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## February 2: The Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple

*Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.*

*(Prayer of St. Simeon read at 40-day Churching of Infant taken from Luke 2:29-32)*

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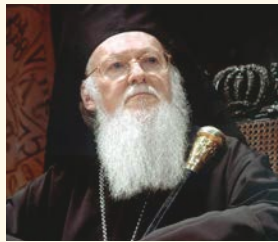
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## About the Trumpet

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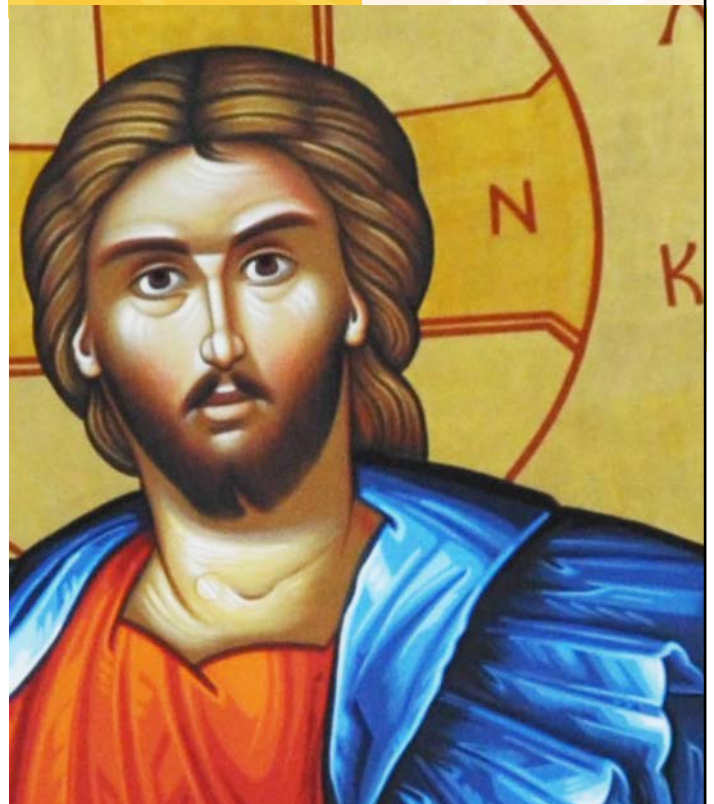
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The Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church is dedicated to the continuation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ's ministry of salvation through the proclamation and teaching of the Gospel. We are a community of individuals and families who share the traditions and ageless beliefs of our Holy Orthodox Christian Faith.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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

## **VISION STATEMENT**



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

**Please submit information as follows:**

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## Jan-Feb Sunday Worship Schedule

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



“For needful it was that neither His light should be unseen, nor His glory without witness, nor His goodness unenjoyed, nor that any other quality observed in the divine nature should in any case lie idle, with none to share it or enjoy it.” St. Gregory of Nyssa

What does it mean to bear the name, Christian? A person who graduates medical school and completes their residency and passes their boards is given the title of Doctor. Thus people know that this person has the ability to bring healing to people. A lawyer graduates law school and passes their law boards and is given the title Esquire. Thus people know that such a person has knowledge of the law. When a person is baptized, they are given the title of being a Christian. What does being a Christian mean?

In a story told by St. Gregory of Nyssa, there was once an entertainer that had a pet monkey. He dressed the monkey in a costume and trained it to dance like a human being when the music played. One day during the performance, a spectator in the crowd threw some almonds on the stage while the monkey was performing. Seeing the food, the monkey, driven by its natural instincts, stopped performing and immediately went to eat the food on the ground. Frustrated with the mask on its face, it pulled it off in order to remove the hindrance of it not being able to eat. Everyone got a big laugh at the present plight of the entertainer and his monkey. Just as the assumed form of the monkey was not sufficient to be considered a human being, once its nature was revealed by the almonds, “so those individuals not truly shaping their own natures by faith, will easily be disclosed in the toils of the devil, as being something other than what they are called.”

St. Gregory of Nyssa, the brother of St. Basil the Great, defines a Christian to be the following: “Christianity is an imitation of the divine nature.” The word Christ means “anointed one, the king”. Although the divine is inexpressible, there are plenty of words, inspired by the Holy Spirit that are akin to Christ - almighty, wisdom and power, truth, life, salvation. In a strong chain, one link pulls the next and the next and the next. Likewise, having the name Christian means being drawn by Christ, which brings along, like a link chain, these same attributes such as truth, wisdom, righteousness, and so many of the other virtues.

The human being is created in the image and likeness of God. What actions of ours are like God? In the words of St. Gregory, “Those that are free from all evil, purifying themselves as far as possible in deed and word and thought from all vileness.” In Ephesians 4:8-9, St. Paul says that “Jesus ascended on high ...and descended into the lower parts of the earth.” The most beautiful words of Psalm 138 - praise, sing, glorify, and describe God’s presence everywhere. “Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.” From these words, with the presence of God in every nook and cranny, in every corner of the earth, **“that not being separated by choice from God is the same as living in heaven.”** (St. Gregory)

As Jesus brings light into a land darkened by pagan thought and philosophy, His words are “Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” (Matthew 4:17) The word repentance from the Greek, μετανοείτε, means the change of mind, change in one’s thoughts, one’s actions, one’s choices. “Therefore, the One who orders us to imitate, our Father, orders us to separate ourselves from earthly passions, and this is a separation which does not come about through a change of place, but is achieved only through choice.” (St. Gregory) God’s foreknowledge of humankind’s fall did not stop God from creating the person. It was far better for God to bring back the human being through repentance than never to have created humankind.

With the start of the preaching of Jesus, after His baptism, the Christian way of life was introduced. We recall the story of the monkey and how its true nature was exposed. When the devil tosses the snacks of: the love of honor, the love of gain, the love of pleasure, what nature will one expose? Bearing the name of a Christian, every person, God willing, with love, has the responsibility to be truthful, kind, wise, loving, charitable and rich with all the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Having been made in the image and likeness of God, like a linked chain with the name of Christ, every other aspect of the anointed king follows with us. The imitation of the perfection of God lies with our *choices*.

