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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:

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Nov-Dec Sunday Worship Schedule

Sunday Services: 8:00am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy

“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work.” (2Cor. 9:8)

The Good Work of the Church

There is a lot of good work that takes place in the life of the church! The most philanthropic event in the history of the universe takes place every Sunday and at every Divine Liturgy: the offering of the Body and Blood of Christ. “I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.” (John 6:51) From the heart of the church, the chalice, life flows into all the community.

Major components of the good work of the church are the proactive programs in education and youth ministry that help the process of spiritual formation and a strong foundation of morality and ethics based on the teachings of Jesus. On Friday nights, with the assistance of very dedicated advisors and parents, the clergy and GOYAns gather in the chapel or church for a brief prayer and a discussion with the priest. They eat together and then have the time for Christian fellowship. Where the temptation for some youth to be at parties in the basement of a home or at a park or to get caught up in a group of friends that might not be the best positive role models, what an incredible proactive good work the youth ministry offers. Sunday School, Greek School, and Pre-School are always planting the seed of God’s wisdom through knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, through the Greek language, and through stories of faith. “Let my teaching drop as the rain, my speech distill as the dew, as raindrops on the tender herb, and as showers on the grass.” (Deuteronomy 32:2) Through all the youth ministries of the church, including sports and dance, incredible proactive work of faith is taking place to help solidify the souls of the youth.

On a weekly basis, visits to Northwell and St. Francis hospitals take place. There are also monthly visits to three of the surrounding nursing homes, plus home visits to those who have a difficult time venturing outside. This year, spearheaded by Philoptochos and supported by the Parish Council, a Young at Heart Luncheon takes place, once a month to bring all of our Young at Heart together. “Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in

the word and doctrine.” (1Timothy 5:17) It is truly the good work of the church to honor the elders who sacrificed so much to build this community.

The spiritual work of the church lays the foundation of Christ. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. (1Cor. 3:11) Through the work of the clergy, sermons are prepared; articles written (some better than others); Bible studies and book clubs organized; retreats held; confessions given; counseling in preparation for marriage offered; catechisms for people interested in embracing the Orthodox Faith taught. This is all the good work of the church.

As the Archangel Michael Church “spreads its wings and expands its Ministries,” there is a lot more history being added to this dynamic and vibrant community. The church complex has not yet been completed according to design. Certain work had to be postponed in order to secure funds. The great opportunity to complete the purchase of the adjacent land at a great price is an incredible and historical moment for the church that will be spoken about for generations to come. The iconography programs in the church and chapel will only create greater awe of the beauty of heaven on earth. The prospect of this great Greek Orthodox campus becoming a center of Hellenism through education, art, sport, and every other cultural expression is beholden to the leadership of the clergy and the laity of the community.

It is an honor and privilege to be part of such a dynamic growth. As one gives through their time, self-sacrifice, and monetary gifts through stewardship, it is each steward that is graced to say to God, “Thank you for the opportunity!” God can provide each person to help with the good work of the church. Do not stand back and say, “someone else can do it,” or “this person has more to give than me, so let them take on the responsibility.” May each parishioner and faithful member of the church, with gladness and joy, assist in whatever capacity they can in the good work of the church. “God loves a cheerful giver!” (2Cor. 9:7)

In Christ’s Ministry,
Fr. John K. Lardas

Prayer to Warm the Heart

There is a book called *Father Arseny* which primarily describes the life of a priest who in Soviet Russia is imprisoned within a Siberian gulag (prison camp). In this brutal context, there are many grueling stories of death, corruption, criminal activity, and grief. One day there was one more such story unfolding when a new prisoner, Alexei, was in the midst of basically getting robbed of his new clothes. For his refusal to comply, the young Alexei is being beaten to the brink of death by criminals. Father Arseny, from his pure instinct, rises to the young man's defense without consideration of the danger to himself. The criminals, frustrated with the priest, report him to the guards so that he and the young Alexei would be sent to an isolation cell. This cell was outside with sheet metal walls in the harsh Siberian winter of negative 20-degree temperatures. The guards, who already disdained Fr. Arseny for his refusal to deny his faith and for often becoming a thorn in their side, decide to send him and Alexei to the cell for 48 hours knowing that this will kill them. Since there was no heat source, nobody could last even close to a day. Once they are thrown into the cell, Alexei is ready to give up, knowing their fate is certain.



However, Fr. Arseny is joyful and peaceful. He says they finally are alone and have the opportunity to pray aloud without interruption. This shocks young Alexei, but he writes it up to Fr. Arseny being old and deluded. Nevertheless, the fervent, persistent, and sincere prayer of Fr. Arseny inspires Alexei to join in, even nominally. Soon he begins to see the pitch-black room as bright, and Fr. Arseny was suddenly praying with full liturgical garments along with several people assisting him. In his shock, Alexei does not feel the bitter cold and the fear of death leaves him. The fear and cold are replaced by a peace and warmth of

heart. The prayer had taken over, and he relaxed fully confident in God. He had not previously believed, but the strength of spirit and faith of Fr. Arseny drew him into deep prayer and trust in God. Suddenly, a knock at the door interrupted them. The two days had passed as if in a moment, and the guards were shocked to discover the old priest and the young man alive.

This is, of course, a beautiful story from a book full of them; but it is not something that is reserved for the Soviet gulag. Prayer, communion with God, is that which warms the heart more than anything else. In *The Way of a Pilgrim*, the book we are currently reading for our book club, there are several of these episodes where the continual practice of

prayer, especially the Jesus prayer, warms the heart and brings light into darkness. The “Lord, Jesus Christ have mercy on me” grants the Christian an intimate connection with the Almighty God, just as we would with our closest and dearest friend. We are made from love and made to love. “His love abides in us” and “the kingdom of heaven is within us” if only we are

wise enough to activate it. This is testified of in the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 24, on the road to Emmaus, when the disciples realize their hearts burned within them. God desires for us to turn to Him in prayer and when we do, we awaken His image in us so that all His love, all His grace, all His warmth, and all His power becomes manifest. This is the prayer of the heart, when a simple act of our mind, to pray ritualistically as most of us do, brings prayer into our hearts. We are sustained and kept spiritually warm by Him. Even in the midst of this cold, harsh, unforgiving, and tiresome world, He will keep us. Just as Fr. Arseny was spared of physical death, pray so that our souls are spared of spiritual death and that when the Lord knocks, He will not find a cold corpse.

