood of the New Covenant”

Covenant is not a word that is commonly used in our language today. We perhaps hear it in Church, but, without really giving it thought, we do not dive deep into the meaning. A Covenant, or διαθήκη (diatheke), means an agreement, wherein there are two parties who agree to certain stipulations. Within our context, God makes certain promises, which are partly conditional on our compliance to our end of the agreement. Of course, a covenant like a contract must be sealed either by a handshake, a signature, or in severe cases of blood oaths, blood. The covenant remains in place indefinitely, unless it is abridged by a subsequent contract or a dissolution. In our case, we have received two covenants from the Lord: The Old Covenant and the New Covenant. (The New and Old Testaments really should be called New and Old Covenants in the Bible.) So let us examine together what these Covenants are and how we can comply with the New Covenant.

The Old Covenant was originally established with the righteous Abraham in the book of Genesis and developed throughout the generations all the way to Moses. The promise from the Lord was that Abraham would have numberless offspring and this great people, who descended from him, would inherit the Promised Land, present day Israel and Palestine. The other party, Abraham and his offspring, would need to abide by a certain law which is enumerated in the Pentateuch. The Pentateuch, or the Torah, make up the first five books of the Bible, which the great Moses eventually wrote down with the Lord’s inspiration. The most summarized version is found encapsulated in the Ten Commandments that we may still be familiar with.

In order to seal this promise, or covenant, the Jewish people needed to engage in many religious practices, which largely consisted of animal sacrifice. It was not uncommon in ancient times for religions to practice animal sacrifice and in fact, it was even logical. If a people wanted to inherit some sort of promise of afterlife, they needed to somehow give life, which was best exemplified in blood.

Therefore, the giving of life through blood could actually secure deliverance from death. The par excellence example of the sealing with blood of the Old Covenant was the Passover. This was during the tenth plague that Moses called God to send upon the Egyptians, the death of every first-born son. The Jews, then enslaved, were instructed to smear lamb’s blood on their doorways and death would pass over their house. After this deliverance from death and the Exodus, the Jews inherited the land of Canaan (Palestine) and their promise most came into fruition under the regencies of David and Solomon.

Now let’s move on to the New Covenant. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, gave a new promise for His people, the Church. This was the promise of remission of sins to enter

the heavenly Promised Land of eternal life. Our end of the bargain is all that is written in the New Covenant “Testament” (which we really must know), which is most aptly summarized by the Lord with “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength, and your neighbor as yourself.” This will give us the Lord’s mercy and eternal paradise in Heaven. But how is it sealed?

We have a new Passover (in Greek “Pascha”) from the Lord’s Passion/Resurrection. He has shed his blood and He gives it to us every liturgy in the form of communion. He tells us

to “take eat” and “Drink of it all of you, this is my Blood of the New Covenant.” Rather than mark our doors with lamb’s blood, we mark the door to our heart and soul with the Lamb of God’s blood by receiving. All animal sacrifice is abrogated. This validates and puts in place the New Covenant, but without the receiving of Him, we have no part in the promise. With fear, faith, and love, let us live according to the New Covenant, and receive the Blood of the New Covenant, which grants the remission of sins and life eternal.



## WORSHIP SERVICES AND SACRAMENTS

Worship Services: Orthros 8:30am & Divine Liturgy 9:30am, unless otherwise indicated.

### September

- Tue. 1** The New Ecclesiastical Year
- Tue. 8** The Birth of the Theotokos
- Fri. 11** Feast of St. Theodora of Alexandria
- Sun. 13** Great Vespers of the Precious Cross  
(Holy Cross Whitestone or Bay Ridge) 7pm
- Mon. 14** Feast of the Holy Cross
- Thur. 17** Feast of St. Sophia and Her Three Daughters
- Sat. 19** Challenge Divine Liturgy 10:30am  
(Orthros 9:30am)
- Wed. 23** The Conception of St. John the Baptist
- Sat. 26** The Translation of St. John the Theologian

### Sacraments

- Sat., Sept. 5th** 11:00 am, Baptism: Child of Angelo & Katie Mouselimis
- Sun., Sept. 6th** 1:00 pm, Baptism: Child of Erica & George Rodriguez  
  
3:00 pm, Baptism: Child of Michelle Barbuto & Philip McCahill
- Sat., Sept. 12th** 10:30am, Baptism: Child of Dimitra & Nicholas Pippis  
  
12:30pm, Baptism: Child of Alexandra & Demetrios Haralampoudis
- Sun., Sept. 13th** 2:00pm, Baptism: Child of Angelo & Maria Maragos
- Sat., Sept. 19th** 1:00 pm, Baptism: Child of Maria & Ted Vlachos  
  
4:00 pm, Wedding of Niko Koutsogiannis & Faedra Bolas
- Sun., Sept 20th** 1:00 pm, Baptism: Child of Sofia & Joseph Powell  
  
3:00 pm, Baptism: Child of Michael & Kristina Dimaiuta
- Sat., Sept. 26th** 2:00pm, Baptism: Child of Nikole & Steve Koutsoyiannis

### October

- Thur. 1** The Protection of the Theotokos
- Sat. 3** The Feast of St. Dionysios the Aeropagite
- Sat. 17** Challenge Liturgy  
(Orthros 9:30am, Liturgy 10:30am)
- Tue. 20** St. Gerasimos
- Fri. 23** The Divine Liturgy of St. James
- Sun. 25** Great Vespers of St. Demetrios (Merrick Long Island, Jamaica & Astoria) 7:00pm
- Mon. 26** Feast of St. Demetrios
- Fri. 31** Great Vespers of Cosmas and Damianos  
(Washington Heights or Chapel of St. Nicholas Flushing) 7:00pm

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- Sun., Sept. 27th:** 1:00pm, Baptism: Child of Artemis & Luca Di Ciero  
  
