

ARCHANGEL MICHAEL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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New Year 2022

"You who created all things in Your infinite wisdom, and set the times by Your own authority, grant Your Christian people victories. Blessing our comings and goings throughout this year, guide our works according to Your divine will." Kontakion of the New Ecclesiastical Year

Dear Parishioners,

We wish everyone a blessed New Year! May 2022 be a year that our works be according to God's will! The NewYear brings in tremendous goals, which mark the incredible spiritual growth that is taking place within the community of the Archangel Michael Church. These goals are not just typical "run of the mill" events, but are major generational projects, which give the opportunity to all the faithful members of the church a chance to be part of another historic legacy.

The first legacy began with the fifty families who contributed to establishing the church of the Archangel Michael in Roslyn, in 1980. Then, under the spiritual leadership of Fr. Dennis Strouzas, over the next thirty years the relocation and building of the new Archangel Michael Church, the Zangas Family Cultural and Educational Center, the Angeliades Fellowship Hall, the Chapel of St. Katherine and the Gymnasium turned from a dream to a reality.

The second legacy for our parish is the acquisition of the adjacent land and its development to meet the vision of "Spreading Our Wings and Expanding Our Ministries"! The envisioned project will be a five to six-million-dollar endeavor. The first phase of this project, included in the overall estimated budget is securing the purchase of the adjacent property. (This property was initially part of the whole parcel when the church was moving from Roslyn to Port Washington). The purchase price is \$1,550,000. As of today, we have received \$1,300,000 in pledges and \$900,000 has been remitted so far.

Of the seven hundred families that are stewards of this church, so far one hundred and thirty families have participated in this holy project. With each parishioner contributing to the best of their ability, with joy and gladness of heart (this is what faith does), reaching the goals of purchasing and developing this property is truly attainable. Included in this package is a pledge card which one may use to remit a donation. We anticipate closing on the property some time during the first quarter of 2022. The goal is to collect the total amount needed through donations so that there is no need to borrow any money.

"Spreading Our Wings and Expanding Our Ministries" will connect more and more families to the vital importance of salvation by making real the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ in a society that is lacking direction, truth, purpose and meaning.

In Christ's Ministry,

John Koumpourlis

President

Fr. John K. Lardas

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