Worship Services

Orthros 8:30am & Divine Liturgy 9:30am unless otherwise indicated

NOVEMBER

Mon., 1	The Unmercenary Saints & Small Blessing of the Water	Sun., 5	Great Vespers of St. Nicholas (Flushing, Babylon)
Sun., 7	Synaxis of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel and of all the Bodiless Powers: Great Vespers 6:00 p.m.	Mon., 6	St. Nicholas
Mon., 8	Feast of the Archangel Michael	Thur., 9	The Conception of St. Anna
Tue., 9	St. Nektarios	Sat., 11	The Great Vespers of St. Spyridon (Manhattan)
Sat., 13	St. John Chrysostom	Sun., 12	St. Spyridon
Mon., 15	Start of the Christmas Fast	Mon., 13	The Martyr Eustratios
Tue., 16	The Apostle Matthew	Tue., 14	The Great Vespers of St. Eleftherios (Manhattan)
Sat., 20	Challenge Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m. (Orthros 9:30)	Wed., 15	St. Eleftherios
Sun., 21	The Entrance of the Theotokos	Thur., 16	Haggai the Prophet
Wed., 24	The Great Vespers of St. Katherine 4:00 p.m. (Chapel)	Fri., 17	St. Dionysios (Name Day of Fr. Dennis)
Thur., 25	St. Katherine & St. Merkourios	Sat., 18	Challenge Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m. (Orthros 9:30)
Tue., 30	St. Andrew	Mon., 20	St. Ignatios

DECEMBER

Wed., 1	The Prophet Naoum & Filaret the Merciful (Small Blessing of the Water)	Mon., 20	St. Ignatios
Thur., 2	St. Porphyrios	Tue., 21	St. Julia
Fri., 3	Vigil of St. Barbara Vespers 7:00 p.m., followed by Orthros and Divine Liturgy	Wed., 22	St. Anastasia
		Thur., 23	The Ten Martyrs of Crete
		Fri., 24	Royal Hours of Christmas, 9:30 a.m. The Feast of Christmas Great Vespers 6:30 p.m. & Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
		Sat., 25	The Feast of Christmas
		Sun., 26	The Synaxis of the Panagia
		Mon., 27	St. Stephen

Sacraments

Sun. Nov. 7	2:00 p.m., Wedding of Vasiliou Diakogeorgios & Chrystalla Neocleous	Sat., Nov. 20	1:00 p.m., Wedding of Evangelos Katehis & Adina Sookhoo
Sat., Nov. 13	1:00 p.m., Wedding of Andrew Keen & Alexandra Bellini	Sun., Nov. 21	1:00 p.m., Baptism: Child of Maria & John Sfakianos
	3:00 p.m., Baptism: Child of Anthony & Joanne Ventimiglia		3:00 p.m., Baptism: Child of Petros & Mary Veddreanis
Sun, Nov. 14	1:00 p.m., Baptism: Child of Ann & George Papatarios	Sat., Dec. 11	2:00 p.m., Wedding of Frank Troulakis & Romina Velazco

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Wishing everyone a Kalo Xeimona as we enter the final months of the year. The year 2021 presented us with new challenges. Our Archangel Michael community steadied the course with the reopening of our ministries and reconnecting with each other. We have continued with our theme of moving forward this year.

We moved forward with:

- Opening our church for liturgies, services, and a beautiful Holy Week and Pascha.
- Watsonian Golf Outing, and it was a record-breaking success.
- Parishioners' approval to purchase the adjacent land.
- 10th anniversary of the Festival on the Harbor with record-breaking success.
- Super Raffle, which was another record-breaking success.

I am overwhelmed with **gratitude and appreciation** for our Archangel Michael community. On behalf of the members of the Parish Council, I thank each and every one of you for the positive impact you have made this year. Our community embraced the spirit of moving forward and built upon the foundation for continued growth and expansion of our Archangel Michael community.

I am truly humbled to have served as your Parish Council President this year.

I would like to thank Fr. John and Fr. Michael for their support and spiritual guidance.

Thank you to all our ministries and their leaders for always exceeding expectations.

Thank you to the Parish Council for their commitment and support in making this all happen this year.

I am looking forward to celebrating with all of you at our Archangel Michael Church Name Day Dinner Dance on November 12 and acknowledging the 40th anniversary of our community with our commemorative journal.

In gratitude,

John Koumpourlis

Please share any comments and suggestions with the Parish Council at parishcouncil@archangelmichaelchurch.org

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.

STEWARDSHIP

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 throughout the year. While the pandemic has affected everyone in our community in one form or another, including our church, we have come together and shown tremendous support for each other and our church. We are grateful to all our dedicated parishioners for the self-sacrifice and love you have shown to the church by offering the best of your time, talents, and treasure!

We are coming to the end of the year; so if you have not had the opportunity to complete your 2021 stewardship, we ask that you continue doing so before the year ends. **OUR church and community need your continued support through stewardship.**

As of September 30, 2021, a total of \$564,000 has been collected as compared to September 30, 2020 when a total of \$499,800 had been collected. Our expenses as of September 30, 2021 were \$900,000. As you can see, we still need your HELP and SUPPORT this year to meet the goal set by the Parish Council to have an operating budget of **\$1,000,000** totally generated from the stewardship of the faithful.

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.

PHILOPTOCHOS



GREECE FIRES RELIEF FUND

As we stand in solidarity with and to support our vulnerable sisters and brothers in Greece where wildfires raged, the Executive Board of the National Philoptochos Society took swift action and voted to distribute \$40,000 to offer relief. Greece suffered an overwhelming and catastrophic loss in Evia, the Peloponnese Peninsula, and other parts of the country. We will continue to pray for all whose lives have been affected and pledge to continue our support.