4:00pm, Wedding of David Zawarson & Panagiota Kanakaki
  - Sat., Oct. 3rd:** 12:00 noon, Baptism: Child of Joy & Daniel Altrui
  - Sun., Oct. 4th** 2:00pm, Baptism: Child of Martha & Peter Pavlakos
  - Mon, Oct 12th** 3:00pm, Wedding of Sotirios Karanikas & Maryann Vlahos
  - Sun., Oct. 18th** 1:00 pm, Wedding of Grigorios Psomas & Sophia Kamvisios
  - Sat., Oct. 24th** 4:00 pm, Baptism: Child of Nickolas & Elizabeth Batis

### SUNDAY SERVICES

Beginning in September there will be  
two Divine Liturgies

Orthros: 7:15am

1st Divine Liturgy & All Sunday School Classes: 8:45am

2nd Divine Liturgy: 10:30am and includes  
all Mnimosina, Artoklasia, 40 Day Blessings

## MESSAGE FROM PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT NICHOLAS PAPAIN

COVID--19 has made this a very challenging and difficult time for many, including members of the Archangel Michael Church. Lives have been lost. Businesses shut down. Some ruined. Others have lost their jobs or seen their earnings cut back. To top it off, we don't live in the most harmonious of times. If you're looking for some solace try 100 Fairway Drive.

Upon entering the sanctuary of our Faith, I see the better side of many (including myself) as we are all human. Being in church often causes our focus to change, in a good way; from the everyday stresses we may experience to a Faith that seeks to bring out the goodness in all of us; a Faith that has been a constant for more than 2,000 years.

That brings me to the major point of this article - the goodness and giving that I have seen in so many at AMC over the last six months.

The Pandemic and the resulting Government ban on all religious gatherings came as Holy Week was approaching. AMC'S doors remained closed to parishioners through Pascha and beyond. Notwithstanding, all Liturgies were still conducted in beautiful fashion by Fr. John and Fr. Michael.

Chanter Petros Malliaris, and his two sons, Anastasi and Vasili, worked tirelessly; chanting at all the Liturgies while also assisting in the Altar.

All of the Holy Week Services were brought into our homes through livestreaming, thanks to the efforts of Joe Isaakides, who was there every night filming the services. Behind the scenes were Chris Neocleous, Michael Psyllos and George Mousouroulis who updated our technology to ensure everything went smoothly.

Through their work, we have been able to offer our community a very valuable service we did not have before - live streaming and recording of every church liturgy, which continues to this day; a service very much appreciated by those unable to attend in person.

The church has taken a significant hit, financially, because of this Pandemic, especially during Holy Week, and with the cancellation of this year's Festival. Treasurers, Nicholas Tzoumas, Michael Cavounis and Chris Neocleous have worked hard to mitigate these losses, by providing for online purchasing of candles and for other online donations. To make an online gift, please visit <https://archangelmichaelchurch.org/make--a--gift/>.

Our treasurers, along with Catherine Papagiannakis, also worked to secure a \$103,000 loan from ALMA Bank through the Federal Paycheck Protection Program; a loan that we expect will be forgiven, in full!

During the lockdown, schools were closed. Greek language institutions in the area were forced to shut down completely...except for the AMC Greek Language Institute. Through the leadership of Vicky Giouroukakis and her Greek School Committee, they quickly and effectively instituted an online program of virtual classroom instruction, allowing our students not to miss a single class!

During the lockdown, Sunday School Director Sara Sava, along with Fr. John and Fr. Michael, provided weekly online lessons to students. Fr. John and Fr. Michael also conducted virtual Bible Study and Book Club meetings, and open conversations with GOYA members, all through Zoom; helping, once again, to keep our parishioners connected.

Thanks to the efforts of John Koumpourlis, various church organizations have been able to hold virtual meetings through Zoom. It was John who put together our first virtual General Assembly Meeting, earlier this summer.

GOYA Advisors, Demetra Tsismenakis and Niki Lolis have made sure our GOYA members remain connected through various events. Perhaps the most important being that which no other school could provide. With Presbytera Eleni's leadership, and the hard work of Demetra and Niki, 40 of our high school seniors were honored at a graduation ceremony held inside the church with proud family members in attendance. The Guest Speaker was Nassau County District Attorney Madeline Singas whose two children were among the proud graduates in attendance. Her speech was a truly inspiring one. Each graduate's achievements and the college they will be attending were announced as they came up to receive a gift from Father John. Even with masks on, their smiles shined through as they approached. It was a memorable graduation ceremony greatly appreciated by all!

Our priests, in collaboration with the parish council, never stopped working and thinking of ways for parishioners to reconnect with the church they love. In May, parishioners were allowed to enter the church to receive Holy Communion. It was a small but important first step.

On May 31st, the church conducted two Drive--In Outdoor Liturgies from the Church Plaza. Some 80 parishioners dutifully watched the services live from inside their vehicles. All who attended were very thankful and complimentary of the accommodations made. The following Sunday was Pentecost and the Liturgy was once again conducted outside on the Church Plaza, before more than 100 parishioners seated in chairs in front of and around the Plaza. The weather was perfect for all three Outdoor Liturgies. They were such a success that many, who were present, have suggested we hold an Outdoor Liturgy every year!

Since mid--June, parishioners have been able to attend services inside the church. Perhaps most telling has been the attendance during these summer months - averaging over 125 each Sunday. It soon became clear that parishioners were anxious to come back. On August 15th, for the celebration of the Dormition of the Theotokos, we had over 265 parishioners in attendance, with Fr. Michael conducting a Liturgy inside the Gym at the same time that Fr. John was performing the Liturgy inside the church.

While all members of the parish council have helped to ensure that everyone who attended a Liturgy was properly and safely accommodated, none have done more than Gus Rogdakis who has been there for every Liturgy, often being the first to arrive and the last to leave.

Peter Stavrinis, Eleni Germanakos and Helen Maropakis all worked hard to put together a successful Panageri, which was held inside the Fellowship Hall and outside, and appreciated by all.