Fr. John Lardas

## Christmas Season Ends February 2nd

Sometimes, January and February can feel like a Christmas hangover. The holiday has passed but the weather still gets colder and snow becomes slowly less and less exciting. At the completion of a forty-day fast, then a twelve day celebration of Christmas and finally the Feast of Theophany or Epiphany, we think we are met with a little bit of a lull within the Church calendar. To the ordinary Orthodox Christian in America, we may not even have the most heightened awareness of the Feast of Theophany on January 6. This is at the Baptism of our Lord when the Trinity is revealed plainly, sometimes called in English, Epiphany. Throughout all the Old Testament, we have been seeing hints of the Trinity, but only in obscure ways and never all revealed at once evidently. At the Baptism of the Lord though, there is God the Father revealed in His voice, God the Son, standing there just baptized, and God the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove. We so often think that this concludes the holiday season, with respect to the Church. Christmas on December 25, bookended by Epiphany on January 6, followed by getting rid of your Christmas trees and a quiet period. However, this is turning a blind eye to a great Feast day of our church which always comes 40 days after Christmas; the Lord's Meeting at the Temple.

The Feast of the Meeting, or Presentation, at the Temple of our Lord, is intrinsically connected to Christmas and is in fact the closing of the festal celebration of the Christmas season. Unfortunately, it remains often unknown in our American context. Just as we are preceded by a great fast before Lent and followed by the feasts of Ascension and Pentecost, the "Winter Pascha" of Christmas has a fast beforehand and a great feast following 40 days after. This Feast of the Meeting is when the Lord was brought by the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph to the Temple. This was the same 40 day blessing that had been described in the Pentateuch which actually focused on the mother. It is described in Leviticus, chapter 12 along with the directions for circumcision on the eighth day. The mother shall come to the temple with her newborn after the ritual forty

days for prayers and re-entrance to the congregation. In the Lord's commitment to fulfill the law of the Old Testament, Christ is brought to the temple with his mother after her time. However, unlike most presentations of the mother and child at the forty day mark, when the Lord is brought, something monumental happens.

The feast is actually more a celebration of the meeting which takes place between the elders Symeon

and Anna, with the Lord. As the Panagia is with St. Joseph doing something that would seem routine, they are approached by the old and wise St. Symeon and the eldress St. Anna who have been waiting years to greet the promised savior. St. Symeon is so overwhelmed by the grace of seeing God in the flesh, that he takes Jesus in his arms and confesses his famous words. "Lord now let your servant depart in peace, for my eyes have seen your salvation." He has witnessed the greatest miracle and his life could not progress from that moment on. He held in his very arms,

the One who made all man. This important meeting is representative of the Old Testament meeting the New. It is the moment that the Old has been fulfilled and ready to pass the baton to the coming advent of the New Covenant God will make with man at His Passion and Resurrection. Like the Lord, none of our works are complete until they are brought before God and blessed.

We as the Orthodox Church continue this tradition with our forty day blessings. We primarily bless the mother and read prayers for her re-joining the Church after her great labor, but like the Lord's Meeting at the church, it progresses then to the child and the child is brought for the first time into the confines of the holy temple. It is a great blessing to follow in the very footsteps of the Panagia and Christ, but we must know the story. February 2 is a great day in our Church and we can remember from now on that Christmas celebrations are not complete until the Lord has been brought to the temple on February 2.



## Worship Services

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

### JANUARY

- Sat., 1 The Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and the Feast of St. Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea of Cappadocia  
Orthros 9:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
- Wed. 5 Forefeast of Epiphany: Royal Hours 8:00 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 9:30 a.m. &  
The Blessing of the Waters
- Thur. 6 Feast of Epiphany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ & The Great Blessings of the Water (Divine Liturgy of St. Basil)
- Fri. 7 The Gathering of the Honorable and Glorious Forerunner John the Baptist
- Sat. 15 Challenge Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.  
(Orthros 9:30)
- Mon. 17 Feast of St. Anthony
- Tue. 18 Feast of SS. Athanasios & Cyril
- Sat. 29 Great Vespers for the Three Hierarchs  
(Brooklyn) 7PM

### FEBRUARY

- Wed., 2 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple
- Sat., 19 Challenge Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.  
(Orthros 9:30 a.m.)
- Sat., 26 The 1st Saturday of the Souls

### Sacraments

- Sat. Jan. 8 11:00 a.m., Baptism: Child of Tina & Peter Korahais
- Sun., Jan. 16 3:00 p.m., Baptism: Child of Renos & Maria Gordos
- Sat, Jan. 22 2:00 p.m., Baptism: Child of Chris & Victoria Neamonitis
- Sun., Jan. 30 1:00 p.m., Baptism: Child of Paul & Caitlin Fradelakis
- Sat., Feb. 5 12 Noon, Baptism: Child of Zach & Kristina Zachariadis

## DIGITAL CHANT STAND

**You may be wondering why some parishioners have been looking at their phones or I-Pads during the Divine Liturgy. They are using these devices in lieu of a book to follow along with the Liturgy.**

**If you would like to use this tool, simply visit [goarch.org](http://goarch.org), click on Chapel, then Digital Chant Stand. Then click on the appropriate date. For the side-by-side Greek and English texts of the Divine Liturgy, click on GR-EN Text/Music. Clicking on the menu bar in the upper left corner will take you to a list of sacraments, including Wedding, Baptism, Memorial, and others.**

**This is a very convenient way to follow along with the many beautiful services of the Greek Orthodox Church. There is also the advantage of being able to read the prayers that are quietly spoken by the priests during the various services.**

**You can also download the Digital Chant Stand APP.**

## EPIPHANY CELEBRATION



Please bundle up and join us on Sunday, January 9, at 12:30 p.m. at North Hempstead Beach Park, for an Epiphany Celebration and The Blessing of the Waters and Diving for the Cross. The Archangel Michael Church community will be co-hosting this wonderful event with our sister communities of Holy Resurrection Church, the Cathedral of St. Paul, and Holy Trinity Church.