This initial donation of \$40,000 from the Aid to the People of Greece and Cyprus Fund was unanimously supported as an immediate action to answer the call by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros and has been donated to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America for the Greece Fires Relief Fund.

The generosity of Philoptochos is well known and much appreciated throughout the world. Our brothers and sisters in Greece need our love and our support at this time and once again, Philoptochos has answered their plea.

As an immediate response to the call by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America to support our brethren, the Archangel Michael Ladies Philoptochos donated \$1000 to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America's

Greece Fires Relief Fund. This is not the first time that Philoptochos has responded to the human and physical devastation caused by wildfires in Greece. The road to recovery and healing will be long for fire victims in Greece. The devastating fires will likely be followed by flooding and further devastation during the fall and winter.

LITERACY INITIATIVE - OPERATION PAPERBACK

Our sincerest thanks to everyone that participated in our Literacy Drive with Operation Paperback. We collected more than 150 paperback books that we shipped to soldiers overseas and in Veterans hospitals. We received several thank you notes but one in particular stands out. Please see the letter from Army Infantry Officer J. B. Stevens below.

Dear Archangel Michael Ladies Philoptochos,

My name is J.B. Stevens. I was an Army Infantry Officer in the 3rd ID out of Fort Benning and now I'm a U.S. Marshal in Atlanta. Your organization did so much for me. I deeply appreciate your work, and your mission. I wanted to reach out and say thank you.

My 15 months in Iraq were challenging. Books were my escape. The books you sent kept me sane. Your efforts mean more than I could express.

Anyway, after I returned, I still loved reading, and I tried my hand at writing. I started winning awards and decided that maybe I didn't have to carry a gun for a living. So now I'm trying to make it as a writer. With that in mind, I wrote a collection of crime stories as give-away to build a fan list/readers club. This is an e-book, it is available in all formats, and it is totally free as a gift to you. THANK YOU!

The work you do matters more than you know. I can't thank you enough for helping me.

Thanks!

J.B. Stevens

If you'd like to check out the book click here: <https://www.subscribepage.com/jbstevensfreebook>

NATIONAL CHURCH MUSICIANS SUNDAY

Every year parishes across the Archdiocese observe National Church Musicians Sunday. This commemoration is always celebrated in October following the Feast of St. Romanos the Melodist, the patron saint of church musicians. This year the Archangel Michael Ladies Philoptochos celebrated this special day on Sunday, October 10, by hosting a special coffee hour following Liturgy. On this Sunday we celebrated and thanked our Church Choir Directors Zoe Zollo and Georgia Kaufman, our Byzantine Youth Choir, our Adult Choir, and our psalti, Petros Malliaris, acknowledging their hard work and contribution to the liturgical life of our Holy Orthodox Church, which deepens the worship and participation of our congregation. Our choir directors were truly pleased and thanked us for acknowledging them, and the members of our choirs were delighted and truly felt special to be appreciated for doing what they love. The Ladies Philoptochos was pleased to host this event, and we thank our chairperson Mary Sole for her care and dedication in making this a beautiful occasion.



YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

On Thursday, October 14, The Archangel Michael Ladies Philoptochos held its first Young at Heart Luncheon. Throughout COVID-19 as we all hunkered down and sheltered in place, the reality that we could not spend time with our families and friends, slowly isolated everyone from their community. Thus, under the guidance of Fr. John and with the support of the Parish Council and the Philoptochos Board, this new initiative took shape and became a reality by bringing together people in our community that are truly young at heart to share a delicious meal catered by a restaurant in our community, Louie's Grille in Port Washington. Additionally, entertainment was provided by Kostantinos Fotiadis who shared popular bouzouki songs with us. Lively conversation, laughter, smiles, hugs, and a sense that things may be getting back to normal filled our fellowship hall. The Young at Heart Luncheons will be held every month; all seniors (55 and older) of our community are welcome to join us!



ARCHANGEL MICHAEL CHURCH COOKING CLUB

The Cooking Club is a Philoptochos initiative to pass on Hellenic cooking traditions to the next generation and all interested parties. The Cooking Club welcomes you back with a festive and informative presentation of favorite recipes, traditions and customs from the beautiful volcanic island of Nisyros!

Please join us on **Saturday, November 13 at 11 a.m.** in the Angeliades Fellowship Hall for this wonderful presentation by the Pan-Nisyrian Ladies Auxiliary Society HARAVGI.

Recommended Donation:\$20

To reserve your spot, please email philoptochoscookingclub@gmail.com or call/text (516)375-3940.

BIBLE STUDY AND BOOK CLUB

The Archangel Michael Book Club began the 2021-22 ecclesiastical year discussing the R.M. French translation of *The Way of a Pilgrim*, a true story about a man whose only worldly goods were his Bible, a knapsack, and dry bread and whose heart and mind (the nous) were touched by St. Paul's exhortation to "pray unceasingly" when he heard the Epistle reading (St. Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians) at church one day. Although he had learned much about what prayer is and the fruits of prayer, he went on a quest through 19th- century Russia and Siberia to learn "how to pray" and was taught the spiritual discipline known as the Jesus Prayer: "Lord, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me."

The groups learned from Fr. Michael, Fr. John, and each other that there are both longer and shorter versions of this prayer. The longer ones add "Son of God" after "Christ" and an invocation to the Theotokos, while the shorter variations are "Lord, have mercy" or "Lord have mercy on me." We also learned we can pray the Jesus prayer for others in need, using their names instead of "me."



Fr. Michael emphasized that the deep yearning or burning desire for ceaseless prayer is in and of itself a gift of God by his grace; and we should pray to even have that desire, let alone someday attain it. He also compared the pilgrim's journey to a scientific experiment from which we can reap the benefits of his experiences. It is important, he said, to understand the pilgrim's starting point. He followed the liturgical calendar (that is, he was part of the Orthodox Church), and he had overcome the passions of gluttony and possessions and clearly had a deep love for God as he was fed on His word and his Bible was his sole possession.