Diana Gardianos and Philoptochos have also been there for the church during these trying times; hosting the outdoor coffee hour; the baptism reception for Fr. Michael's daughter, Melania; and the reception for the Ordination to the Diaconate of Fr. John's Godson, Thomas Manuel, by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros.

And congratulations to our Fr. Michael on his Ordination to the Holy Priesthood by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, on March 22nd! It was a beautiful ceremony. Axios! Our community is blessed to have you.

Also, the efforts of office staff members, Christine Zeiner and Dora Gouramanis have helped keep parishioners abreast of all events and developments throughout this Pandemic, in addition to performing their everyday duties.

Barbara Mavro, Stelios Diakoumakis, Demetrios Ziozis, Fiffy Eliades, James Gianakis, Demetrios Frangiskatos, Nick Kokinakis, Harry Lascarides, Oscar Michelen, Mark Pappas, Spiro Maliagros and Andreas Tsalikis have also been there for Sunday Services, since our first Outdoor Liturgy, to welcome parishioners back to their church. Barbara is, of course, also responsible for putting together this wonderful online edition of the Trumpet!

All of these Liturgies and events have required a lot of preparation each and every week. No one has been more instrumental in making sure everything went according to plan than Chris Neocleous, John Koumpourlis and Eleni Germanakos.

Finally, and most importantly, thank you, Fr. John, for your love of our community and all who are a part of it. Your spiritual leadership and never ending work has led us back from the dark months of spring to the light that once again shines through at 100 Fairway Drive.





*On Sunday, March 22, 2020, Fr. Michael Palamara was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros. Below is the text of Fr. Michael's address on that blessed day.*

Your Eminence, my family, and all those viewing this online, thank you for being here with us today. On this, the 3rd Sunday of Lent, we remember and venerate the precious and life-giving cross. Scandal to the Jews and foolishness to the Greeks, we preach Christ crucified. It is a paradox of course, but transformation is the way of the Lord. The first shall be last and the last shall be first. The glorious on Earth are brought low and the humble exalted. The cross was the instrument of death. A symbol by which the Roman empire, one of the most dominating worldly powers to ever exist, was able to oppress all peoples. It was a symbol of intimidation, destruction, and death. Yet, for us Christians, the Cross has been transformed into the wisdom and power of God. For the Lord by means of the cross abolished death.

These are interesting times, as we are faced with our invisible enemy that threatens to kill our bodies. And it may be that we do not understand their spiritual significance for years to come. This Lent has left us feeling like the Psalmist, we are by the waters of Babylon, away from Jerusalem, now weeping. But my brothers and sisters, Lent is supposed to feel like we are in exile. It is in Lent that our soul becomes deeply aware of our distance from God, and we long to return to him through our repentance.

And here is our chance. God has given us an opportunity to tirelessly praise him within our own monastic cell- our home. Let us transform our physical isolation. Bless your house, read the Psalms, do your koumbouskini, enjoy your family. Take this opportunity to attend to the vigil lamp in your home. And more importantly, as St Nikolai says, the vigil lamp in your heart.

We have taken great precautions and drastically altered our lives to stop this invisible enemy, which only threatens our bodies. What have we to fear, as Christ has trampled death by death. Imagine if we put this same energy and vigilance to fighting that which threatens to kill the body and soul, faithlessness and complacency.

This is not a time for despair. This is a time for self-examination. For repentance. For unceasing glory to God and pleas of intercession to his saints. Let us give thanks to the Lord and everywhere it is due. Know that it is only temporary and you will once again be reunited with your beloved, the Lord.

To those of you watching today who would have liked to be here, especially my family members who were planning to cross the country and my large extended family and loved ones who could not come today because of our restrictions, follow St Paul's directive: be of good cheer, give thanks in all things, and pray without ceasing. Please especially, I ask you to pray for myself, my family and all the clergy that, with broken hearts, continue to serve without a flock.

And to my new family here at Archangel Michael, it pains me that we cannot be together physically today, but the Lord knows no bounds and the Holy Spirit is everywhere present. I know and feel your prayers and we will be reunited soon. I long to serve you following the lead of my guide and mentor, Father John. I feel as though I am the apple of the Lord's eye and it is baffling why he has blessed me so abundantly to join this community. I do not understand the Lord's mysterious ways but by his grace, I will offer my life as a living sacrifice on behalf of you all. Let us pray that, God willing, the Archangel will sheath his sword by the intercession of the All-Holy Mother and this plague will soon pass.

Πάτερ και Σεβασμιότατε, Θέλω να σας ευχαριστήσω, για την Ιερατική σας στήριξη και την πατρική σας αγάπη προς το πρόσωπο μου. Ήρθατε στη μεγάλη αυτή χώρα, πριν περίπου ένα χρόνο, γεμάτος ζήλο, ενέργεια και δώσατε ελπίδα και



προσδοκίες, στην εκκλησία της Αμερικής και σε μένα προσωπικά. Η ακούραστη θέλησή σας, για δημιουργικότητα μου δίνει έμπνευση και κουράγιο, να εκτελώ πίστα το καθήκον μου. Αισθάνομαι απίστευτα τυχερός που με θεωρήσατε άξιο και ικανό να αναλάβω τα ιερατικά μου καθήκοντα.

Your Eminence I thank you also for being here today to ordain me. I will attempt to clothe myself with righteousness and guard this sacred trust until the second coming. And now, I must add another major item for which to thank you: maintaining the divine services, which is an essential function. I thank you for preserving and for prioritizing them, for ensuring the liturgy goes on. It is your example as an archpriest, dutifully continuing the bloodless sacrifice, that reveals the role of the priests. We heard in the Epistle today, the priest is appointed among men to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sin.

The priesthood is a lofty office that the Lord has elevated from the latter times. King Hezekiah called together the priests, after the heresy of Ahaz to cleanse themselves and the city and therefore save the kingdom. Eli the high priest spoke to the righteous Hannah that she would bear a son and the Lord made it so, despite his unworthiness. And perhaps most appropriate for today, Moses sent Aaron the priest to burn incense and atone, and immediately the plague that God had sent on the sinful people ceased. The priest is the ambassador of the people to God and the ambassador of God to His people.

