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Challenge Liturgy  
& Christmas Party

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## Archangel Michael 2020-21

**Love the Lord your God**

**with all your**



**and with all your**



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**Mark 12:30**

*This year's religious education theme is:*

*"And you shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength." (Mark 12:30)*

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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.

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## Nov/Dec Sunday Worship Schedule

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

**Blessed is he who considers the poor; The Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. (Psalm 41:1)**

As the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas approach it is amazing to witness the correlations of the gospel readings to the intent of the spirit of these holidays. Presented to the faithful throughout this season are the Parables such as: The Rich Man and Lazarus; the Good Samaritan; the Rich Fool; Jesus Counseling the Rich Young Ruler; the Great Banquet. A common thread through these powerful parables and stories is the proper stewardship of wealth and the care for the poor.

Jesus, Lord and God, sheds a tremendous amount of light and emphasis on salvation being connected to the care of the poor and the vulnerable. For a moment, in following the footsteps of Jesus, one's heart and eyes will be open to the love and care the Lord shows to the poor. Jesus, Himself, enters the world in poverty. This is seen in a few scenarios of the gospels. First, when Jesus is born, the birth takes place in a cave, with animals. Second, when His mother Mary and guardian Joseph bring the baby Jesus to the temple for the forty-day blessing, their offering to the temple was two turtle doves, which signified their poverty. At one point in the life of Jesus, a person wants to become a follower of Jesus and His response was the following. "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." (Matthew 8:20)

Not only did Jesus embrace the life of poverty, He also made sure that salvation reached the poor. While John the Baptist was in prison and he wanted to confirm that Jesus was the Messiah, he sent his disciples to Him to ask this question. Jesus responds, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me." (Matthew 11:4-6)

The powerful parables that Jesus preaches to His followers emphasizes that judgement and/or salvation is very much connected to the mindfulness of what wealth really is, of what wealth is intended for and being concerned for the vulnerable, the poor, the outcasts of society.

In the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, the rich man never gave a thought, for a second, of the suffering of the beggar who was outside the walls of his house. Even the dogs showed concern by licking his wounds. In the end the wealthy man enjoyed the short pleasures of this life but was cast into hell, where his suffering will be for eternity. His name remains anonymous in order that one might insert their own name into the story and learn from the mistake of the rich man and have the time to repent and live a life

concerned for others. Lazarus was escorted to heaven by angels and embraced in the bosom of Abraham.

In the Parable of the Good Samaritan, it is the Samaritan who showed himself to be the good neighbor. He paused



from his travels to take care of the man beaten up by robbers and left half dead.

In the Parable of the rich fool, the rich fool does not know what to do with his

wealth, so he knocks down his barns and makes bigger ones. He hordes the wealth for himself, not knowing, that very night, his soul would be asked of him. Jesus concludes the parable by saying, "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." (Luke 12:21)

Political parties, always take advantage of issues connected to wealth and poverty. Disconnected from a spiritual life, wealth and poverty have the potential to be very problematic. Proverbs states the following, "Better is the poor who walks in his integrity than one who is perverse in his lips, and is a fool." (Prov. 19:1) St. James in motivating his listeners to good works teaches this. "If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,' but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." (James 2:15-17)

There is much suffering occurring during these very challenging times of the pandemic, which has caused economic crises. State institutions that care for adults with physical and/or mental challenges have seen their budgets cut in half. A parent coordinator at an elementary school is in pain over the children, whose parents have lost their jobs. As the church prepares for the traditional Thanksgiving Food Drive and other endeavors that encourage outreach, please keep everyone in prayer. May the Lord Jesus Christ, Who was born in a cave and walked the earth, without a home, enlighten souls and give strength, by the power of the Holy Spirit to give each person the strength and resolve to care for another. May no one be offended because of You! This we ask in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen!

In Christ – Fr. John K. Lardas

## They Knew Him in the Breaking of the Bread

The Divine Liturgy is the purpose of our Church. It is the mystical work, which we as the people of God do, to unite ourselves to Him. It is the bridge from us mortals to the immortal, infinite God. However, we often are confused about the purpose for which we gather on Sunday mornings. We confuse the purpose of the Liturgy with an obligation to the Lord that He demands of us. Alternatively, we may view it as a kind of moral requirement to be a “good person”. The essence of the Liturgy though, is that it is how we come to know our God.