There will be two diving categories this year: High School GOYA Females and High School GOYA Males. To register as a diver, please go to <https://forms.gle/GK9kGvKVVGexH3jWA>

Gourmet refreshments, including hot beverages, will be served!

For additional information, please contact the church office at (516) 944-3180.

## BLESSING OF THE HOMES

According to an age-old tradition, during the days and weeks following the Epiphany of our Lord, the homes of the faithful are blessed. The blessing involves the visitation by Fr. John or Fr. Michael, who will bring Holy Water sanctified on the Feast of Epiphany, and will bless the home and all present. Those wishing to schedule a house blessing should contact the church office at (516) 944-3180.

## 17th ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

**SAVE THE DATE** for the 17th Annual Archangel Michael Church Blood Drive on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 from 2:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Angeliades Fellowship Hall. Now, more than ever, your support is needed. Give the gift of life and donate blood! For more information, call Marina Vlahos at (516) 627-7303

## PANHELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation is pleased to offer 20 awards of \$10,000 each based on academic merit and financial need and an additional 20 awards of \$2,500 each based solely on academic achievement. Undergraduate full time students of Hellenic descent enrolled in an accredited university in Fall 2021 in any of the 50 United States are eligible to apply. The deadline to apply is January 31, 2022. For more information and to obtain an application, please go to: [www.panhellenicsf.org](http://www.panhellenicsf.org).



## PHILOPTOCHOS

**Breast Cancer Awareness Month Special Event**

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month when a worldwide annual campaign involving thousands of organizations highlights the importance of breast cancer awareness, education, and research.

The Archangel Michael Ladies Philoptochos supported Breast Cancer Awareness Month by designating Sunday, October 17, as “Wear Pink Day” and distributing pink ribbon Breast Cancer Awareness pins following Liturgy; and on Thursday, October 26, we were honored to host a special presentation by Dr. George Raptis.



Dr. Raptis has worked at multiple health-care institutions including Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Mount Sinai Medical Center, Columbia University Medical Center, and North-Shore-LIJ Health Center. Currently, Dr. Raptis leads the Breast Cancer Disease Management Team at Northwell Health Cancer Institute.

He has conducted clinical and translational research and has held various administrative roles to continually advance the integration of exceptional clinical care and research in our communities.

Among the points Dr. Raptis made in his presentation was the fact that mammograms are the best way to find breast cancer early, when it is easier to treat and before a lump can be felt or is big enough to cause symptoms.

In honor of Dr. Raptis’ commitment to breast cancer research and patient care, the Archangel Michael Ladies Philoptochos sent a donation to the Manhasset Women’s Coalition Against Breast Cancer.

**Philoptochos Sunday**

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros declared Sunday of the Good Samaritan as National Philoptochos Sunday to celebrate the rich legacy of this important organization of the Archdiocese. National Philoptochos Sunday is celebrated every year to honor the thousands of women throughout our Archdiocese who are a part of this vibrant ministry.

Additionally, the Archangel Michael Ladies Philoptochos honored and celebrated our veterans on this Sunday for their service to our country and for the sacrifices they have made.

The Archangel Michael Ladies Philoptochos was established in 1981 with a small group of women; and in 40 years, our membership has grown to nearly 200 women. We promote family values and provide assistance to people who are ill or in need within our community and around the world. While fulfilling our obligations to National and Archdiocesan Philoptochos, we also meet special appeals that are requested within our community.

Each year we support many organizations, and this year we have disbursed **approximately \$50,000** to those in need. Some of the recipients that we support annually include:

Holy Cross/Hellenic College Scholarship, Retired Clergy Association Fund, Cancer Funds and Organizations, Greek Children's Medical Fund, Ronald McDonald House, National Sisterhood of Presbyteres Fund, UNICEF, Social Services, St. Photios Shrine, Hellenic College/Holy Cross, Orthodox Christian Mission Center, International Orthodox Christian Charities, 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Founders Fund, Support a Mission Priest (SAMP), St. Basil's Academy, Autism Assistance Fund, Ecumenical Patriarchate, National Philoptochos Emergency Fund, Orthodox Christian Fellowship, The Hellenic Cultural Center, St. Michael's Home, St. Nicholas Shrine, Cyprus Children's Fund, American Heart Association, and Breast Cancer Foundation.

### AMC Cooking Club

The AMC Philoptochos Cooking Club kicked off a new series of classes and demonstrations with a festive and informative presentation by **The Pan-Nisyrrian Ladies Auxiliary Society HARAVGI** of favorite recipes, traditions, and customs from the beautiful volcanic island of **Nisyros**, one of the Dodecanese group of islands in the south Aegean Sea known for its active volcano (that has one of the world's largest hydrothermal craters), its hot springs, and its philoxenia. We tasted food made from recipes in **HARAVGI's** heirloom cookbook; and we learned, we laughed, and we danced!



The Cooking Club will continue in its mission to pass on Hellenic traditions to the next generation and to all who are interested with upcoming hands-on classes as well as interactive demonstrations. We look forward to hosting you!

### Fall Shoe Drive

The Archangel Michael Ladies Philoptochos launched the Fall Shoe Drive in September, and it continued for two months. It was the perfect time for everyone to clean out their closets and give their gently-loved footwear a new purpose. At the conclusion of our Shoe Drive, we collected 300 pairs of shoes, sneakers, sandals and boots that were donated to the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless.





Shoes are one of the most needed items by homeless shelters because they can drastically improve the lives of those without a home. They are worn frequently on the road, used instead of cars, buses, or subways; and the homeless need replacements sooner rather than later.

We thank everyone in our community that donated to the drive and repurposed their footwear.

### Philoptochos Christmas Luncheon

The Philoptochos Christmas Luncheon has been a tradition at the Archangel Michael community for almost 40 years. For many families it is the kick-off to the holiday season. The luncheon is the major fundraiser for our Philoptochos, and many volunteers worked diligently for months to make it a success. In light of the pandemic, we felt this year's luncheon should be a traditional holiday family experience. Children took photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus; the famous Sweet Shop Bakery had something for every sweet tooth; and our boutique and vendors provided opportunities for holiday shopping. Many wonderful prizes were available on the children's raffle; adult raffle prizes were abundant; and the grand raffle was spectacular.