The presbyter, like the bishop, must be blameless, a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict. St Nektarios says the priest is there to lend his hand to Christ our high priest. St John Chrysostom says the priest has the authority to literally call down, by his words, the Holy Spirit on the bloodless sacrifice at the altar, to transform it into the living body and blood of Christ. St Gregory says the priest has the commission to govern souls. He has the power to loose sins. He has the power to bless. He has the power, through Christ, to save. Who is worthy of such a call when all the fathers fled from such a lofty office with so much responsibility. How shall I enter into the splendor of the saints?

I myself have been most unworthy in every way of the divine office of a priest. I come in the wake of a great cloud of witnesses of whom only a small portion are here today, who have acted as spiritual guides, fathers and mothers. I especially want to thank my Yiayia, Father Paul, and my parents for your instruction in the ways of the Lord. Again and countless times I have squandered my gifts and opportunities. I have the pride of the pharisee and the sinfulness of the publican. I have the selfishness of the prodigal and the stubbornness and envy of the older brother. I have the misplaced zeal of Saul and the anxiety of Martha. I have the greed of Judas and the temper of Peter. I have become a symbol of despondency, pharisaical hypocrisy, and thoughtlessness, but the Lord puts his treasure in earthen vessels. He receives the harlot, the publican, and the prodigal and I pray He accepts me, His wasteful, spoiled, and wretched servant. Like He did with the Cross, the Lord has chosen to transform me into an instrument of his salvific work. What can I render under to the Lord for all that He has given unto me? As a reasonable service, I offer myself. As a living sacrifice, I offer my life. The fact that today we venerate what was a symbol of death, gives me the confidence to know that His Grace overcomes sin. His power is made perfect in weakness.

To my girls Genevieve Faith, Seraphima Hope, and Melania Love, my alarm clocks, thank you for helping me put others' needs ahead of my own from the minute you wake me up. I love you and forgive me from now if my extended fatherhood ever makes you feel deprived of my attention. Know that you are and always will be my greatest joy.

And continuing in the same vein with all these paradoxes that the church gives us: the cross a symbol of life, God becoming man, myself becoming a priest, one still baffles me to this day. The Lord gave me such a beautiful faithful woman as Hannah to become one with. You round my sharpened corners, warm my cold heart, add compassion to my zeal, and give me purpose in my despondency. You impress me every day and I feel as though I get to witness a true Christian model. I drink from your wells and you give me life, you are my Zoodoghos Peghe. I love you and please forgive my unworthiness that you get front row access to and bear the brunt of. I am so deeply aware of God's abundant mercy because of the blessed life, a wretch like me has been given, with my family, this Church, my children, and most especially you Hannah. Made bold by His measureless compassion I will step forward today to have hands laid upon me to lift me most high.

It is time for the Lord to act. May you all forgive my numerous and obvious iniquities and I pray the Lord's work be done in me. Into your hands oh Lord I commit my spirit.

**STEWARDSHIP**

As it currently stands, the pandemic of COVID-19 is abating in the State of New York. We hope and pray that you and your family are well. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted many members of the Archangel Michael community, as well as the church itself. For almost three months, the church was mandated to hold all services without any parishioners in attendance. Our major AMC fundraising events, the 2020 Greek Festival on the Harbor has been cancelled and the Name Day Dinner-Dance Gala has been rescheduled to March 5, 2021.

We are humbly asking for your help and support.

Stewardship is a way to express our thankfulness, to give of ourselves and to grow in grace. It is an opportunity to participate in the work of God. This work done in the name of God, bearing its fruit in the world is the visible result of our abiding love and respect in Christ, the True Vine.

We ask of you to offer your prayerful thanks and to please continue in the fulfillment of your commitment to Christ’s Church in thanksgiving for His many blessings to you.

We understand these are difficult times and ask that you only do what circumstances allow, given your family’s current situation. The community is always here to help one another and we in turn are humbly asking for your help.

May you and your family continue to be blessed by the Panagia.

**PHILOPTOCHOS**



On March 8th, the Archangel Michael Ladies Philoptochos together with The Women’s Initiative Network hosted an afternoon with Tasoula Hadjitofi the author of *The Icon Hunter*. Her gripping memoir reveals the despair of not only losing her home and 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, Hadjitofi’s vision is to engender a global sense of custodianship for historical monuments, and to insure crimes against heritage are investigated and brought to justice. After her presentation, Ms. Hadjitofi graciously signed her book for those present. Philoptochos continues to offer *The Icon Hunter* book for sale and all proceeds from this book are dedicated to this non-profit which serves as “Worldwide Culture Crime Watchers”.



As part of our Philoptochos Literacy Initiative we partnered with the Book Fairies and began a collection of books for children and adults to be distributed to Long Island communities in need. It is alarming to realize that 80% of pre-school and after school programs serving children in need do not have a single book, 94% of teachers use their own money to provide books for their students and 64% of all 4th graders read below grade level. Through the generosity of our community we collected books during the months of January, February and March. Our Philoptochos was able to provide 1300 books to children and adults in underprivileged areas.



As the Coronavirus became a pandemic and we all sheltered in place it became apparent that our Philoptochos needed to reach out to our community in a different manner. Continuing our initiative to Feed the Hungry, we began delivering lunches to the staff at St. Francis Hospital. Throughout the Months of April, May and June we delivered over 250 meals to the heroes on the front lines of the hospital, working in the COVID units.

Our local food pantries were in need of staples and we reached out to our AMC community for a Food Pantry Drive. Throughout the months of April, May and June we have delivered approximately 1000 meals to the local food pantries. The need did not diminish and so we continued this drive during the summer months.



Finally, our Philoptochos partnered with the AMC Preschool to show our gratitude to the healthcare personnel at the local community hospitals by writing Thank You notes. A child's simple and beautiful note is the most powerful way to acknowledge another person's value and humanity. These beautiful notes were greatly appreciated by their recipients at the hospitals.