The Liturgy is both historic and alive. It is the same mystical experience that we as the Church have lived since the Resurrection of Christ two thousand years ago. This was first recorded in the Gospel of St Luke. In chapter 24 we read the story of the disciples Luke and Cleopas on the road to Emmaus. At this point it would be good to stop reading, find this passage, (Luke 24:12-35) and read it in its entirety. This story occurs after the Resurrection but before the disciples are aware that the Lord has Risen. They are humiliated and disappointed. The man whom they had followed for three years and in whom they had placed all their trust had been very publicly executed. They were broken and were further kicked when they were down when they heard reports that Christ’s body was missing, now thinking that looters or enemies must have stolen it to embarrass them further. At this ultimate low point, we meet Luke and Cleopas as they explain their hopelessness to a third traveler whom they do not recognize. It is here in the presence of this new traveler, that the liturgy begins. The mysterious third man reads and explains the Scriptures to them, explaining that the Messiah (Christ) was prophesied to suffer on behalf of the people. They appreciate his company enough that, when the day is complete, they invite him to lodge with them until the morning. Here is the interesting part. It is only after the mysterious traveler blesses and breaks the bread that they suddenly

recognize Him as the Lord. “Their eyes were opened and they knew Him in the Breaking of the Bread.”

Although it might not be immediately apparent, this event sets out for us the very order of our liturgy. That is, on the road to Emmaus, these two disciples experience the prototype of the Divine Liturgy. As in the account, our Liturgy has two parts: liturgy of the Word and liturgy of the Faithful. The liturgy of the Word, centered around the word of the Holy Gospel, consists of the opening prayer of the service, the entrance with the Gospel, the reading of the Scriptures (Epistle and Gospel), and the priest’s homily expounding on the readings. (Unfortunately, today we often move the sermon to accommodate when more people are present.)

We then move on to the Liturgy of the Faithful centered on Holy Communion. In this half, we say all the prayers and hymns which concern the preparation, consecration, and reception of the mystical gifts of Christ’s Body and Blood. Today, we continue to use the road to Emmaus as our liturgical model by first reading and explaining Scriptures and then the breaking of the bread in Holy Communion. It is by these means that we come to know Christ first stimulating the mind with reason through the Reading, and then perceiving and experiencing the Risen Lord more sensually in the Eucharist. The Liturgy is not merely some prayer



service or something we do to be “good”, but rather something that we do in order “to be”, as we were created, to be in relation and union with The Good, and not some abstract concept. Without the Liturgy, the Church is not complete. Without the Liturgy, the Church does not function. Without the Liturgy, and the consecration and reception of Holy Communion, the mystical union of God and man cannot be restored. It is only through the Divine Liturgy that we may come to know the Lord our God in the Breaking of the Bread.

## WORSHIP SERVICES AND SACRAMENTS

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

### November

Sat. 7-Sun. 8	The Synaxis of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel and of all the Bodiless Powers Saturday: Great Vespers - 7:00pm; Sunday: Orthros- 8:30am; Divine Liturgy-10:00am	Fri. 4	St. Barbara
		Sat. 5	St. Savva The Great Vespers of St. Nicholas (West Babylon, Flushing) 7:00pm
		Wed. 9	The Conception of St. Anna
Sun. 8	Vigil for St. Nektarios - 7:30pm	Fri. 11	Great Vespers of St. Spyridon (Manhattan) 7:00pm
Fri. 13	St. John Chrysostom	Sat. 12	St. Spyridon
Sat. 14	St. Philip the Apostle, St. Gregory Palamas	Mon. 14	St. Thyros, Leucius & Callinicos The Great Vespers of St. Eleftherios (Manhattan) 7:00pm
Mon. 16	The Apostle Matthew	Tue. 15	St. Eleftherios
Sat. 21	Challenge Liturgy & Entrance of the Theotokos 10:30am (Orthros 9:30)	Wed. 16	Haggai the Prophet
Tue. 24	The Great Vespers of St. Katherine - 7:00pm-Chapel	Thur. 17	St. Dionysios (Name Day of Fr. Dennis)
Wed. 25	St. Katherine & St. Merkourios	Fri. 18	St. Sevastianos and His Companions
Mon. 30	St. Andrew	Sat. 19	Challenge Divine Liturgy & St. Boniface 10:30am (Orthros 9:30)

### December

Tue. 1	The Prophet Naoum & Filaret the Merciful (Small Blessing of the Water)	Wed. 23	The Ten Martyrs of Crete
Wed. 2	St. Porphyrios	Thur. 24	Royal Hours of Christmas, 9:30AM <u>The Feast of Christmas</u> Great Vespers 6:30pm & Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
Thur. 3	The Great Vespers of St. Barbara (Manhattan, Orange CT) 7:00pm	Fri. 25	The Feast of Christmas