### HONORING VETERANS



On Sunday, November 14, 2021, in honor of Veterans Day, the Archangel Michael community offered an Ar-toklasia Blessing for the health of our veterans and thanked them for their service to our country. By name, these were:

Anthony T. Arlis, Evans Cyprus, Capt. Spiros Colaitis, George Condzal, Thomas E. Constance, Peter Dedousis, U.S. Navy Commander Evan Diakoumakis (active), John Frangos, Peter Gaitanis, Norman Glavas, Alex Harisia-des, Michael Hatzidakis, Teddy Koutsoftas, Michael LaSorsa, Arthur Manos, Peter Mesologites, John Mitsinikos, Andreas Modenos, Ceasar Munoz, Andrew J. Pappas, Dean Pappas MD, Harold Pappas, George J. Razis, George Scandalios, Peter Stavrinis, Nick Tsismenakis, Leonard Zangas, Harry Zuvekas.

## NEWS AND EVENTS

Prayers were also offered for our deceased veterans: +Peter Cardasis, +Dino Carr, +George Christie, +Andrew Cyprus, +Alkiviadis Diakoumakis, +George Kanakaris, Charles Kapotes. MD, +Gus Keen, +Chris Milonas +Stanley Neamonitis, +Nicos Stylianou, +Anthony Vasilas.

We continue to gather the names of all our veterans. If you know of a veteran whose name is not on this list, please contact the church office, at (516) 944-3180.

### HERITAGE LIBRARY AND BOOKSTORE

The Heritage Library and Bookstore committee was pleased to host author Thea Halo on Sunday, November 21, 2021 in the Angeliades Fellowship Hall of our church. Thea Halo spoke about her book **Not Even My Name** and then took questions from the audience.



When she was a young girl, Thea Halo promised her mother that she would take her to visit her hometown in Pontos, Ayios Antonios, a formerly Greek village, which is in present-day Turkey. After visiting the village with her mother, Ms. Halo was so moved by the experience that she decided to write a book about her mother's life there and the subsequent genocide that took place when her mother was a young girl.



Not being a writer by trade, Thea Halo was not sure how to begin her book or what even made a good writer. Shortly after her decision to write this book, while walking down a street in NYC, she came upon a pile of how-to-write books that were being thrown out. Taking this as a sign, she poured over the books and was inspired by one that said, "Just tell what happened." That is exactly what she did; and after seven years of interviewing her mother and writing down her story, she published **Not Even My Name**.

**Not Even My Name** is an unforgettable account of life before and after the genocide that took place in Asia Minor during and after World War 1. There were happy times in Ayios Antonios - weddings, festivals, family dinners, bread making, cows grazing, and farming - and there were devastating times when the author's mother's family was kicked out of their home and forced to go on a "death march." Thea Halo's mother Themia watched as her mother begged for food and died along with several of Themia's siblings during the march.

"During those cruel death marches, countless other Pontians lost their lives, for, as intended, there are ways of killing without knives or guns. My mother's story attests to such ways," Thea Halo said.

Themia was given to a family in the hope of saving her but who instead treated her like a slave. The family even changed her name to Sano. She finally ended up with another family who treated her kindly but married her off at 15 to someone who was three times her age. After immigrating to America, she and her husband had 10 children. The author Thea Halo was Number 8.

Contrary to what one would expect in response to questions regarding her travails and whether she harbored bad feelings towards the Turkish government, the author's mother often responded, "Why waste my life hating when there is so much beauty in the world." One of those beautiful things is this book, which is a page turner.

For more information about this story and the genocide in Asia Minor, visit [www.haloheritagefoundation.org](http://www.haloheritagefoundation.org). To order the "eloquent and powerful" book **Not Even My Name**; or to inquire about any other book, please e-mail us at our new address: [heritagelibrarybookstore@archangelmichaelchurch.org](mailto:heritagelibrarybookstore@archangelmichaelchurch.org).

#### 40TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE

The Archangel Michael Church 40th Anniversary Gala Dinner Dance was held on November 12 at Leonard's Palazzo in Great Neck. Over 150 parishioners and their families and friends gathered together in fellowship on this memorable occasion as they enjoyed delicious food and danced the night away to music provided by Asteri Entertainment.

Following the invocation by Fr. John, Fr. Michael, and Fr. Dennis, Parish Council President John Koumpourlis welcomed the guests and gave a brief history of our church, highlighting many of the accomplishments through the years and speaking of what we hope to accomplish moving forward.

The Hellenic Thread Award was then presented to the 2021 honorees, Peter Cotelidis and Oscar Michelen. The Hellenic Thread Award was established in 2010 to serve as a reminder to us of the sacrifices made by previous generations. The threads that weave the fabric of our unity in faith and purpose are strong, vibrant, and unequivocally challenging. The award is presented annually in recognition of selfless service to the Archangel Michael Church and community.







The guests were then treated to a wonderful performance by the Greek Dance Troupe under the direction of Roula Zogopoulos.

A beautiful 40th Anniversary Journal was also presented that evening. Thank you to the Journal Co-Chairs, Pete Stavrinos and Tom Rontiris, and to their committee members, Georgia Kaparos, Georgia Damoulakis-Skulilidis, Marilena Katopodis, Presbyteria Eleni Lardas, Lisa Glavas, Barbara Mavro, Chris Neocleous, Michael Bapis, John Halkias, and Mariann Matarangas.

Many thanks also to our office staff, Dora Gouramanis, Christine Zeiner, and Catherine Papagianakis, for all that they did to contribute to the success of both the dance and the journal. We are also grateful for the services provided by Neil Ioannou and the staff of Bargain Printing. The sponsors and supporting merchants contributed greatly to the success of the journal.

Special thanks to the Gala Co-Chairs, Eleni Germanakos and Helen Maropakis, for their months of hard work in preparation for this wonderful evening.