To begin to benefit from his experience, we were given the assignment of praying the Jesus Prayer until our next class 300 times each day, using a rosary or prayer rope (komboskini), the knots of which are comprised of small crosses, as a tool in counting. Fr. Michael told us to not get hung up on our method of counting and to "trust the process," laying aside any doubts we may have.

During Fr. John's class, we spoke about whether we'd each personally used the Jesus Prayer, in situations in which it helped us (including when we were having difficulty sleeping), and how far from unceasingly praying we were. Among other things, Fr. John shared the history of the development of the Jesus prayer in Church practice.

The last two weeks of October, we began our study of The Epistle of James and look forward to also studying the first Epistles of Peter and John.

Submitted by Sophia A. Niarchos with input from Glorene Siarres and Mary Xanthos

**BIBLE STUDY and BOOK CLUB
IN PERSON or VIA ZOOM**
<https://goarch.zoom.us/j/92843042686>

BOOK CLUB (The Way of a Pilgrim)
meets the 1st & 2nd weeks of the month

BIBLE STUDY (The Epistles of James, First Peter and First John)
meets the 3rd & 4th weeks of the month

Wednesday morning sessions at 11 a.m.
Thursday evening sessions at 7:30 p.m.

Join us in prayer in the church for Paraklesis to the Theotokos at
10 a.m. Wednesdays and Small Vespers at 7 p.m. Thursdays.

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ALL ARE WELCOME!

HERITAGE LIBRARY AND BOOKSTORE



Please join The Archangel Michael Heritage Library and Bookstore Committee in the Angeliades Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, November 21, 2021 at 12:30 p.m.** for a lecture by Thea Halo, author of **Not Even My Name**, to learn about the genocide of the Pontic Greeks at the hands of the Turkish government in the years following World War I. This memoir will resonate with many readers who had relatives living in Asia Minor at that time, as it is a deeply moving portrait of the exile of Halo's mother from her homeland. We hope you can join us!

Please note that the bookstore has been temporarily relocated to the library. A mobile unit will be at select coffee hours in the weeks ahead, including December 5 and 19, in time for your Christmas shopping.

SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT MINISTRY

The Archangel Michael Special Needs Ministry was created by moms who have children with special needs. This group is an open forum to discuss, share, and learn from one another. Parents come here to both give and receive support.

Our meetings are usually held on the last Tuesday of every month at 7:30p.m. Our next meeting will be on November 30; and because the last Tuesday in December falls between Christmas and New Years Day, we will have that meeting on December 21.

This is our third year, and we look forward to seeing our existing members and to opening our doors to new ones.

We look forward to seeing you all.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Archangel Michael Sunday School commenced its classes on Sunday, September 19. Approximately 90 students filled the halls with their smiling faces eager to begin a new year. The Chapel Service was reintroduced, and the children have been participating in the Divine Liturgy. The students have been able to spend time learning more about our Orthodox faith directly from both Fr. John and Fr. Michael.

Our Sunday School is staffed by the following dedicated volunteers:

Sunday School Staff

Director: Sevasmia (Sara) Savva

Office Staff: Libby Doumanis & Valerie Papain

Teachers

Pre-Kindergarten: Millie Gianoukakis

Assistant: Alexander Gianoukakis

Kindergarten: Kally DiPreta

Assistant: Sophia Xenophontos

1st Grade: Kathy Drenis & Helen Pappas

2nd Grade: Andrea (Niki) Maropakis, Gabrielle Pappas, & Kathryn Papagianopoulos

3rd Grade: Kathy Pappas

4th Grade: Anna Theodosopoulos & Androula Xenophontos

5th Grade: Maria Dimopoulos & Katina Brountzas Kostaridis

6th Grade: Chris Ioannou & Michele Lascarides

7th & 8th Grade: Constantine Pourakis

Young Adults: Eleni Raptis & Harry Harris

Music Program: Georgia Kaufman

Christmas Pageant: Georgia Katsoulis

Crafts Program: Paula Pourakis

Our crafts program started up again and the children have been enjoying making creative projects that help connect them to their faith. The Sunday School has plans underway for the annual Christmas Pageant to

NEWS & EVENTS

be held on Sunday, December 19, immediately following the Divine Liturgy. We look forward to this event which recounts the Nativity of our Lord and brings joy to our students and their families.

Please note that our protocols due to COVID are still in place. Students received textbooks and supplies in their own individualized clear plastic bags for the school year, and desks are set up for social distancing. We require that students wear their masks, so please ensure that they come to class prepared. We continue to look forward to a blessed and productive year.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Our director, Sara Savva can be reached at sspan65@yahoo.com.

PRESCHOOL



The preschool children are both learning and enjoying much with their friends. Playing together outside is always a special treat for them!



During Greek lessons, which are held for all students in the regular program once a week, the children are learning their colors and numbers through various songs and finger play.

The Pre-K started their Greek after-school enrichment program, which adds nearly three hours of additional emphasis to the children's regular Greek instruction each week. Learning the days of the week, word association with pictures, reading stories with props, and writing the alphabet are all activities that the children in the program enjoy.

Special Occasions

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

In November, we will be celebrating our Patron Saint, the Archangel Michael. Fr. John and Fr. Michael will come to our classes to speak to the children about this important holiday. Also in November, all the classes will be making their own butter and cornbread for our Thanksgiving celebration. The Pre-K is rehearsing their Thanksgiving play which will be attended by Fr. John, Fr. Michael, and the church office staff. They are also looking forward to reading the Thanksgiving books which they are busy creating.

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 that were made by the children. They are also learning 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 it on stage. Children in the Toddler Class, who continue to form bonds with their new friends, are excited about making Christmas presents and crafts.

Upcoming Events

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

School resumes on Monday, January 3.

If you are interested in the school, please call (516) 944-3184.

Everyone at the Preschool would like to wish you all a “Happy Thanksgiving” and “Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year”!