### Sacraments

Sun., Nov. 1st	2:00 pm, Baptism: Child of John & Athena Halkias	Sat., Nov. 21st,	12:30 pm, Baptism: Child of Christina & Ceasar Munoz
Fri., Nov 6th	9:00 am, Double Adult Baptism: Jessica Tzivas & Karen Hannaoui	Sat., Nov. 28th	12 Noon, Baptism: Child of Tarek & Maria Elabasy
Sat., Nov. 7th	11:00 am, Baptism: Child of Joanna & George Xanthakys	Sat. Dec. 5	12:30pm, Baptism: Child of Maria Nicole & John Koutsoyiannis
Sun., Nov. 15th	1:00 pm, Baptism: Child of Jessica & Nicholas Tzivas	Sat., Dec. 26th	3:00 pm, Baptism: Child of Anna & John Galanopoulou

*We are Stewards of the gift of the time that God gives us every day.*

On behalf of the Archangel Michael Church, we thank each devoted parishioner for responding with such tremendous generosity and support to our Summer Stewardship Appeal. The pandemic has affected everyone in our community in one form or another, including our church.

With much gratitude, we are thankful to God, for preserving us through such challenging times! We are grateful to all our dedicated parishioners for the self-sacrifice and love you show to the church by offering the best of your time, talents and treasure!

If you have not had the opportunity to complete your 2020 stewardship, we ask that you consider doing so before the year ends. With the cancellation of many events because of the pandemic, the Parish Council is concentrating on your continued support through stewardship. This enables all parishioners, and for many who have been hit the hardest with the ensuing economic crisis, not to feel the pressure of overextending themselves economically with other fundraisers.

As of September 30, 2020, a total of \$499,846 has been collected from 571 stewards. By the end of 2019, a total of \$600,891 had been collected from 715 stewards. Our expenses as of September 30, 2020 were \$683,236. As you can see, we still need your HELP and SUPPORT this year especially with Stewardship being our primary source of financial support for our church. Our only major fundraiser this year has been the Golf Outing which took place on October 22nd. Income from candles and baskets is considerably lower than last year. We encourage and welcome additional giving from all our parishioners to hopefully exceed our stewardship totals from last year.

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 and we in turn are humbly asking for your help.

*May the blessings of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.*

### **GREAT VESPERS\* FOR THE FEAST OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL**

Saturday, November 7th at 7pm  
Celebrated by His Grace,  
Bishop Apostolos of Medeia

### **FEAST OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL\***

Sunday, November 8th  
Orthros 8:30am, Divine Liturgy 10am  
Celebrated by His Eminence,  
Archbishop Elpidophoros

**\* Reminder: Please register in advance  
via the church website**

### **BIBLE STUDY and BOOK CLUB IN PERSON or VIA ZOOM**

**BOOK CLUB** (The Year of Grace of the Lord)  
meets the 1st & 2nd weeks of the month

**BIBLE STUDY** (Galatians, Ephesians and Philippians)  
meets the 3rd & 4th weeks of the month

Wednesday morning sessions at 11:00 am  
Thursday evening sessions at 7:30 pm

**Join us in prayer in the church for  
Paraklesis of the Theotokos at 10am  
and Small Vespers at 7pm.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

The December Parish Council Elections will be by MAIL IN BALLOT ONLY.  
Each steward in good standing wishing to vote must submit a request using the  
Mail In Ballot Request Form. Parish Council Election information along with the  
Request Form has been mailed to each household and also appears on the church  
website. The Mail In Ballot Request form appears below as well.  
The completed form must be mailed back to the church by November 18, 2020.

**Archangel Michael Church  
Parish Council Election 2021  
Mail In Ballot Request Form:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

I, in good faith, and understanding my right and privilege to vote, am  
requesting a Mail In Ballot for the upcoming Election of The Parish  
Council, for a three year term, beginning January, 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

**Must be mailed by, November 18, 2020 to:**

**Archangel Michael Church  
100 Fairway Drive  
Port Washington, NY 11050**

## PHILOPTOCHOS



### NINE DECADES SINCE ITS FOUNDING PHILOPTOCHOS CONTINUES TO FULFILL ITS MISSION

*To help the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged,  
the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the wid-  
owed, those with disabilities and the victims  
of disasters..."*

In 2014, the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society asked its chapters and stewards to join the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America in supporting the historic construction of the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine - while still meeting our long-time fundamental mission to serve the needy among us.

It was a daunting challenge no doubt, but one that the 25,000 Philoptochos stewards across the United States embraced with faith, energy, and spirited dedication. Since that time, Philoptochos contributed **\$11,293,921** to brothers and sisters in need, emergencies across the globe and deserving institutions, causes and programs. The women of Philoptochos raised these funds through fundraising events and individual contributions, all the while inspiring their communities by their example of love for Christ and His message.