## FESTIVAL THANK YOU

The Archangel Michael “Greek Festival on the Harbor” is much more than a fundraising event that draws huge crowds for our Church: It is a fabulous opportunity to celebrate our Hellenic culture with our surrounding community! This year, things were bigger and better than EVER!

Due to conditions beyond our control, availability and pricing of supplies were major challenges. More than ever, we relied on generous donations of cash, food, supplies, and other items to offset these costs. Only through the continued support of our sponsors and volunteers were we able to pull it off. The funds raised from our festival are allocated for the benefit of our community’s Capital Campaign and are used to reduce our mortgage, to finalize all Church capital projects, and to fund the ongoing maintenance of our facility.

In addition to the financial and logistical support of many, many parishioners and friends, we had participation from more volunteers than ever before. As a committee, we were completely thrilled by the energy, enthusiasm, and love shown by all of the people who worked so hard.

On behalf of the committee, we want to say THANK YOU! and CONGRATULATIONS! to all who helped so generously.

Kai Tou Xpovou!

Sincerely,

Nick Tzoumas, Eleni Germanakos, Chris Neocleous, Peter Stavrinis, John Koumpourlis, John Halkias, Peter Mamais, and Helen Maropakis

## PRESCHOOL



The Pre-K and Nursery classes are enjoying the art class, the gym and music programs, as well as the after-school soccer class. Both January and February will be busy months for the children. After being welcomed back for the New Year, they will make snowmen, snowflakes, and mittens to decorate our rooms. As they celebrate the Epiphany and the Feast of the Three Hierarchs, they will learn about these important holy days. In February, the children eagerly look forward to Groundhog Day. Will he see his shadow this year? They are also excited about making and sending Valentine’s Day cards to “someone special.” All the classes look forward to their weekly visit with Fr. John. The children enjoy listening to the special stories read to them.

The Pre-K and Nursery classes are also enjoying the art class; and Pre-K and Nursery School children are enjoying the gym and music programs as well as the after-school soccer class. The art and gym programs are incorporated into our curriculum during the school day. The art program introduces art and creativity to the children as they continue to learn art techniques and experiment with color; form; line shape, texture, and value; and make use of the different creative art materials. The gym program introduces the children to different athletic activities such as balance beam, hockey, lacrosse, parachute, and others. Their creativity continues to flourish as they begin to show an increased interest in school. As they are having fun with familiar toys, they are continuing to learn through play. The soccer program is continuing as an after-school soccer activity. This is offered by Soccer Shots two times a week. It is an engaging children’s soccer program focusing on character and development. The children are enjoying both classes and the after-school soccer program.

## NEWS & EVENTS

### Toddler Class

The children are enjoying free play and learning to share with each other. They are continuing to learn to count, recognize colors, shapes and body parts. They continue their Greek lessons with Miss Linda through songs and finger play.

### Nursery

The children will begin their alphabet and number books. They will continue to learn the days of the week and months of the year through songs. Fine motor skills will be reinforced through coloring, cutting, and projects. Colors and numbers in Greek will be learned through songs and finger play with Miss Ioanna.

### Pre-K

The afternoon Greek Enrichment program is offered to the Pre-K class on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 p.m. - 3:20 p.m. The children are learning the Greek alphabet and are associating words with pictures. They are continuing to learn numbers and colors which enables them to get a better understanding of the Greek language.

The children are learning recognition of numbers and their values using various manipulatives as counters. They are continuing their alphabet letter recognition. The children are also learning skills such as putting on their coats, jackets, hats, and scarves as well as using their fine motor skills to practice buttoning and zipping. We will be focusing on different activities involving self-esteem and confidence- building.

### Music

All the children are enjoying music and creative movement with Miss Georgia.

#### Please mark your calendars

January 6	Thursday	Epiphany	School Closed
January 17	Monday	Martin L. King Jr. Day	School Closed
February 21-25	Mon.-Fri.	Winter Recess	School Closed

Picture Day to be determined

#### Save the Date

March 9	Wednesday	Parent Teacher Conference (Nursery and Pre-K classes)	School Closed
March 16	Thursday	Preschool Open House	School Open

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Archangel Michael Sunday School has been running smoothly since September. The children are learning about our beautiful Orthodox faith and are doing projects and crafts that relate to the lessons. The Chapel services have restarted and offer an opportunity for our students to participate in the Divine Liturgy and interact with Fr. John and Fr. Michael.

Our Christmas Nativity play was performed live on December 19 in the church. Preparations began early this year and were organized by Georgia Katsoulis, Ellie Tulumba, and Libby Doumanis. Congratulations on a beautiful performance, and thank you to everyone who participated in this event!





The Sunday School will be hosting the coffee hour in February and will be running a Bake Sale on February 6. We look forward to seeing you all and sharing sweets and more with our parish!

We have a new Instagram account for our Sunday School program. Parishioners can take a look and see photos of what our students are doing in Sunday School. Please follow [amcsundayschool](#) on Instagram!

In order to ensure the well-being and safety of both our students and teachers during the COVID crisis, we continue to follow safety protocols. Students have been utilizing their own individualized packets of books and supplies. Additionally, masks are worn and hand sanitizers are offered in the classroom. Our Sunday School teachers continue to be dedicated to providing a nurturing environment for your children, and we pray that you all stay safe and healthy!

### GREEK LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

The Greek School Board extends its warmest wishes to our students, our teachers, our parents and all the members of our wonderful Archangel Michael family for a Happy 2022! *Καλή χρονιά!* Here's to a brilliant year for all our children!

The Archangel Michael Greek Language Institute was blessed with a beautiful Christmas program. Our students brought the true story of Christmas to life with a heartwarming rendition of the birth of our Lord. They also sang the *Καλαντά*. Some songs included in the program were *Αγία Νυχτα*, *Ο Άγιος Βασίλης Έρχεται* and many more! The students truly brought us some much-needed Christmas cheer!