Additionally, we started our very own Archangel Michael Ladies Philoptochos Facebook page, please check it out and follow us as we continue our mission to help those in need.

Philoptochos Meetings: Tuesday September 8th & Monday, October 5th at 7:30pm

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

We would like to thank all of our Sunday School staff and teachers for a wonderful 2019-2020 school year. Our Crafts Program, chapel services and weekly class visits by Fr. John and Fr. Michael were a great success. Thank you to Paula Pourakis and Michele Lascarides for doing a great job with our Crafts Program.

When the Coronavirus Pandemic caused all to shelter in place beginning in March, our teachers kept in contact with their classes by sending them lessons and sermonettes via email each week. A special thank you to Father John and Father Michael for recording the informative and enjoyable weekly sermonettes. Quite a few of our adult parishioners also tuned into and learned a great deal from the sermonettes.

Four students for the parish level Oratorical Festival submitted videos that were available for all parishioners to view. Congratulations to the Junior Division participants Eoanna Sarosy and Nicholas Sarosy and to the Senior Division participants Gabrielle Pappas and Christina Efstathiadis for their wonderful and thought provoking presentations. The district and national levels were cancelled due to the pandemic.

Our Moving Up Program was conducted virtually, with the children doing a montage on the Lord's Prayer while our 8th grade graduating class recited and gave their interpretation of The Nicene Creed. Congratulations and best wishes to our graduates: Evalia Koumpourlis, Demetra Kostaridis, Chrisi Ladopoulos, Paul Pourakis, Stephen Tsimisiris, Anastasia Theodoropoulos, Steven Theodoropoulos and Andrea Vases.

Sunday School registration for 2020-21 will take place on Sunday, September 13th. Please bring completed registration forms with you on that day. Classes are scheduled to begin on Sunday, September 20th. Please note that for the foreseeable future there will be two Divine Liturgies every Sunday, with the Sunday School classes taking place during the First Liturgy which will begin at 8:45am.

We will be following the protocols and procedures established by the Governor and the Archangel Michael Church for attending Sunday School.

## PRESCHOOL

### Preschool 2020-2021 Return to School Plan:

The Archangel Michael Preschool is planning for a return to at-school learning for the 2020-2021 school year. This effort began in the spring with the teachers, board members, parish council and clergy, responsible for tracking and assessing the Covid-19 pandemic, monitoring health and safety guidelines from the CDC, the NYS Office of Children and Family Services and local authorities to plan for children to safely return to school. Our Preschool is a New York State licensed school and has been following strict health and safety guidelines set forth by the state.

The Preschool is in frequent dialogue with board members, parents, and community health experts to maintain and improve our school's safe and healthy environment for the 2020-2021 school year, in a manner consistent with NYS Licensed school guidelines and our school's vision, mission and values. We are able to return to in-class learning through investments in professional development of faculty as well as creative use of schedule, space and staffing.

As many of you know, our teachers switched to online platforms after the schools shut down in March. They also visited students and dropped off worksheets and activities and held an outdoor "Moving Up/Graduation Ceremony" to end the year! Given that public health and safety guidelines related to school operations will likely shift multiple times during the duration of COVID-19, we are also prepared for the possibility of moving quickly from in-school to virtual learning if necessary.

Our return-to-school plan was created by integrating the following key areas of importance—health and safety, our program's integrity, and operations. Although there will be many changes, the quality and standards of our school remain the same.

- Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting
- Hand sanitizer readily available; frequent hand washing throughout the day
- Limited class size

- All staff will wear masks throughout the day
- Monitoring health of students and faculty
- Physical distancing where possible
- Use of our many outdoor spaces to conduct lessons and activities outside when possible/weather permitting

While we all are embarking on a "new normal," we wish all the Archangel Michael Church community health and safety! We look forward to seeing everyone soon!



Registration for the Preschool is ongoing.

Toddler Class (2 year olds)

Nursery Class (3 year olds)

Pre-K Class (4 year olds)

Our curriculum will continue to include academic, social and physical components. Music and Body Movement, Abrakadoodle Art Program and Snapology STEM program, and Greek will be incorporated into their schedule weekly. Father John and Father Michael also visit with the classes weekly to read books, share bible stories and sing hymns with the students. There will be indoor and outdoor play.

Our afterschool programs will also be offered. Soccer Shots is offered twice a week, engaging the children to focus on character and development in soccer. This program is offered to the Nursery and Pre-K classes. Also continuing this year is the Greek Enrichment program, offered to the Pre-K class, which introduces students to the Greek Language.

For further details, school registration forms, or any other questions, please contact us at: [preschool@archangelmichaelchurch.org](mailto:preschool@archangelmichaelchurch.org)

During the months of September and October, all students will be busy making new friends and getting reacquainted with old friends. We will be designing autumn trees with colored leaves while learning about Christopher Columbus and will celebrate the feast Day of St. Demetrios and Oxi Day. The students will also participate in the annual Halloween Party & Parade. The date for our Pumpkin Trip will be announced soon. Miss Roula will be engaging all classes in music and body movement.

The Pre-K students will be concentrating on letter and number recognition, reading readiness and strengthening fine motor skills. The children in the Greek After School Enrichment Program will be learning the alphabet, writing the letters, associating letters with pictures, writing their numbers and learning to write their names in Greek.

Family is the theme for the Fall in the Nursery Class. Students will be learning colors, shapes and songs. In their Greek class, songs and stories will be learned using finger play and props.

Our Toddler Class will be easing into meeting new friends, getting acquainted with their classroom surroundings and becoming independent. They will be learning Greek songs through puppet play!

School will be closed on Columbus Day, October 12th and on Oxi Day, October 28th.

Once again, we are looking forward to a fun-filled academic school year!