The following is a partial list of the charitable grants of nearly \$10 million dollars during this period:

- Saint Basil Academy
- Social Services
- Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology
- Children's Medical Fund
- Philanthropies of the Ecumenical Patriarchate
- National Philoptochos Emergency Fund
- Aid to Greece & Cyprus

But that's not all. As Philoptochos fulfilled its mission, one dollar at a time, our stewards also embraced a return to hands-on philanthropy. And so, while feeding more than 4,000,000 meals to the homeless and hungry, while offering much needed supplies to underserved schools across the United States, and while developing educational initiatives addressing serious problems faced by our communities, the stewards of Philoptochos also opened their hearts and contributed **\$1,665,000** to the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and Na-

tional Shrine.

For 89 years, the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society has offered generous and continuous assistance, love and faith wherever and whenever a need arises - not only to our local communities, metropolises and nation - but around the world, as well.

When you support the Archangel Michael Ladies Philoptochos you are supporting our mission and good works in our local community and where there is a need. We thank all those that have donated and contributed to Philoptochos, making it possible for us to achieve our goals.

On August 21-22, our AMC Philoptochos chapter attended the 2020 National Philoptochos Virtual Biennial Convention. The success of our ongoing projects, Feeding the Hungry, Literacy Initiative, Social Services and COVID19 Outreach were presented. As those programs continue, new programs will also be initiated; engaging our youth to partake in philanthropy, operation classroom and kindness counts initiative. Among the many presentations, most important was a historical overview of Hagia Sophia, considered the greatest church of Christendom and the Monastery at Chora. In 1934 Hagia Sophia was opened as a museum and in 1985 became a UNESCO World Heritage Site. On July 10, 2020 a decree was signed to re-convert Hagia Sophia and the Monastery of Chora to Mosques. His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros declared July 24, 2020 a National Day of mourning. National Philoptochos heard this plea and proposed the following resolution at the Convention:

"As members of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, 25,000 members, we respectfully request the Republic of Turkey to respect religious freedoms and rights. We request Hagia Sophia and the Monastery at Chora be restored to its status as museums, open to the world and protected as UNESCO World Heritage sites."

On September 29th, the Archangel Michael Ladies Philoptochos held its first fundraiser of the Fall season, Shop for a Cause. Hosted by the Pop Up Boutique in Port Washington, our team of amazing ladies helped decorate, set up and model at this wonderful event. In the Backyard Patio, cocktails were served and through the rain drops and under the tents, the models demonstrated the seasons' latest fashions. Thank you to our coordinators and models, Chris Ioannou, Diana Gardianos, Stella Biniaris, Michele and Alexandra Lascarides, Dina Coulidianidis, Renee Rallis, Emily Kavourias, Barbara Thermos, Chris-Marie Tzavelis, Susan Cavounis, Presbytera Eleni Lardas, Meo Ioannou, Eleni Maropakis, Eleni Germanakos.



Please mark your calendars with the following:  
 Mon., Nov. 2: Board Meeting  
 Sun., Nov. 15: Artoklasia for Veterans Day  
 Sun., Nov 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20: Christmas Boutique

Philoptochos will be hosting:

Sat.& Sun., Nov. 7& 8: Archangel Michael Vespers and Fellowship

Sat., Dec. 19: Challenge Liturgy Christmas Party

Thur., Dec. 24: Christmas Fellowship

### ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

Thomas Manuel, the godson of Fr. John and Pr. Eleni Lardas was ordained by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros to the Holy Diaconate on August 1, 2020.

Dn. Thomas graduated in 2014 from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology with a Masters of Divinity and served for four years as Pastoral Assistant and Youth Director of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Norfolk, Va. Soon after, he traveled with his wife, Dksa. Elizabeth to serve in the mission field of Guatemala. They returned to Virginia in March 2020 to await the birth of their son and newest missionary, Steven Manuel. Their return to the mission field was delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic but Dn. Thomas has been teaching seminarians virtually and has been preparing theological courses in Spanish. He and his family are looking forward to their return to the village of Aguagate to continue serving as OCMC missionaries. AXIOS!



### ADULT CHOIR

Our choir is blessed to share the news that our organist Dr. Christina Lipinski and her husband Michael Butler are celebrating the safe arrival of their daughter Joanna Marie Butler who was born on September 10, 2020 - in time to celebrate her parents' third wedding anniversary on September 23, 2020. We wish them all of God's many blessings!



## BLOOD DRIVE

### PANDEMIC DESTROYS TRADITIONAL BLOOD DRIVE MODEL 75% OF INCOMING SUPPLY IS THREATENED

New York Blood Center called on the AMC community to host an emergency and urgent need for a blood drive on Tuesday, August 19th. COVID-19 has fundamentally changed the process of donating blood. Before COVID-19, mobile blood drives hosted by high schools, colleges, businesses and other organizations made up about 75% of the region's incoming blood supply, but the number of blood drives has dropped by two-thirds this year due to the pandemic. The 15th Annual Archangel Michael Blood Drive which had been scheduled for March 17th, 2020 was cancelled at the beginning of the months-long quarantine.