In January, our students will welcome the New Year with a traditional *Βασιλοπιτα* celebration. Students will learn the story of the "lucky coin," and celebrate this special event with their classmates. We are looking forward to commemorating the Three Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom. The Three Hierarchs' long association with the Greek letters accentuates the emphasis these Holy Fathers gave to learning, intellectual ability, and discipline and to their use of the Greek language. Combining their love of language and knowledge with faithful service to others and the church, they provided an example of the beautiful ministry in our church. May all our students emulate the Three Hierarchs' love of learning and love of kindness and compassion for one another.

### GREEK LANGUAGE INSTITUTE PTA

The Greek Language Institute PTA recently ran a Chocolate Fundraiser. Each student was given a box of chocolates to sell. Many students sold a second, third, and even a fourth box! For each box sold, the student was given an entry to win a grand prize: an iPad. There were also prizes distributed to the top seller of each class. The children were excited to participate, making it a big success and raising money for school supplies.



SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, January 30

We are planning a fun-filled event for both children and adults. We promise a good time for all! Further details will be coming soon via email, This Week at AMC, and Sunday Bulletins.

Thank you for all the parents' continued support in making our Greek School a success! If anyone is interested in joining the PTA Board or volunteering, please contact Vickie Geleris at (914) 434-5177 or Callie Moliviatis at (347) 414-3444.

## Byzantine Youth Choir

The Archangel Michael Church Byzantine Youth Choir represented our church for the Direct Archdiocesan District Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians at the recent Annual Conference and Liturgy held at Holy Trinity Church in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Special thanks to the parents who drove the choir members to Connecticut. The choir sang beautifully!

The Youth Choir has enjoyed rehearsing together with the Byzantine Chant students and Psalti Petros Malliaris.



The angelic voices of the Youth Choir singing the beloved Christmas hymns- E Parthenos Simeron, E Yennisi Sou Christe O Theos, and Litrosin, brought great joy as we celebrated the glorious birth of our Savior Jesus Christ during the Divine Liturgy on December 12 and at the Sunday School Christmas Pageant.

Rehearsals will resume in the New Year on Friday, January 7 in preparation for singing the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 9.

**MAY THE LIGHT OF OUR LORD FILL YOUR HEARTS & YOUR HOMES!**

**WISHING EVERYONE A BLESSED NEW YEAR!**

With Faith and With Love,  
Ms. Georgia, Ms. Eleni & Mr. Kris

## GOYA

GOYA has been very busy this holiday season. Our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive was a great success. Thank you to the many parishioners and families who donated food and supplies for this worthy cause. We packed up the dinner boxes and delivered them on Saturday, November 20, to families in need. It was an amazing experience to see the smiles on the faces of these families.



On November 24, we held our annual AMC GOYA Music Fest; GOYAns from many communities gathered to dance the night away. It was a fun time for all.

The month of December was filled with activities. Our annual tree trimming, ugly sweater contest, and grab bag exchange had a great turnout. Everyone was in a festive spirit. We also went caroling on December 17 at the homes of many Archangel Michael Church families. As we spread some Christmas cheer, we were greeted with smiles and hot cocoa.





Some events that we are looking forward to in 2022 include the cutting of the vasilopita, another Midnight Run to benefit the homeless, and the Inter-GOYA ski trip.

GOYAns, please look out for emails which outline specific details about upcoming events. If you are not receiving emails, please send an email to [goya@archangelmichaelchurch.org](mailto:goya@archangelmichaelchurch.org) with your name and email address.

## Teens and the Archangel Michael Church

### Extending a Hand: How the Archangel Michael G.O. Church Gets Teenagers Involved in the Church Community

*By Sevasti "Seva" Karonis*

At the start of Sunday morning worship, churchgoers are greeted by the sound of a hymn. Light filters in from the tall stained- glass windows, painting the priests and crowd alike in an almost heavenly hue. Among the masses are families comprised of adults and children. But, one may ask, where are the teenagers?

It can be challenging for churches to get their adolescent members involved. At a time where finding one's identity is crucial, religion plays a large role in shaping one's values, moral compass, and outlook on the world. The Archangel Michael Church (AMC) is aware of this, and thus offers various ways to integrate teenagers into the church community.

"We have kids doing different sports," Fr. Michael says, detailing the many activities the church offers its teen worshippers. "We also have our social outings... our charitable works, all in addition to us as a worshipping community. We're always focused on that, and we're very much attentive and sensitive to the needs of our youth."

Indeed, there is a plethora of ways for young members to get involved in the church community. From the Byzantine Youth Choir to the Greek Dance Troupe, the options seem endless. Joining these groups results in a sense of comradery between Orthodox youth.

"I don't look at it as an extracurricular activity, because I'm passionate about it and I love doing it," Efthymia Kaparos, an involved parishioner, says about her participation in the Greek Dance Troupe. "I have a pareia there, so it's fun for me to go."

That sense of community only strengthens with further involvement. Continuously participating in these activities leads to meeting fellow Greeks, and further cultivates friendships based on shared similarities.

"From that stems... an organic bond between a lot of our kids so that our kids foster a community, and they become friends outside of school," Fr. Michael explains. "They become their real friends, the other kids from the church. They all know each other, and they get involved in not only GOYA... [but] in everything. It becomes very holistic... and it grabs a whole person."

Even the environment generated by the church helps to create a welcoming setting. Being surrounded by like-minded people who share similar values encourages connection among young members.

Kaparos compares playing church basketball to playing on her school's team.

"I feel more comfortable in the area that I'm in. The people who are surrounding me when I'm playing, having my friends' parents in the stands cheering me on -- even the other church parents cheering me on -- is just a better atmosphere than just having... your team and then the competitors. It's not about competitiveness.... You know you're just there to have a fun time."

Ultimately, all these activities have the same goal: to help teenagers understand their religion more and support them in their journey to become better Orthodox Christians. Yes, a basketball game or a social event may sound more enticing to the youth than sitting in a church for two hours, but that's precisely how AMC keeps them involved. Starting every sports game with a prayer or going to the chapel every GOYA meeting makes these activities so much more than just regular practices or gatherings.

"The idea is that authentic fellowship with one another leads them to want to be together in church and brings them closer to Christ and to each other, but also into the presence of the priest," Fr. Michael expresses. "Every basketball and volleyball game, whether or not the priest is there, the groups say a prayer. It's a part of their life. It's how it marks their life with prayer and with their faith as opposed to just a random basketball game, or a random practice, or a random Greek dance. They know they're doing it through the church."