## GREEK LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

These past few months have been nothing short of remarkable for the AMC Greek Language Institute! Our faculty made a swift transition to virtual learning as a result of NYS mandates. Many of our teachers had never been exposed to online teaching and virtual software programs but they quickly brought themselves up to speed through the support of the committed Greek School Board and through a variety of professional development sessions offered through the Greek Archdiocese. Greek School Zoom classes became a weekly feature in many of our households. Teachers used their creativity to continue to bring learning to life. As we continue to reflect upon all that we've learned during this time, we're confident that we've become stronger educators and students and that our resiliency and desire to learn is greater than what we had imagined.



In preparing for next year, the AMC GLI has set forth an online registration designed to promote convenience

for our returning and incoming families. We encourage you to register TODAY if you haven't already done so, as our registration helps determine hirings and program offerings. You may access the online registration at: <https://archangelmichaelchurch.org/greek-school/> Rest assured our Greek School Board has closely evaluated the CDC Protocols and has devised a series of scenarios as we await our Governor's guidance regarding school reopening.

This year, Ms. Eleni Capous has retired from the role of Principal of the AMC GLI. She served our community with pride for many years. We are so grateful for her service! Congratulations, Ms. Capous. Enjoy your retirement!

After an extensive application and interviewing process, we are pleased to announce that Ms. Ria Giannou will serve as the new Principal of AMC GLI.



Ms. Giannou brings years of experience in the field of education. A graduate (with honors) from the elite McGill University, Ms. Giannou has studied Modern Greek and French Language and also holds a degree in Teaching English as a New Language. She also serves as a NYC Department of Education teacher and has been the AMC 6th grade Greek School teacher since 2014. These unique professional skills, as well as her dedication to our school and education philosophy, set her apart as a strong school leader and student advocate. We're excited to see the programs she can bring to our school and the vision she has to further strengthen our already fruitful program. Following is an excerpt from a letter sent by Ms Giannou to the parents of children enrolled in the Greek School.

*“As motivation is key in enhancing cognitive processes and reaching educational goals, I come to AMC with a vision to motivate and inspire our children to pursue their studies of the Greek language and Greek heritage. My goal, as principal, is to provide leadership direction and coordination within the school as well as explore new ideas to meet the demands of all students. Through professional development, I intend to work very closely with every teacher to ensure they reach their highest potential in shaping the future of our children and hence of our community. With the help of our School Board members, Parent-Teacher Association, and Parish Council, I will strive to develop and maintain an effective educational program that promotes excellent teaching skills as well as essential and productive learning in our school. Given the challenges we have been faced with in the last few months, we at Archangel Michael are prepared for the upcoming school year whether that be with traditional instruction, online instruction, or a blended learning model.*

*To conclude, please do not hesitate to reach out to me should you have any queries and please remember that my door will always be open to you and I sincerely welcome your conversation and input concerning our school and the benefit of our children.”*

Finally, we congratulate our graduates and their families for successfully completing their education at the AMC GLI. A beautiful ceremony was held in June, where we had the opportunity to commemorate their achievements (while practicing social distancing, of course!). Our Valedictorian, Ariana Kanis, and Salutatorian, Chrisi Ladopoulos, gave beautiful speeches honoring their teachers, parents, classmates, and reflected on all the amazing memories they experienced at our school. We are so very proud of all our 2020 Graduates! Και εις ανώτερα!



We look forward to welcoming our students, old and new, in September.

**CONGRATULATIONS MRS. CAPOUS**

The beloved principal, Mrs. Eleni Stavropoulou Capous, is retiring as the principal of the Archangel Michael Church Greek Language Institute (AMC GLI). She has been with the community of Archangel Michael since 2000.



Mrs. Capous was born on the island of Imvros, an island in the North Aegean. She graduated from the Ioakimion High School of Fanari, Constantinople. With a scholarship from the Greek Government, she continued her education at the Arsakion Teachers College from which she graduated with Honors. Mrs. Capous then immigrated to the United States as a transfer student. Her first teaching assignment was to organize Kindergarten and the Greek after-school program at Holy Trinity in Charlotte, North Carolina. She then moved to New York and taught at St. Demetrios Day School (Jamaica) for many years.

Mrs. Capous began teaching at the William Spyropoulos School (St. Nicholas, Flushing) in 1979 and soon after started attending night classes at St. John's University. In 1989, she graduated from St. John's with a Master of Science degree in Bilingual Education.

Mrs. Capous is married to John Capous and they have three children and eight grandchildren. An experienced and dedicated professional, Mrs. Capous spent a lifetime making an impact on Greek American students both as a teacher and a principal. At the AMC GLI, she taught the eight-grade, and prepared students for the Comprehensive Examination in Greek. The success rate on this exam every year was high. Under her leadership as a principal, Mrs. Capous worked hard to ensure that the Greek school was a place where students learn not only the Greek language but also become immersed in the Hellenic culture and Greek Orthodox faith. She

mentored and supported teachers who in turn respected her knowledge and experience. As a result of her coaching, they developed instructional skills that they applied to their teaching.

Mrs. Capous is a staple of AMC and her contribution to our community has been invaluable. She will be missed by all. We congratulate her on her retirement and wish her all the best!

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
BIBLE STUDY and BOOK CLUB**

Wednesday morning sessions begin at 11:00 am  
preceded by Paraklesis to the Theotokos  
at 10:00am

Thursday evening sessions begin at 7:30 pm  
preceded by Small Vespers at 7:00pm

Bible Study will be meeting the third and fourth  
weeks of each month  
beginning the morning of September 16th and  
the evening of September 17th

Book Club will be meeting the first and second  
weeks of each month  
beginning the morning of October 7th & the  
evening of October 8th

Bible Study:  
Galatians, Ephesians and Philippians

Book Club: The Year of Grace of the Lord

**THIS WEEK AT AMC**

Be sure to check your inbox  
at the beginning of each week  
for the email update THIS WEEK AT AMC,  
for a schedule of services, meetings & events.