Within two weeks time, an email blast from the church, social media posts as well as Father John's robocall moved many to come out during these uncertain times to donate blood. Social distancing, temperature checks, masks, the constant sanitizing of surfaces and spreading out of appointments changed the look of this year's blood drive. However, enthusiasm and good spirit were in great supply.

New York Blood Center was thrilled with its collection of 41 pints. Up to 123 people can be helped with this year's blood donation. To schedule an appointment to donate blood call New York Blood Center at 1-800-933-2566.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Archangel Michael Sunday School program welcomed back the students for the 2020-2021 school year!!! Sunday School started up again in person on September 27th and had 102 registrants and counting. The registration this year was conducted online, with management of the process organized by Libby Doumanis. It was wonderful to see the children in person and we celebrated by having our Annual Sundaes on Sunday! For the first day of Sunday School, the church

arranged to have an ice cream truck visit and offer complimentary ice cream. It was a lovely treat enjoyed by many!

In order to provide the safest environment for our children, the school has implemented a "Cleared4Class" online questionnaire that must be completed for each student prior to attendance every Sunday. Additionally, we are working on implementing Google classroom in the event we need to go fully remote in the future so that we can still provide a Sunday School program for our students. In our facility, classroom desks have been arranged according to appropriate social distancing and masks are worn by everyone in attendance per state and local guidelines. To maintain safety for the children, we have stored student's books, supplies and materials in individual clear plastic bags labeled with their names on site. We look forward to beginning the crafts program once again.



The Chapel program has been put on hold for the moment as there are temporarily two liturgies. The Sunday School program starts at 8:30am during the 1st Divine Liturgy. Children remain in church until communion and then they meet their Sunday School teacher in the fellowship hall, for the younger grades through grade 2, and in the hallway by the church office for grades 3 and older. Children will be dismissed in the same manner.

We have had a number of young adults that have generously offered to assist with our Sunday School, and we appreciate their service. We pray that our students have a productive year and continue to learn more about our beautiful Orthodox faith. Wishing everyone a blessed and safe school year!

## PRESCHOOL

Our Halloween costume parade was a huge success. The children enjoyed marching to the music and showing off their costumes to their parents from a safe distance.

In November we will be celebrating and learning about our Patron Saint, the Archangel Michael. Fr. John and Fr. Michael will speak to the children about the holiday. Also, in November all the classes will be making their own butter and cornbread, for our Thanksgiving celebration. The Pre-K will present a Thanksgiving play and read their Thanksgiving books, which they created. We look forward to having Fr. John, Fr. Michael and the office staff as our audience!

December is going to be a very exciting month for the children. We will be celebrating the feast days of St. Barbara and St. Nicholas. Our rooms will be decorated with Christmas themed projects made by the children. They will also learn Greek and American Christmas Carols for our "Sing-a-Long". The story of the Nativity will be read by Fr. John as the children perform the story on stage.

During Greek lessons, all the classes are learning their colors and numbers through various songs and finger play. The Toddler Class continues to form bonds with their new friends. They are making Christmas presents and crafts. The toddlers are counting in Greek and English, learning their colors and the alphabet.

### Upcoming Events:

November 3	Tuesday	Election Day	School Closed
November 11	Wednesday	Veterans Day	School Closed
December 2	Wednesday	Parent Teacher Conf. Pre-K and Nursery Classes	School Closed
December 23	Wednesday	Christmas Sing-a-Long (TBD)	
Dec 24-Jan 1	Thurs.-Fri.	Christmas Recess	School Closed

## GREEK LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

After a successful, revamped digital registration period led by Mrs. Dina Petrakis, the Archangel Michael Greek Language Institute opened its doors to our wonderful Greek school students on Tuesday, September 22nd. We missed all students dearly and were so glad to see their smiling eyes above their masks. Students and families followed the safety protocols put in place to protect our community. They used the designated entrance near the school rotunda, wore masks, engaged in temperature checks and completed the Cleared-4Class forms. Cleared4Class is a program designed to track symptoms to identify if a student may have been exposed to COVID-19. In completing this form, parents are sent a green badge, indicating that their child poses no risk and can engage in instruction. Our amazing custodial staff as well as several outstanding

community members such as Gus Rogdakis and Helen Bapis, assisted in properly spacing out the classrooms to comply with the CDC recommended six feet distance. The spaces were disinfected (which continues daily) and disinfecting supplies are available to our teachers and students. Our teachers showed their resiliency as they planned lessons not only for in-class students, but for those following at home as well. This new hybrid instructional model helps us accommodate all of our students. We have several classes with many remote students diligently following the lesson from home.