Though the change may not seem instantaneous at first, the positive impact it has on these kids speaks volumes. Getting involved in the church community and participating in these groups raises their confidence and has them connect with their culture in a way that they may not have before.

"Doing all these activities has definitely helped me make more and better relationships with my Greek friends and also other people in the church... who are older than me," Kaparos states. "It also gives me a different point of view because I'm surrounded by people who share my same religion."

Essentially, AMC works to make a new generation of *devoted* Orthodox Christians who practice the strong values of the church. As Fr. Michael puts it, "Offering all these things at our church can sometimes be program-focused -- 'what are we doing' instead of 'what are we being?' -- and our goal is we do much so that we can be good, we can be Orthodox Christians, we can be loving people. We do [so] much so that we can be not just in order to do..."

So, if one wonders where the teenagers in the Archangel Michael Church community are, the answer is simple: everywhere. In the pews, behind the altar, in the choir loft, in Sunday school, and anywhere else connecting them to their faith.

*(Seva Karonis is a member of the Byzantine Youth Choir, and a journalism major at Francis Lewis High School)*



## Saints of the Greek Orthodox Church



### Saint Efthymia

As Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has said in response to the pandemic, "Our faith is a living faith." Clearly this is exemplified as we currently deal with the new coronavirus; however, during these times, I also like to think of the many saints and martyrs that came before us. These holy beings went through times that were more strenuous and severe in terms of the physical persecution they faced, but the challenge to their faith can be connected to our own complex times.

I have learned of the impact of my own saint, St. Efthymios, and applied the meaning of his name, "good cheer," in order to navigate this new way of life to which we have needed to adapt. His joyous presence has taught me how we can have happiness and great spirit even in the darkest times.

While he has influenced my mindset of my spiritual life during the pandemic, I have also found comfort in looking specifically at the life of the glorious St. Efthymia. She was born in the city of Chalcedon, which was near Constantinople; and she was the daughter of two Christians. In 304 AD, the governor ordered inhabitants of Chalcedon and the cities around it to gather for a pagan festival and give sacrifices to the idol of Ares, with consequences to come for those not in attendance. St. Efthymia hid away with 49 other Christians in a house where they presented a service to the only God. The hideout spot was discovered, and the Christians were beaten and tortured; but they never gave up their faith. The governor was infuriated and tried to think of ways to get these faithful people to worship the idol he believed in; so he sent the others to trial in front of the Roman Emperor, but kept St. Efthymia because, as she was the youngest, he was sure she would not be able to stand her ground alone. She prayed continuously even when she was told to recant, and she was eventually ordered to be tortured. She was tied to a wheel with sharp knives, but they would not move even with all the townsmen trying to push it. She thanked the lord, but the governor did not stop there. He ordered many other ways for her to die, but she prayed each time; and the punishment would never work. Eventually, she got a small wound and died instantly and painlessly and became a martyr.

This story helps me to understand my faith even more through these current challenging times. The idea is that this pandemic has not created any new circumstances where we have been challenged in the face of Christ. Although we have seen more drastic changes in our faithful life physically, it has not stopped me from growing in a spiritual sense.

I was born into the Greek Orthodox faith, and was brought up going to church on Sundays, doing my cross before meals, and praying to God in order to give thanks and to ask for help. I am a part of GOYA, I take pride in going to Camp St. Paul every year, and I sing in the Byzantine Youth Choir. Since I have not been able to do all those things during the pandemic, it has created a struggle for me as well as for others in keeping up with my faith. Staying connected with friends from Camp Saint Paul and GOYA is one of the main ways I stay associated with my Greek Orthodox faith. Speaking to a priest helps guide my spiritual life and has helped me feel more secure in my relationship with Christ.

Dedicating more time to praying and focusing on communicating with God about things you struggle with, and thanking Him, can foster a sense of connection and help you find strength though discouraging times. However, through the stories of St. Efthymia, the guidance of my priests, and the words of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, I have discovered that faith is not something that is just simply done. Doing those activities has helped me grow within my church and my beliefs, but I have come to learn that my faith stems from within me. -Efthymia Kaparos



## Greek Dance Troupe

Happy New Year!

The Greek Dance troupe hosted our popular "Paint & Sip Night" fundraiser in November! It was a fun evening and a great opportunity for all dance parents and friends to meet up and get their creative juices flowing!



We were so happy to be back performing at the Challenge Liturgy Christmas Luncheon on December 18. Thank you to Marina and Manny Katsoulis for inviting us!



In December the Dance Troupe welcomed Jordan Elrod, esteemed educator in Greek Dance, for a workshop that focused on dances from the Dodecanese. Jordan researched and studied Greek dance while attending the University of the Aegean in Rhodes by virtue of a scholarship earned from the "Hellenic Society Paidea" through the University of Connecticut. He has taught and participated in many workshops across the United States and Greece. Jordan has served on the boards of, and has been a judge for, many Greek Dance competitions in the United States, including FDF (Faith Dance Fellowship) out west, HDF in the south, and others. It was a great opportunity for the dancers to learn much, as they prepare for their upcoming competitions. Jordan was joined by John Themelis, local musician and friend, who accompanies our dancers both here and when they travel for competition.

The Hara and Neolea groups are heading to the FDF Greek Dance & Choral competition being held in Phoenix, Arizona, from February 17-21, 2022. The dancers and their families are putting a great deal of time and effort in their preparation for this prestigious event! All are looking forward to what will no doubt prove to be a great experience for dancers and their families!

A big thank you to our instructors and our GOYA volunteers!

The Archangel Michael Greek Dance Troupe has classes for ages 5 and up! Classes meet on Saturday mornings.