**SAVE THE DATE**

The Nameday Gala of The Archangel Michael  
Church has been rescheduled to  
Friday, March 5th  
Leonard's Palazzo of Great Neck

## Greek Dance Troupe

Welcome back to another year of Greek Dance at the Archangel Michael Church! The Dance Troupe delighted AMC parishioners, families and friends with their performances of 2019-2020: Greek Festival on the Harbor, Challenge Liturgy Christmas Luncheon, Archdiocesan Parathosi 2020- A Celebration of Hellenic Heritage & Dance, FDF Greek Orthodox Folk Dance & Choral Festival in Anaheim, California. It was a busy year!



While we are all getting used to the “new normal,” the Dance Troupe is looking forward to getting back to dance. We are following directives from state and local agencies as well as our Parish Council and clergy regarding safely holding classes once again. Weather permitting, we will hold most of our classes outside this fall. The community will be using enhanced cleaning and will be sanitizing the facilities. We will have hand sanitizer, wipes and other materials to keep things clean and safe for everyone while also using creative methods of dance instruction.

The Greek Dance Troupe was established in 1999 under the direction of Roula Zogopoulos. It has now grown to over 100 dancers in three groups. From community performances to local and travel competitions, the Dance Troupe offers children the opportunity to explore their heritage with their peers and meet other Greeks from around the state and the country. Our Troupe’s intention is to offer children an opportunity to come together and continue our Hellenic traditions. Mrs. Zogopoulos creates a safe atmosphere in which our young people are inspired, are exploring and are learning about their Hellenic heritage through our rich dancing and musical traditions. Children who join our Dance Troupe possess a high level of commitment and drive.

The Troupe meets on Saturdays throughout the school year and welcomes children from Kindergarten through 12th Grade. Children are welcomed and encouraged to try out for competition groups. Class times are as follows:

Elpida 1 (Grades K-1) 9:30-10:30  
 Elpida 2 (Grades 2-3) 9:30-10:30  
 Hara 1 (Grades 4-6) 10:30-11:30  
 Hara 2 (Grades 7-9) 10:30-11:30  
 Neolea (Grade 10 & Up) 11:30-12:30

\*Please note, competition groups require audition, additional practices per week and additional fees also apply.

We proudly perform at various church functions as well as at other performance venues throughout the year. For more information please contact: [greekdance@archangelmichaelchurch.org](mailto:greekdance@archangelmichaelchurch.org)



## GOYA

We are back!!!!

It's been a trying time these past few months. We have missed you all.

At the end of June we were fortunate to be able to celebrate our GOYA High School Seniors with a special program, *Connecting GOYA High School Graduates to the Church*. It was a wonderful evening filled with pride and joy. The presentation took place inside the church with the graduates and family members seated in separate pews.

To begin the program, Fr. Michael offered an opening prayer. Parish Council President Nicholas Papain served as Master of Ceremonies and after sharing an encouraging and motivational message to the graduates, he introduced Fr. John who spoke on the graduation theme, "2020 Vision". He explained how the lives of Saints Peter and Paul were changed by visions and inspired the graduates to forge their own vision of life, God and the Church.

Mr. Papain then introduced keynote speaker Madeline Singas. She is the Nassau County District Attorney, as well as an AMC parishioner and mother of two graduating seniors. She held the attention of her audience with her inspirational words, sense of humor and managed to "include" each graduate's name into a future NY Times Sunday crossword puzzle.

Presvytera Eleni and GOYA advisors Demetra Tsismenakis and Niki Lolis introduced each graduate with a description of their many high school and community accomplishments. A gift bag was presented that included a diptych of the icon of Panagia and Jesus, a prayer book and a chocolate bar with the message, "Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad and a soul that never loses faith in God. May God bless you and the Panagia protect you as you journey throughout your life." A socially distant reception followed in the fellowship hall.



The GOYANs are well aware that many families are food insecure particularly during the pandemic. With the help of North Shore Farms, GOYA was able to feed 40 families over a five week period. Each week GOYANs picked up bags of groceries to deliver to their designated family in Queens. Families were beyond grateful in this time of uncertainty. Our GOYANs were so proud to provide comfort and relief to these families who desperately needed the help. Thank you to all who helped with your donations and for your time spent delivering the groceries every Saturday.



During the summer the first ever GOYA Youthfest was held featuring a week full of activities, from a bonfire to movie night to a day out in Greenport. The kids visited a farm, swam and had lunch at Orient Point State Beach Park. We are looking forward to going back to our normal schedule for GOYA nights in September. GOYA Registration is scheduled for Friday, September 11th. Please check your emails for any available updates.

We are pleased to announce our GOYA board for 2020-2021

Presidents: Demetri Kaparos, Isabella Koumpourlis, Mirianthi Tsismenakis

Vice Presidents : Anastasia Cavounis, Aphrodite Dimopoulos, Costa Koutsoftas

Treasurers: Paul Cavounis, Niko Gargas, Kodi Triantafillou

Secretaries: Maria Doulis, Christina Efstathiadis, Christina Kokis

Participation in GOYA ministry provides our young people with opportunities to grow with their peers and church, family in worship, community service projects, and in learning about living their Holy Orthodox Faith in their life's journey towards salvation. If you have any questions, please contact us at [goya@archangelmichaelchurch.org](mailto:goya@archangelmichaelchurch.org)

## Byzantine Youth Choir

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MAY GOD BLESS OUR ARCHANGEL MICHAEL FAMILY!

We wish to extend our heartfelt condolences to those families whose loved ones have passed during this trying time. May their memories be eternal.

It has been a challenging six months and it is our hope that we will be able to return to choir. The health and safety of our community is of utmost importance. With all regulations in place, we are planning to commence singing the Divine Liturgy in church on Sunday, September 13th. More information will be provided when the schedule is formulated. A survey will be taken to determine the ideal choir rehearsal day.

We welcome new members, both boys and girls, ages 8 to 12 for the Youth Choir Ensemble and ages 13 to 18 for the ByzanTeen Ensemble. The choir chants the Liturgy in church on two Sundays every month and conducts a rehearsal once a week.