GREEK LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

With the beginning of the school year now a distant memory, our Archangel Michael Church Greek Language Institute (GLI) has been functioning at its classic pace. Students were excited to receive an ice cream (fresh off the ice cream truck!) on their first day of class, courtesy of the GLI PTA. Throughout the fall semester, classes were filled with eager students and dedicated teachers. The hallways were bustling with positive sounds emanating from the classrooms, including songs, dialogue, and lessons. Everyone is excited to be almost “normal” again.



One event that brought a strong sense of normalcy was the Greek Festival on the Harbor. Many of our students attended this event and volunteered their time and talent in support of our church. The Archangel Michael GLI had its own booth, equipped with handmade bookmarks, copies of our textbooks, posters, and of course, our smiling teachers. Our student volunteers were thrilled to hear that their participation in the festival would equate to a homework pass!



Throughout October, our students learned about the significance of OXI DAY. Our older students read historical, primary documents; and our younger students watched videos and heard stories about the strength of our Greek heroes. Winston Churchill’s famous words, “Hence, we will not say that Greeks fight like heroes, but that heroes fight like Greeks,” were truly felt in our classrooms as our students immersed themselves in the process of learning more about our heritage.

As November and December approach, our students are preparing to welcome the holiday season. They will be introduced to delightful “kalanda” and are looking forward to the chance to sing them too. Our talented teachers continue to warm our students’ hearts with fun arts and crafts, all while teaching them the Greek language. We look forward to seeing what the spring semester will bring!

A STUDENT’S REFLECTION

Returning to Normalcy: What Going Back to School Means for New York Students

By Sevasti “Seva” Karonis



When we envision a school, we usually picture a few of the following things: crowded hallways, noisy cafeterias, bustling auditoriums, and sprawling football fields. However, the definition of school has drastically changed for high schoolers over the past year and a half.

The transition from opening a laptop and joining a Zoom meeting to waking up at 7 in the morning and getting to school is a challenging one. So many things we hadn’t had to worry about--such as getting dressed and arriving on time--are now being pushed back into the forefronts of every high schooler’s mind as they struggle to navigate their way back to in-person learning.

For some, it’s less of a shock, since many schools across Long Island have had the option of hybrid

learning. However, most high school students have been fully remote, and now have to adjust back to their in-person lives. Last year was a time full of unprecedented changes, which was clearly reflected in students' attitudes.

"A lot of these kids were just not into it," Mike Stratis, a history teacher at Garden City High School, states. "It was a very strange year in terms of student performance last year. I feel like there was almost like a conditioning that something might go wrong... and that constant interruption of quarantining, I think, started becoming more or less something of... an alternative reason why people might start minimizing the whole school experience..."

Indeed, some students last year didn't take school seriously enough due to the unusual circumstance of the pandemic. It's reflected in the attendance data from the DOE, with about 80.3% of NYC students (including remote and hybrid-learning) showing up on the first day of school. This year, that number has steadily increased to 82.4% of students; that doesn't sound too terrible on its own, but compared to the 90% attendance rate in 2019, it's disheartening.

Still, a majority of students are in school, and are doing their best to adjust back to normalcy.

"It was actually kind of hard in a sense, going from online to in-person school," Sophia Xenophontos, a student at Manhasset High School, details. "Because even though it was harder learning from online school, they definitely did make the curriculum easier because of the inconvenience that everyone had."

Though some had better situations than others, being at home wasn't ideal for every student. It was difficult for teachers to teach, and even harder for students to learn. Both students and teachers alike have expressed how much easier it is grasping concepts now that they're back in person.

"[It's easier for them to learn now that students are back in school] because it takes away all the distractions of being home, [like] using the laptop as an escape..." Stratis explains.

Melina Vassiliou, a student at St. John's Preparatory School adds onto this, including some of the reasoning why students weren't understanding certain subjects: "[Be]cause before you had the whole internet to use, so you didn't really need to learn. Now, I'm rewriting my notes whether they were typed on a document or not, so I have [the information] in my head."

Despite perspectives that in-person learning is more effective, it has its challenges as well. For example, all tests during online learning were open-book, since a student could easily read over their notes while on a Zoom call. Additionally, online learning kept students more organized, thanks to programs like Google Classroom and Remind listing a student's tasks, or their "to-do list." These advantages aren't available now that students are back in person and are making the transition back to school much more difficult than it needs to be.

"Online school, I have to say, was easier even though you learned less," Xenophontos explains. She depicts some of the challenges, describing, "Now, in school we're taking tests every day, there's no open notes any more..."

Vassiliou also expresses her struggle: "The most challenging thing is really staying organized, since I have papers now and not everything is online."

Hurdles are to be expected as we transition back into school; these issues shouldn't be a surprise to anyone, least of all high-school students. One positive of going back, however, is the socialization between people again. Many of us struggled to stay connected to our friends and loved ones over our time in quarantine, so it's a refreshing change of pace to be able to interact with others again.

“It’s just a lot better being able to see people in person now and getting to make connections with people,” Xenophontos adds. “It was kinda the same for me [when I was at home] cause my group of friends stayed the same, but it’s just easier to look after yourself when you’re able to see people in-person... you’re actually able to talk to people and not just through a computer 24/7.”

Although coming back to school comes with its challenges, it’s evident that students’ attitude towards school has completely changed.

“[Students] came back this September saying, ‘Finally we get a normal school year,’” Stratis elaborates. “They were revved for it, pumped for it, that’s great... Don’t forget it’s still early [in the school year], so we still have a couple months to get them acclimated.”

Throughout the many adversities high schoolers had to face, one thing remains clear: New York students have proven to be resilient. It’s hard to argue that kids will be “just fine” when going back to school, since it’s so early in the year, but we can assert that we’re slowly making our way back to normalcy, and students greatly help shape that.

(Seva Karonis is an Archangel Michael Church parishioner and a Journalism major at Francis Lewis High School)

SUPER RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the 2021 Archangel Michael Church Super Raffle!