Agape & Elpida (Grades K-3): 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Hara & Eftihia (Grades 4-6): 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Neolea (Grades 10 & Up): 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact: [greekdance@archangelmichaelchurch.org](mailto:greekdance@archangelmichaelchurch.org)

## HOPE/JOY

HOPE/JOY hosted its 2nd **Annual Veterans Day Service Workshop** on **Thursday, November 11**. The children gathered to honor the veterans of our Armed Forces. The day started with a stimulating talk by veteran Ceasar Munoz who together with Fr. John spoke to our children about the importance of Veterans Day and keeping those in service in our prayers. The children then proceeded to write letters and assemble care packages of travel-size toiletries that were then donated to our local veterans agency for distribution. It was a wonderful day and a great opportunity for our children to learn about the importance of giving back to our community.



HOPE/JOY also hosted its annual **Christmas Party** on **Sunday, December 19**. Fr. Michael warmly welcomed all the children and spoke to them about the meaning of Christmas. The celebration then proceeded to the fellowship hall, which was transformed into a Christmas Wonderland and was filled with the sounds of our childrens' laughter. Music, dancing, a build-a-bear craft and a visit from Rudolph brought many smiles to our children's faces and a feeling of Christmas cheer in everyone's hearts.



On behalf of HOPE/JOY, we wish everyone a Happy and Healthy 2022!



## CHALLENGE LITURGY AND CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON





## 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:**

- a multi-purpose athletic field for our youth;
- 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 **\$890,000.00** thus far. **With another \$610,000 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: email [giving@archangelmichaelchurch.org](mailto:giving@archangelmichaelchurch.org).

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## COMMUNITY PHOTOS













ARCHANGEL MICHAEL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

# January Calendar 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Circumcision of our Lord and St. Basil the Great Orthros 9:15a Divine Liturgy 10:30a
2 Orthros 8:00a Divine Liturgy 9:30a Vasilopita Cutting & Collection for St Basil's	3 Classes Resume	4 AMC LIONS Event 7p Snow date: Jan.6	5 Forefeast of Epiphany Royal Hours 8a Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 9:30a & Blessing of the Waters	6 Feast of Epiphany & The Great Blessings of the Water Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 9:30a Preschool Closed	7 St. John the Baptist Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:15a Little Angels 10:15a Youth Choir Rehearsal 6:30p InterGOYA Dance @ St. Markella 7:30p	8 St. Nicholas Babylon Volleyball Tournament 10:30a
9 Orthros 8:00a Divine Liturgy 9:30a Blessing of the Waters & Throwing of the Cross at the Beach 12p HOPE/JOY Vasilopita	10 Philoptochos Mtg 7:30p	11	12 Paraklesis 10a AMC Book Club 11a PC Meeting	13 Small Vespers 7p AMC Book Club 7:30p	14	15 Challenge Liturgy Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 10:30a
16 Orthros 8:00a Divine Liturgy 9:30a HOPE/JOY Ice Skating GOYA: Midnight Run	17 St. Anthony Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a Martin Luther King Jr. Day Preschool & Office Closed	18 SS. Athanasios and Cyril Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a	19 Paraklesis 10a AMC Bible Study 11a SET UP for YAH Luncheon 2p	20 Young at Heart Luncheon 12p Small Vespers 7p AMC Bible Study 7:30p	21 Little Angels 10:15a Youth Choir Rehearsal 6:30p	22 GOYA Ice Skating 6:45p
23 Orthros 8:15a Divine Liturgy 9:30a Feast of Three Hierarchs Orthros 8:00a Divine Liturgy 9:30a GSPTA "Painting the Glendi Away" 12:30p	24	25	26 Paraklesis 10a AMC Bible Study 11a Philoptochos General Meeting Protect Your Health-Protect Your Wealth 7:30p	27 Small Vespers 7p AMC Bible Study 7:30p	28 GOYA Night with Anastasia Pagonis (guest speaker) 7:30p	29 Great Vespers for the Three Hierarchs (Brooklyn) 7PM





ARCHANGEL MICHAEL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

# February Calendar 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 HOPE/JOY Bowling Event	2 Presentation of Christ to the Temple  Orthros 8:30a Divine Liturgy 9:30a  AMC Book Club 11a	3 Small Vespers 7p AMC Book Club 7:30p	4 Little Angels 10:15a	5 SOUPer Bowl 9a-4p (Chamber of Commerce Event) Fellowship Hall
6 Philoptochos GO RED Sunday Orthros 8:00a Divine Liturgy 9:30a Sunday School Valentine Bake Sale GLI Presentation for Three Hierarchs 12p	7 Philoptochos Mtg 7:30p	8	9 Paraklesis 10a AMC Book Club 11a  PC Meeting	10 Small Vespers 7p AMC Book Club 7:30p	11 Youth Choir =Rehearsal 6:30p	12 Cooking Club 9:30a
13 Beginning of the Triodion & Fast-Free Week  Orthros 8:00a Divine Liturgy 9:30a  Godparents Sunday Brunch	14	15	16 Paraklesis 10a AMC Bible Study 11a  SET UP Fellowship Hall For YAH Luncheon	17 Young at Heart Luncheon 12p  Small Vespers 7p AMC Bible Study 7:30p	18 Little Angels 10:15a	19 Challenge Liturgy  Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 10:30a
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27 Orthros 8:00a Divine Liturgy 9:30a	28 Preschool Resumes					

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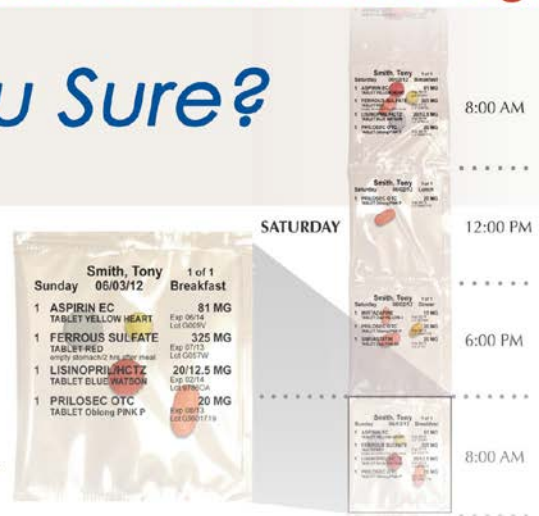
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