The true heroes of our GLI reopening plan were our fantastic educators. Our new principal, Ms. Gregoria Giannou, showed us the impact that excellent communication can have on strengthening a school community. We hired several new, talented teachers to enhance our growing Greek program. Our teachers were willing to step outside of their comfort zones to engage in virtual learning; something many had not previously done. The Greek School Board, with Dr. Vicky Giouroukakis at its helm, initiated a teacher training program to support our Greek School teachers in using Google Classroom, Google Meets, and Zoom. Furthermore, laptops were purchased, through an endowment fund donation, for each teacher and our WiFi was updated to prepare for the demands of online learning.

An adult conversation class (for beginners and intermediate/advanced speakers) was also added to the Greek Language Institute course offerings and takes place, virtually, every Wednesday evening. This program is designed to improve conversational Greek and is spearheaded by Dr. Maria Athanasopoulou, professor at Queens College. With these new shifts in instruction and communication, we were able to ensure a smooth start to our program. Students eagerly began getting back in the swing of learning and were very happy to be alongside (both in-person, and virtually) their classmates.

#### HEALTH & WELLNESS ARTICLE

We would like to include a Health and Wellness article in our future Trumpet issues.

If anyone in the health and wellness field would like to contribute an article for a future issue please send an email indicating your interest to: [trumpet@archangelmichaelchurch.org](mailto:trumpet@archangelmichaelchurch.org).

## 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

GOYA kicked off the 2020-2021 year on September 11th with our annual Ice Cream Social and Registration. It was a super fun night, full of sweets and games, where old GOYANs connected, while welcoming our new members with open arms. We're so excited for this new year with 150+ GOYANs, ready for all the great events to come. This year due to COVID we will be practicing social distancing and will require the wearing of masks at our events to ensure the safety of our GOYANs.



October was filled with GOYA nights! On Fridays, our GOYANs come together at church for a night of fun, games and pizza! They love to get together at the end of a busy week to spend some time with their friends. Bowling, Zip lining and apple picking were our early October events this year. Our GOYANs had a great time



As this issue of the Trumpet was being finalized we were looking forward to a number of late October activities. The annual Pancake Breakfast event where GOYANs first serve in the church as Parish Council ushers and then following the Divine Liturgy serve a delicious breakfast (with a To-Go option) to the members of the AMC community, is always enjoyed by all. The Thanksgiving Food Drive is one of the most important community service projects we undertake each year. We will deliver Thanksgiving dinners to families in need on Saturday, November 21st. Our GOYANs value this event as it is a great way to begin the holiday season.

It's never too late to join GOYA!!! Come and join us for fun and fellowship all year long. Please contact us at [goya@archangelmichaelchurch.org](mailto:goya@archangelmichaelchurch.org)

## Byzantine Youth Choir

Nineteen enthusiastic Youth Choir members celebrated their first Divine Liturgy back in church on September 13th. Even with social distancing and wearing masks, it was absolutely wonderful to be together again! Hopefully as the trend of the pandemic lessens further, more of our sixty Youth Choir members will return to church once again.

Special thanks to Youth Choir Members Marina Tsimiris, Aphrodite Dimopoulos and Anastasia Cavounis for chanting the Divine Liturgy so beautifully at the psalti stand on Sunday, September 27th. These three young women have been dedicated Youth Choir members since they were eight years old; and now as seniors in high school, it is a joy to know that choirs and the beloved hymns of our faith will live on to the next generation.



Please note that Youth Choir will be chanting the Divine Liturgy on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month. A heated tent with lights has been set up outside which will facilitate conducting choir rehearsals during the autumn months.

**Wishing Everyone a Happy, Healthy Thanksgiving  
& A Blessed Christmas!**

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### ARCHANGEL MICHAEL CHURCH GOLF OUTING "THE WATSONIAN"

On October 22nd The Archangel Michael Church held its 27th Annual Golf Outing, "The Watsonian", at Plandome Country Club.

This year 107 golfers participated and enjoyed beautiful weather and a great day of golf and fellowship. The afternoon was capped off with an outdoor dinner on the patio overlooking the beautiful pond which protects the 18th hole.

This year's "In Memoriam Spirit Awards" were presented to Harry Lascarides, Chris Neamonitis, Nicholas Papain and Tom Pappas recognizing their many years of dedicated service to the Archangel Michael Church and participation in the annual golf outing event.



The “In Memoriam Spirit Award” was started eight years ago. The Spirit Award commemorates the memories of Carl Watson, Gus Keen, Perry Alexiou, Steve Drametenos, Andy Cyprus, Stanley Neamonitis and Stelios Gerazounis. These stalwart members were very loyal participants and supporters of the golf outing from its inception and were part of the foundation of the Archangel Michael Community.