Congratulations to our High School Graduates!  
ELENI CHRISTOU, LIANA DRENIS, ERIKA KITSANTAS, MARIE LOLIS,  
ANGELINA LITOS, NIKI MAROPAKIS & DEMETRA NEOCLEOUS

We are proud of your achievements and grateful for your service to our church. We want to express our gratitude to you for gracing Youth Choir with your melodious voices through the years. May the hymns of our faith forever be in your hearts and May God Bless and Protect You as you embark upon your college careers.

With Faith & With Love,  
Miss Georgia and Miss Eleni



# Congratulations to Our 2020 Graduates!

## High School Graduates

Zoe Apodiasos	Manhasset High School, Binghamton University
Demetra Apostolou	Manhasset High School, University of Pennsylvania
William Apostolou	Manhasset High School, University of Richmond
Angeline Chantly	Manhasset High School, Stony Brook University
Michael Colombos	Manhasset High School, NYU Tisch School of the Arts
Bobby Couliandis	Syosset High School, St. John's University
Liana Drenis	Roslyn High School, Boston University
Peter Dres	Benjamin N. Cardozo High School, Adelphi University
Anastasia Fournaris	Manhasset High School, Stony Brook University
Alexandra Gelb	Syosset High School, Villanova University
Christopher Gerazounis	Herricks High School, Lehigh University
Stavros Giannakopoulos	Manhasset High School, St. John's University
Irene Katehis	Herricks High School, Sacred Heart University
Victoria Kefalas	Paul D. Schreiber High School, Long Island University
Erika Kitsantas	Paul D. Schreiber High School, Cornell University
Teddy Koutsoftas	The Wheatley School, Georgia Tech University
Kemon Lardas	Benjamin N. Cardozo High School, Villanova University
Marie Lolis	Herricks High School, Stony Brook University
Thanasi Mamais	Herricks High School, SUNY of Farmingdale
Andrea Niki Maropakis	New Hyde Park Memorial HS, Adelphi University
Sofia Matos	Manhasset High School, Brown University
Demetra Neocleous	Paul D. Schreiber High School, American University
Eleni Pappas	Manhasset High School, Marist College
John Pappas	Herricks High School, St. John's University
Sophia Pappas	Manhasset High School, George Washington University
Paige Patilis	Manhasset High School, Villanova University
Peter Petrakis	Manhasset High School, Emory University
Alexandra Petras	Manhasset High School, Washington and Lee University
George Sanoulis	North Shore High School, New York University
Stephen Sommo	Floral Park Memorial High School, SUNY Oneonta
Maria Themelis	Manhasset High School, University of Pennsylvania
Mary Tsahas	Herricks High School, Princeton University
Kalliope Tsartsalis	Manhasset High School, University of Miami
Despina Tsiamtziouris	Friends Academy, Washington University St. Louis
Peter Vayias	Herricks HS, Boston College- Carroll School of Management
Michael Venetis	Manhasset High School, St. John's University
Yanni Zogopoulos	St. Demetrios High School of Astoria, Queens College

## College Graduates

Athanasia Couliandis	Miami University (BA:Psychology)
Stavros Reynolds	University of Alabama (BA: Political Science)

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ARCHANGEL MICHAEL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

**September Calendar 2020**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		The New Ecclesiastical Year 8:30a  Divine Liturgy 9:30a				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Orthros 7:15a 1st Divine Liturgy 8:45a 2nd Divine Liturgy 10:30a	Labor Day - Office Closed	The Birth of the Theotokos Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a  Philoptochos Meeting 7:30p	PC Exec. Bd. Meeting 7p  PC Meeting 8p		St. Theodora of Alexandria Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a  GOYA Registration	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Orthros 7:15a 1st Divine Liturgy 8:45a 2nd Divine Liturgy 10:30a Sunday School Registration  Great Vespers of the Precious Cross - Whitestone or Bay Ridge 7p	Feast of the Holy Cross Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a	Greek School begins	Paraklesis 10:00a, Bible Study 11:00a	St. Sophia and Her Three Daughters Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a  Small Vespers 7:00p. Bible Study 7:30p		Challenge Divine Liturgy Orthros 9:30a Liturgy 10:30a
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Orthros 7:15a 1st Divine Liturgy 8:45a 2nd Divine Liturgy 10:30a Sunday School Begins			Conception of St. John the Baptist Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a  Bible Study 11:00a	Small Vespers 7:00p  Bible Study 7:30p		Translation of St. John the Theologian Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a
27	28	29	30			
Orthros 7:15a 1st Divine Liturgy 8:45a 2nd Divine Liturgy 10:30a						



ARCHANGEL MICHAEL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

**October Calendar 2020**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				Protection of the Theotokos 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a		St. Dionysios the Aeropagite Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a  Scouting Religious Award Workshop 9:30a
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Orthros 7:15a 1st Divine Liturgy 8:45a 2nd Divine Liturgy 10:30a  Church Musicians Weekend	Philoptochos Meeting 7:30p		Paraklesis 10a, Book Club 11a	Small Vespers 7p, Book Club 7:30p		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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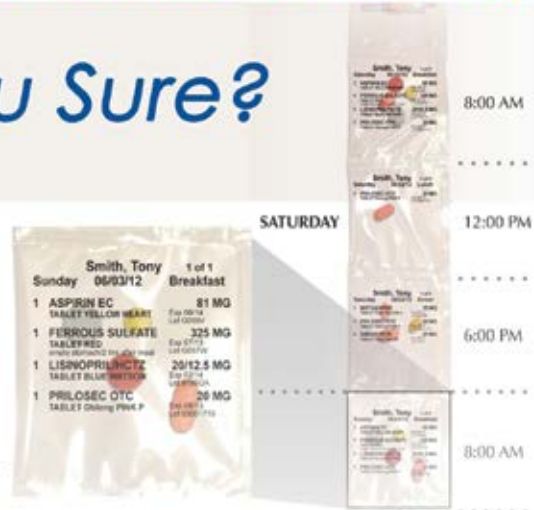
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