



ARCHANGEL MICHAEL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH TRUMPET

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MAY/JUNE 2011



WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:30AM - Matins
9:30AM - Liturgy

MAY WORSHIP SERVICES

MAY 5TH - Thursday

9:30am - Liturgy - St. Irene

MAY 21ST - Saturday

10:30am - Challenge Liturgy &
SS. Constantine & Helen

JUNE WORSHIP SERVICES

JUNE 2ND - Thursday

9:30am - Liturgy - Ascension

JUNE 11TH - Saturday

9:30am - Liturgy - Saturday of the Souls

JUNE 18TH - Saturday

10:30am - Challenge Liturgy

JUNE 30TH - Thursday

9:30am - Liturgy - Synaxis of the Holy
Apostles

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Amount Budgeted for 2011:

\$475,000

Amount Pledged to date: \$364,485

Amount Received to date: \$280,253

2011 FESTIVAL

It is confirmed!! We will be hosting our first Festival on September 30th, October 1st and 2nd at North Hempstead Beach Park. We will be contacting all volunteers in the next two weeks. If you have not yet volunteered, please call the Church office or email us your information at 2011festival@optimum.net. Let's all work together to have fun and at the same time support our Archangel Michael Community.

CHALLENGE LITURGY GROUP

The Challenge Liturgy group will meet on Saturday, May 21st at 10:30am. Immediately following the liturgy we will have our annual picnic on the church property. Anyone wishing to donate food or funds for our picnic, or to volunteer to help that day, please contact: Marina Katsoulis at (516)627-0580.

SAVE THE DATE

General Assembly Meeting

Sunday, May 15th
Immediately following Liturgy

HOPE/JOY HAPPENINGS!

"XRISTOS ANESTI"

We hope everyone had a terrific Easter Break. As the year for Hope/Joy is winding down, we would like to take the opportunity to thank Angela Classi, who has stepped in and taken the initiative to bring our Joy group together through different activities and retreats. As we move forward with these new programs, we are also aggressively looking for more volunteers to support the growth of our Youth group activities. If anyone is interested or has ideas, please feel free to email us at: hopejoy@archangelmichaelchurch.org

Upcoming events:

Saturday May 7th 6pm-8pm Bowling Night @ Sheridan Lanes for Hope & Joy group.

Friday May 27th- Sunday May 29th Joy Olympics.

Saturday June 4th 8:30am 5k Run/Walk & 1k Family Run @ Christopher Morley Park.

We are also in the process of putting together the "End of the Year" party. Date and information will come to all via email.

Again, we are always looking for volunteers, so if anyone is interested in joining our Executive Board please call: Mariann Matarangas at (516)621-6435 or email us at hopejoy@archangelmichaelchurch.org.

HOPE/JOY SPORTS

Congratulations to our JOY Basketball B1 White team coached by Tommy Dimopoulos and Billy Antonopoulos for winning their second consecutive basketball championship. This is the first time in the 11 year history of the JOY basketball program that a team in the boys 1 division (7-9 year olds) has won 2 consecutive championships. The boys finished the regular season with a record of 7 wins and 1 loss and won all 3 playoff games. Great job also to our other teams for making this an exciting season for all. The Joy board will like to thank all our basketball coaches for all their time and effort in making it fun for our children. If anyone has any sports-related questions, please email Chrissa at ctgame166@yahoo.com.

Byzantine Youth Choir

Congratulations to our 11 talented high school seniors who are graduating this year. Most of these outstanding young women have been singing with our youth choir since they were eight and

nine year old elementary school students!

As you embark upon your college careers, may your Faith be your guide and May God Bless You!

Crystal Anagnostopoulos

Elena Dellis

Elpida Despotis

Aliandra Homayuni

Jennia Iordanou

Lauren Keegan

Stefani Pappas

Victoria Pappas

Theodora Mithos

Alexia Skiadas

The youth choir sings the liturgy at our church on the first and third Sunday of every month.

On Sunday, May 22nd, our choir will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy with the community of St. George Church on 54th Street & 8th Avenue in NYC. Round trip bus transportation will be provided.

Sunday, June 5th is Choir Photo Day. Following the liturgy, individual & group photographs will be taken with our spiritual leaders Fr. Dennis & Fr. Evan.

Youth Choir Rehearsals: 7:00-8:30pm
May 4th & 11th - June 1st & 15th.

ALTAR BOYS

Congratulations on the 2011 high school graduation of our lead Altar Boys- STEVEN DIONISIOU & NIKO TSIRAKIS.

We extend our sincere appreciation for their many years of service to our community.

MAY/JUNE PRESCHOOL NEWS

Marching in the Greek Parade was a great experience and enjoyed by all. Our Preschool Easter Fundraiser was a huge success! We would like to thank all the parents and everyone who has helped make this fundraiser so successful. A special thank you once again to Mr. & Mrs. Mamais and family for their donation of cupcakes, Mrs. Barberis for baked goods and jam and Mrs. Paraskevadis for her donation of Koulourakia.

This will be a very exciting month for the preschool. The children will be planting flowers in the classroom. They will be watering and taking care of them and watching the changes on a day to day basis. They will also experience the fascinating metamorphosis of the butterfly from caterpillar to chrysalides. After the chrysalides have formed the children will see the butterflies emerge and be ready to fly. They are excitedly anticipating the day when the butterflies will be released outside. The children will also be busy making Mother's Day cards and gifts.