Each year we also honor several of our very generous and loyal sponsors, who each and every year support this worthy cause. This year’s recipients were Kirk Lazaridis, Ted Tsiokas, Anthony Zachariadis and Andreas Tsalikis.



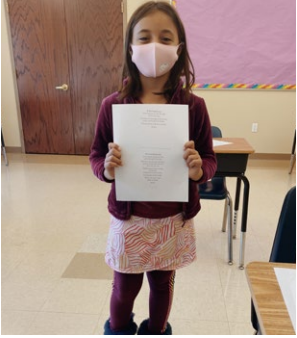
The net proceeds for this year’s event is estimated to exceed \$55,000 which will be used for the continued operations of the Church and its ministries.

We would like to thank all of our loyal sponsors, supporters and participants and the friends and members of the AMC family who were so generous in supporting our raffle as well. Please see page 21 for a list of our generous supporters.

A very special thank you to Dora Gouramanis & Catherine Papagianakis for working tirelessly during the planning stage and at the event! Finally, we are grateful to our Golf Committee, Chris Neocleous, Gus Lucas, Drew Keen, Michael Bapis, Peter Takvorian and our chairman, Mario Harris for their incredible work in putting together this event in just two weeks. They met the unprecedented challenges faced with determination and resolution, as this event was the most important and only 2020 major fundraiser for our Archangel Michael community.

Next year, on June 10, 2021, we will mark 28 years of success in bringing together our parishioners, families and friends at the AMC Golf Outing “The Watsonian” at Plandome Country Club. We look forward to a bigger and more successful 2021 event. See you next year!

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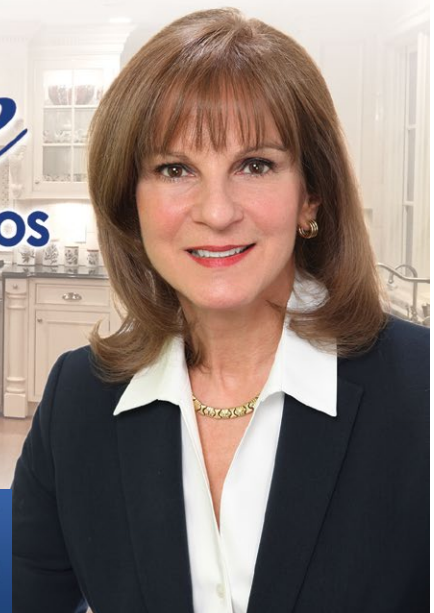
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# November Calendar 2020

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>PC Nominations Close</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Feast of the Unmercenary Saints  Orthros 7:30a 1st Divine Liturgy 8:45a 2nd Divine Liturgy 10:30a	Philoptochos Meeting 7:30p	Election Day Preschool Closed	Paraklesis 10a Book Club 11a	Small Vespers 7p Book Club 7:30p	GOYA Hike & Bonfire 5:30p	<b>Synaxis of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel and of all the Bodiless Powers</b> Great Vespers 7p PC Nominations Close
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Synaxis of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel</b> Orthros: 8:30a Divine Liturgy-10a  Vigil for St. Nektarios - 7:30p			Veterans Day Preschool Closed Paraklesis 10a Book Club 11a HOPE/JOY Paint Night 4p GOYA Veterans Project	Small Vespers 7p Book Club 7:30p	St. John Chrysostom  Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a	St. Phillip the Apostle, St. Gregory Palamas  Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
Orthros 7:30a 1st Divine Liturgy 8:45a 2nd Divine Liturgy 10:30a  Christmas Fast Begins  Philoptochos: Artos for Veterans Day	The Apostle Matthew Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a		Paraklesis 10a Bible Study 11a  PC Election Mail-In Ballot Request Form due	Small Vespers 7p Bible Study 7:30p  GOYA Assemble Thanksgiving Baskets 7p		Challenge Liturgy & The Entrance of the Theotokos  Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 10:30a  GOYA Thanksgiving Basket Delivery
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
Orthros 7:30a 1st Divine Liturgy 8:45a 2nd Divine Liturgy 10:30a		<b>Great Vespers of St. Katherine 7p - Chapel</b>	St. Katherine & St. Merkourios  Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a	Happy Thanksgiving!		
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					
Orthros 8:45a Divine Liturgy 10a  Philoptochos Christmas Boutique  No Sunday School	The Feast of St. Andrew  Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a					