Vicky Giouroukakis: 2021 Mercedes Benz A-Class 220 or Cash Prize of \$25,000 (#557695383441)

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Jerry and N Parkas: Cash Prize: \$2,000 (#557695384712)

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Georgette Lambros: 60-inch 4K UHD TV (#557695372151)

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Joseph M. Delgado: 50-inch 4K UHD TV (#557695183022)

Chris Marangoudakis: Premium-branded PC laptop (#557695368662)

George Mangakis: Premium-branded PC laptop (#557695190503)

Richard, Antonia, & Paulina Parsons: Apple iPad Air (#557695290343)

Evans Cyprus: Apple iPad mini (#557695336671)

Nicholas Papain, Esq.: Apple iPad mini (#557695324917)

Michael Block: Apple Watch (#557695190173)

Jorge Matos: Apple Watch (#557695376202)

Omar Kassam: Apple Watch (#557695373631)

Georgia Kokolis: Dinner for 2 at Limani Restaurant - Roslyn, NY. (#557695386481)

Steven and Alexandra Smyth: Dinner for 2 at Kyma Restaurant - Roslyn, NY. (#557695295151)

Paula Pourakis: Dinner for 2 at Pasta Lovers Restaurant - Manhattan, NY. (#557695291361)

GOYA

We kicked off the 2021-2022 GOYA year on September 10 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 are so excited for this new year with 150+ GOYAns, ready for all the great events to come.

The GOYAns made us proud this year at our Greek Festival on the Harbor! They could be seen working hard at booth after booth helping to make it a very successful event.



October was filled with our Friday GOYA nights, when our members came together for an evening full of fun, games and pizza. Our GOYAns love to gather at the end of a busy week to share fun times with their friends.



On October 23 we held our first annual Harry Lascarides Volleyball Tournament. Teams came from many of our sister churches to participate. It was a wonderful day of good sportsmanship and fun.

On October 24, our GOYAns served during the Divine Liturgy as honorary Parish Council ushers followed by our annual Pancake Breakfast in the Angeliades Fellowship Hall. It was wonderful to help and serve our church community. We were thrilled with such an amazing turnout. The GOYAns would like to thank everyone for their donations and participation to keep this event a success.

We also kicked off our Thanksgiving food drive on October 24, starting off the GOYA holiday season in a great way. It is so very important for all of us to pitch in to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

It's never too late to join GOYA!! Come join us for fun and fellowship all year long! Please send an email to: goya@archangelmichaelchurch.org

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!!

Byzantine Youth Choir

St. Romanos the Melodist is the patron saint of church musicians and each year, on or close to his Name Day in October, Greek Orthodox Churches across the nation express their appreciation to church musicians for their service. We would like to extend our gratitude to **Mary Sole** for coordinating a wonderful day of honor for our Choirs and Psalti in recognition of **National Church Musicians Sunday!**

We would also like to thank our Philoptochos President, Diana Gardianos, and the fabulous team of Archangel Michael Church Philoptochos ladies who worked to prepare a delightful luncheon in appreciation of the enrichment our church musicians bring to the liturgical services. Of special note - It was a poignant moment in remembrance of devoted church musician, choir director, and composer Nicholas Pappas who in his lifetime made a profound impact upon the music of our faith, and touched the hearts of so many people. Also in dear blessed memory were dedicated choir members Andy Cyprus and Stelios Gerazounis. May their memory be eternal.



The future of our beloved hymns is in the hands of our youth and it is with great pleasure we welcome new youth choir members, **SEVA KARONIS, ZOE KONTOS, MARIA MOLIVIATIS, MARIA PSARROS, FOTINI RONTIRIS, DESPINA TZOUMAS, VASILIA TZOUMAS and SOPHIA ZARMAKOUPIS.**

The Archangel Michael Byzantine Youth Choir will represent our church at the Direct Archdiocesan District Federation of Church Musicians Annual Conference and Hierarchical Liturgy to be held on the weekend of November 5-7. It will take place at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Bridgeport, Connecticut with Reverend Father George Livaditis. We are especially excited about participating because one of our dedicated Youth Choir members who served our church in choir for a decade is now **Presbytera Ariadne Tzoumas Livaditis.**

*WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING
& BLESSED CHRISTMAS!*

*WITH LOVE FROM YOUTH CHOIR,
MS. ELENI, MR. KRIS, & MS. GEORGIA*

Greek Dance Troupe

The Greek Dance Troupe is off to a great start after kicking off the year with our festival performances!



We are looking forward to our annual performance at the Challenge Liturgy Christmas Luncheon, which is always a wonderful event. The children dance, socialize, and have the opportunity to sit with Santa and Mrs. Claus! A great time is always had by all. Thank you to Manny and Marina Katsoulis for including the children of the Greek Dance Troupe!

Coming up! The Greek Dance Troupe looks forward to participating once again at Parathosi—a Celebration of Hellenic Heritage & Dance hosted by the Direct Archdiocesan District in January. Both our Neolea and Xara groups placed second in their divisions last year. Many communities from the tri-state area and beyond come to show their dance knowledge and beautiful costumes representing various areas of Greece. Come support our dancers!

Come February, our Neolea and Xara 2 groups will be heading out to Phoenix, Arizona, for the annual Faith Dance Fellowship (FDF) Greek Orthodox Folk Dance & Choral Festival! Our Neolea group received the Founder's Achievement Award in 2020!

The Greek Dance Troupe meets on Saturday mornings throughout the school year and welcomes children from Kindergarten and up.

Class times are as follows:

ELPIDA (Grades K-3) 9:30-10:30

XARA 1 & 2 (Grades 4-9) 10:30-11:30

NEOLEA (Grades 10 & Up) 11:30-12:30

We proudly perform at various church and community functions throughout the year culminating in our Annual Dance Recital in June. For more information please contact: greekdance@archangelmichaelchurch.org

Athletics

Archangel Michael Church Basketball Instructional Program

Our Archangel Michael Church Basketball Instructional Program started again on September 18 and will run on Saturdays through March of 2022. The program emphasizes the learning of fundamental skills and offers our young athletes the perfect opportunity to hone their abilities before the expected start of the Greek Orthodox Basketball League.

