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The Ten Martyrs of Crete

Dear Parishioners,

“O Thou, the Fashioner of all creation, Who in Thy power hast established times and season: Do Thou bless the crown of year with Thy graciousness...” Troparion of the New Year

A Blessed New Year and Epiphany! I am most grateful for our abundant blessings, and with humility, look ahead to what I pray will be an exciting year for the Archangel Michael Church.

First and foremost, we offer great thanksgiving that the Lord has bestowed His great mercy and graciousness upon us to seek our repentance in the New Year. After His baptism, our Lord begins His public ministry reciting, *“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”* (Mark 1:15)

Secondly and very significantly, the Archangel Michael Church will be signing a contract to purchase the adjacent 3.9 acres of land that will be part of our mission *“Spreading Our Wings and Expanding Our Ministries”!* We thank our parishioners who have generously pledged \$1,425,000 towards our fundraising goal of \$1,600,000. We are grateful for your vision and commitment to Archangel Michael Church to benefit future generations. It is not too late to make a gift! I invite you to do so by considering that the Greek word for benefactor is “Ευεργέτης”: Εὖ means good and ἐργον means work. The work we are doing in His name will strengthen our foundation for years to come! Please contact the church office or visit our website to do so.

Finally, in 2023, our Archangel Michael Community will be switching to a church management system called REALM. This indispensable web based tool will become your one stop portal for all things AMC, including communication, links to live streams, ministry registration, and so much more. There is even an app to stay connected with AMC wherever you are! In January, **you will be receiving an email from REALM inviting you to register, along with instructions on what to do. There will also be plenty of support from Archangel Michael Church to help every parishioner with this transition. Please look out for more information as Archangel Michael Church goes digital!**

I am very excited at the prospects of the year ahead and I pray that the Holy Spirit will bless and protect us all!

May we all be beloved daughters and sons of God by the good grace of the Holy Spirit, as God spoke to His Son, when the Holy Spirit descended upon His head during Jesus’ baptism saying, “This is my beloved Son!”

May the grace of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

In Christ,

Rev. John K. Lardas
Protopresbyter