ARCHANGEL MICHAEL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

# December Calendar 2020

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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		The Prophet Naoum & Filaret the Merciful (Small Blessing of the Water) Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a	St. Porphyrios Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a Book Club 11a Preschool Closed Parent-Teacher Conferences	Great Vespers of St. Barbara (Manhattan, Orange CT) 7p Small Vespers 7p Book Club 7:30p	St. Barbara Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a  HOPE/JOY Gym Night 5p GOYA Tree Trimming 7:30p	St. Savva Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a  Great Vespers of St. Nicholas (West Babylon, Flushing) 7p
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
St. Nicholas Orthros 7:30a 1st Divine Liturgy 8:45a 2nd Divine Liturgy 10:30a Philoptochos Christmas Boutique	Final Post-Mark Date for PC Election Mail-In Ballots		The Conception of St. Anna  Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a Book Club 11a	Small Vespers 7p Book Club 7:30p	Great Vespers of St. Spyridon (Manhattan) 7p	St. Spyridon Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Orthros 7:30a 1st Divine Liturgy 8:45a 2nd Divine Liturgy 10:30a  Philoptochos Christmas Boutique	St. Julia Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a	St. Anastasia Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a	The Ten Martyrs of Crete Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a	Christmas Recess: Preschool & Greek School  Royal Hours of Christmas 9:30a  <b>Feast of Christmas</b> Great Vespers 6:30pm & Divine Liturgy of St. Basil	Feast of Christmas Orthros 8:30 Divine Liturgy 9:30	Closed Dec 24- Jan1
27	28	29	30	31		
Christmas Recess: Preschool & Greek School Closed Dec 24- Jan1						
St. Stephen Orthros 8:45a Divine Liturgy 10a  No Sunday School						

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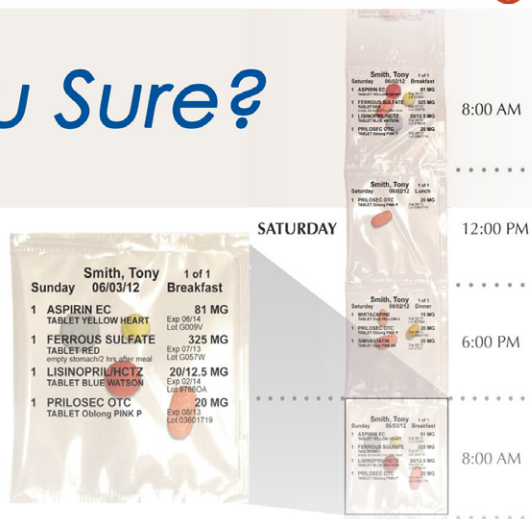
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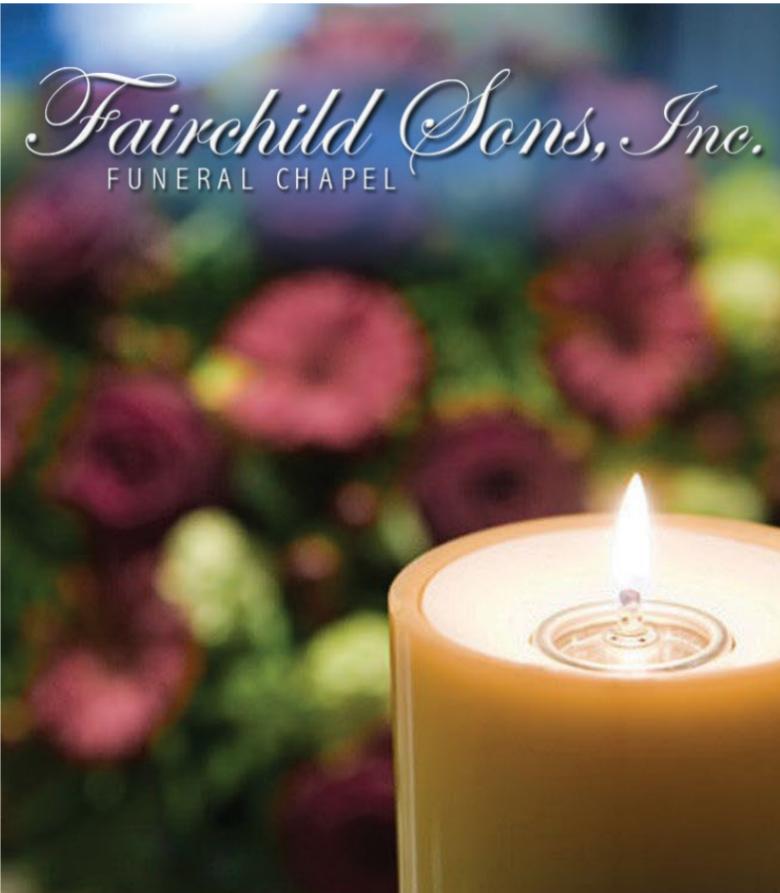
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