Led by Coach Casey of Crown Basketball, the Archangel Michael Basketball Instructional Program has 50 enthusiastic participants between the ages of 6 and 13. For an hour and a half every Saturday, the young athletes play games, run drills, and learn a variety of exercises and activities that enhance their basketball skills.



Greek Orthodox Basketball League ("GOBL")

(Hope/JOY: ages 7-12, and GOYA: ages 13 and up)

After the COVID-19 cancellation of the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 seasons, our community and our young athletes are looking forward to participating in the GOBL again. To assure the safety of our youth, the GOBL and Archangel Michael Church are working closely to establish safety protocols that conform with the CDC and Nassau County requirements. The anticipated start of the GOBL season is late October 2021, and it is predicted that we will field at least 25 basketball teams with close to 250 athletes participating!

The HARRY LASCARIDES VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

On October 23, 2021, our community hosted the newly created Harry Lascarides Volleyball Tournament to honor the memory of the late Harry Lascarides. Harry worked tirelessly in many different ways for the Archangel Michael Church and also volunteered his time as our volleyball coach for many years. This tournament will be an annual event.

HOPE/JOY

HOPE/JOY kicked off another great year with their annual Halloween Party. Children gathered in their favorite costumes for a fun day of games, activities, festive fall crafts and, of course, candy!



We are also preparing for our Veteran's Day Service Workshop event taking place on November 11. And save the date for our much anticipated Christmas Party, scheduled for December 19. More details to follow over the next couple of weeks.

Hellenic Orthodox Primary Enrichment (HOPE) (for ages 4-7) and Junior Orthodox Youth (JOY) (for ages 8-12) were created with the goal of gathering children and families in activities which promote Orthodox Christian fellowship. Through HOPE and JOY our youth are enriched with religious and social activities, community service, and Orthodox outreach trips in concert with other church organizations. For more information, please contact one of our HOPE/JOY advisors: Georgia Mourounas, Tina Paralemos, or Dina Petrakis at hopejoy@archangelmichaelchurch.org.

Saints of the Greek Orthodox Church

(This is the second in a series of articles written by GOYANs)



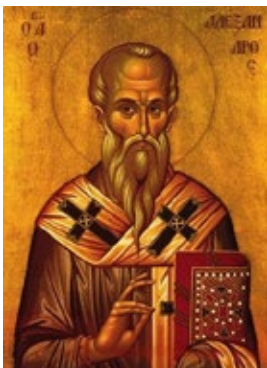
St. Anthony became an orphan at a young age in his village of Coma in Upper Egypt. Although he did not have much, he still gave all he had to the poor after hearing the words of the Gospel that to be perfect meant to sell everything and give to the poor. He spent time in the desert alone struggling day and night, fighting worldly temptations for 20 years. He spent these years perfecting and training himself in extreme fasting and in unceasing prayer. His holiness drew many followers. Later, in a newly formed city of like-minded monks, he became governor. During the time of Christian persecution, he immediately went to the Christians to support them and consolidate them. He began to turn non-believers to Christ as well. St. Anthony spent his life striving to focus on Christ, and he spread the light of Christ to everyone around him. Once he had passed on, the monks that were so eager to meet him knew he was above others in the sense of the serenity of his manner and the purity of his soul.

-Antonia Tsismenakis



St. Demetrios was born in Thessaloniki, Greece, in 270 AD. He became a high-ranking officer in the Roman Army at a very young age because of his great athletic appearance and heroic spirit. He considered himself a soldier of Christ first and a military soldier second. He spent most of his time as a devout missionary, preaching the Gospel at secret meetings and converting pagans to the Christian faith. When the ruling powers turned viciously against Christianity in persecution, the saint did not betray his faith even though he may have become a general or even emperor. St. Demetrios stayed loyal to his faith by saying, "Only in Christ do I believe," which caused him to be sent to prison where he faced the cruelest tortures. Even though St. Demetrios was imprisoned, he did not stop preaching the Gospel to those who came to see him. His feast day of October 26, is the same day as Thessaloniki's most important day in modern history, its liberation from the Ottoman Turks.

-Costa Koutsoftas



On August 30, the Greek Orthodox Church celebrates the feast day of St. Alexandros, Patriarch of Constantinople, who is known for his virtue. St. Alexander was born in Calabria, Italy, and was given to a monastery as a child. From there, he devoted himself to God. He was a vicar bishop during the time of St. Metrophanes, the first Patriarch of Constantinople. During this time, he attended the first Ecumenical Council and defended Orthodoxy from heresy, or improper teaching. St. Metrophanes, on his deathbed, appointed St. Alexandros to the throne of Constantinople, which he served as Archbishop from 325-337. As Patriarch, he had to deal with Arians and pagans. Once, in a dispute with a pagan, he said, "In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I command you to be quiet." The pagan suddenly lost his voice. Only with his acceptance of Christianity did his voice return. The other pagans were in awe and soon became Christians. St. Alexandros proved himself to the faithful, who rejoiced at his God-given power. His All-Holiness died at the age of 98 in the year 337.

-Alexandra Lolis

Spreading Our Wings, Expanding Our Ministry

The Archangel Michael Church Land Acquisition and Development Initiative

“Enlarge the place of your tent; Stretch out the curtains of your dwellings, spare not; Lengthen your cords and strengthen your pegs. For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left. And your descendants will possess nations.” ---- Isaiah 54:2-3

Forty years ago, our first parishioners embarked on a journey to build a new spiritual home for a thriving Orthodox community. Endowed with unwavering faith, they worked together with tremendous diligence and at great sacrifice to create a true *ecclesia* for future generations: the Archangel Michael Church. Always reminded of our humble origins, we continue to honor the spirit of our forerunners by supporting our Hellenic and Orthodox traditions.

Our beloved Archangel Michael Church is now presented with a unique opportunity to secure our community’s legacy for the generations to come. Providence has afforded us the ability to spread our wings beyond the walls of our church and fulfill the obligation owed to those who came before us, by continuing to expand our church ministry.

The Archangel Michael Church has the opportunity to purchase 3.9 acres of undeveloped property from the Town of North Hempstead that lies directly to the south and west of our current church site, adjacent to our main parking lot. This adjacent land could be purchased and developed to serve a multitude of functions for our ever-growing community, such as:

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- a parking facility to accommodate the parish during holidays;
- an outdoor space to host social gatherings and promote fellowship; and
- a preventative measure against other development that could become a nuisance to our community.

The community requires \$1.5 million in hand by the end of 2021 in order to acquire this property. With your generous donations, our community has raised approximately **\$780,000** thus far. **With another \$720,000 in contributions, we can close on the property and begin the next phase of development.** Generous donors will be afforded naming opportunities for the project.

The members of the Committee would like to thank those families that have both contributed and pledged donations thus far. Your support for this project brings us ever closer to realizing our dream of spreading our wings and expanding our ministries.

To make a donation, please contact Father John Lardas at (516) 587-0350, Anthony Zachariades at (516) 528-4037, Chris Neamonitis at (516) 840-0434 or by emailing giving@archangelmichaelchurch.org.

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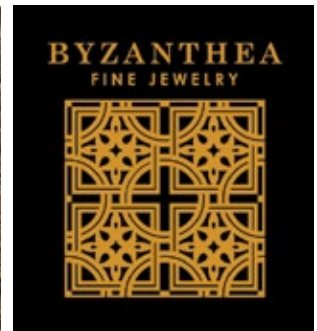
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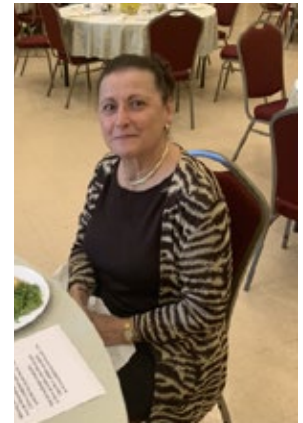


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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Orthros 8:00a Divine Liturgy 9:30a	The Unmercenary Saints & Small Blessing of the Water Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy	Election Day School Closed	Paraklesis 10a Book Club 11a	Small Vespers 7p Book Club 7:30p	Youth Choir Rehearsal 6:30p	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Orthros 8:00a Divine Liturgy 9:30a Synaxis of Archangels Michael & Gabriel & of all the Bodiless Powers: Great Vespers 6:00 p.m.	Feast of the Archangel Michael Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a	St. Nektarios Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a	Paraklesis 10a Book Club 11a Parish Council Nominations Close	Veterans Day Preschool Closed Small Vespers 7p Book Club 7:30p HOPE/JOY Service Workshop	Youth Choir Rehearsal 6:30p 40th Anniversary Gala 7:30p	St. John Chrysostom Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a Cooking Club 11a
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Orthros 8:00a Divine Liturgy 9:30a Sunday of the Good Samaritan Philoptochos Sunday	Start of the Christmas Fast	The Apostle Matthew Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a	Paraklesis 10a Bible Study 11a	Young at Heart Luncheon 11:30a Small Vespers 7p Bible Study 7:30p Dance Troupe: Paint & Sip Night		Challenge Divine Liturgy Orthros 9:30a Liturgy 10:30a
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Orthros 8:00a Divine Liturgy 9:30a The Entrance of the Theotokos Lecture by Author Thea Halo 1p			Paraklesis 10a Bible Study 11a Great Vespers of St. Katherine 4p (Chapel)	Happy Thanksgiving St. Katherine & St. Merkourios Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a Philoptochos Veterans Thanksgiving	School Closed	
28	29	30				
Orthros 8:00a Divine Liturgy 9:30a No Sunday School		St. Andrew Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a Special Needs Ministry 7:30p				



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			1	2	3	4
			Prophet Naoum & Philaret the Merciful (Small Blessing of the Water) Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a Book Club 11a Preschool Closed Parent/Tchr Conf: PreK, Nursey	St. Porphyrios Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a Small Vespers 7p Book Club 7:30p	Vigil of St. Barbara Vespers 7p followed by Orthros & Divine Liturgy Youth Choir Rehearsal 6:30p	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Orthros 8:00a Divine Liturgy 9:30a Great Vespers of St. Nicholas (Flushing, W. Babylon) Parish Council Elections	St. Nicholas Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a Philoptochos Mtg 7:30p		Paraklesis 10a Book Club 11a	Conception of St. Anna Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a Small Vespers 7p Book Club 7:30p	Youth Choir Rehearsal 6:30p	Great Vespers of St. Spyridon (Manhattan)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
St. Spyridon Orthros 8:00a Divine Liturgy 9:30a Family Christmas Luncheon at the Swan Club 12p	St. Eustratios Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a	Great Vespers of St. Eleftherios (Manhattan)	St. Eleftherios Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a Bible Study 11a	Haggai the Prophet Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a Young at Heart Luncheon Small Vespers 7p Bible Study 7:30p	St. Dionysios Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a Youth Choir Rehearsal 6:30p	Challenge Divine Liturgy Orthros 9:30a Liturgy 10:30a Challenge Liturgy Christmas Party
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Orthros 8:00a Divine Liturgy 9:30a Sunday School Christmas Pageant HOPE/JOY Christmas Party 4p	St. Ignatios Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a	St. Julia Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a	St. Anastasia Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a Bible Study 11a	Ten Martyrs of Crete Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a Preschool Sing-a-Long Small Vespers 7p Bible Study 7:30p	Christmas Recess for Preschool and Greek School Royal Hours of Christmas 9:30a The Feast of Christmas Great Vespers 6:30p & Divine Liturgy of St. Basil Christmas Eve Eggnog Reception	The Feast of Christmas Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Synaxis of the Panagia Orthros 8:00a Divine Liturgy 9:30a	St. Stephen Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a	Christmas Recess for Preschool and Greek School				

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