Pre-K Class

This month the children will continue to explore their colors through the "class color carnival" and then they will take a "trip" under the sea. They are also

reinforcing their number recognition from 1-10. In Greek they will be concentrating on learning the numbers 7 thru 10 and will be reviewing their colors in through songs and movement activities. They are also listening to stories in Greek using props.

Nursery Class

The children will be concentrating on their alphabet books through various forms of dart art, using both crayons and markers. They will be introduced to the "Spring Colors" and will experience the use of Spring on their art master pieces. In Greek they are learning their numbers through various songs and body movements and will continue learning their colors. They are enjoying listening to stories in Greek using props.

Mommy and Me

The Mommy and Me class is working diligently with their moms making projects. They are also enjoying music and body movement with our music teacher Miss Cecelia.

The Pre-K and Nursery classes are practicing songs, movements and dances with Miss Cecelia for our upcoming end-of-year performance. The children have had a very productive and fun-filled school year. The nursery class is ready to move up to Pre-K, and the Pre-K Class is prepared for a successful entry into Elementary. The Mommy & Me children are anxiously awaiting entering Nursery and are looking forward to moving on to new and rewarding experiences.

Registration for the 2011 and 2012 school year will be on-going throughout the summer. For registration please call the school at 516-944-3184. We are now offering extended hours.

Upcoming Events

May 23 - Monday - Last Day for Mommy and Me

Program

May 30 - Monday - Memorial Day - School

Closed

June 2 - Thursday - Ascension Thursday - School

Closed

June 8 - Wednesday - End of year

4th ANNUAL RUN/WALK

Our FOURTH ANNUAL 5K Run/Walk will be on Saturday, June 4th at Christopher Morley Park from 9 am to 12 noon. Registration begins at 8am. We've added a 1K Family Fun Run/Walk for our younger families that will take place immediately following the 5K. This year we've also partnered with the De Rosa Foundation for Colon Cancer Research and Prevention. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the De Rosa Foundation in its fight against colon cancer.

Award medals will be given to all male & female winners in all age groups. Registration is \$30 dollars and includes a T-shirt, post race refreshments and snacks. Please fill out the enclosed registration form or register on line by visiting our church's website at www.archangelmichaelchurch.org.

Last year we raised over \$28,000 dollars. We hope to do better this year! Please register and support our church!

PHILOPTOCHOS

NEWS

Over 40 ladies attended the annual Archangel Michael Philoptochos Membership Tea on Monday, April 4th. We enjoyed a wonderful presentation by Amelia Monis of Sweet Alchemy by Amelia in Manhasset. We enjoyed an evening of fellowship in our beautifully decorated fellowship room and saw firsthand how to make cakes and pastries look and taste amazing! Philoptochos looks forward to welcoming even more new members to our upcoming events.

Part of Philoptochos' outreach program includes visitations to nursing homes, including St. Michael's, and hospitals, on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. *We would welcome the community's participation in this important ministry.* If you are interested, please contact Peggy Milonas at pegmil@hotmail.com or Philoptochos President Lisa Glavas at lisag162@gmail.com.

Please help us help the Earthquake and Tsunami victims of Japan. The Ladies Philoptochos Society of the Archangel Michael Church is assisting the IOCC-International Orthodox Christian Charities in their relief efforts by seeking donations of Baby Kits. To assemble a baby kit you will need: 2 shirts, 2 gowns or sleepers, 2 receiving blankets, 6 cloth diapers, 2 diaper pins, 1 sweater or sweatshirt and 2 washcloths. Place all items in a clear plastic bag and drop off at the Church. For more information call Marina Vlahos (516)627-7303.

The Ladies Philoptochos of the Archangel Michael Church is having its annual suit drive to benefit **Dress for Success**, Sunday, May 1st through Sunday, May 15th. Donations of interview-appropriate dress, skirt and pant suits can be dropped off at the church on Sundays 9:00am - 12:00pm or Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:00pm - 6:00pm. Suits must be dry-cleaned if worn and on hangers. For more information call Marina Vlahos (516)627-7303. (Dress for Success is an international non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing them with professional attire, a network of support and the career development tools to thrive in work and in life.)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please check the calendar for the schedule of the Orthodoxy 101 classes and the Bible Classes, both of which are on Wednesday nights at 7:30pm.

REMEMBER THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER. PLEASE CONSIDER EITHER MAKING A COMMITMENT, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, OR INCREASING YOUR COMMITMENT SO THAT WE CAN MOVE AHEAD IN FINISHING OUR NEW CHURCH. DONATIONS CAN BE MADE BY CONTACTING THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE THROUGH THE CHURCH OFFICE @ (516) 944-3180.

SAVE THE DATES:

The Annual Archangel Michael Golf Outing is scheduled for Monday, September 19th, 2011 at the North Shore Towers Country Club.

The annual Archangel Michael Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2011 at North Hills Country Club.

GOYA News

Hope all of you had a great and spiritually rewarding Pascha. Spring is finally here. GOYA has many events planned during this season of rebirth and renewal. But before we do that, let's congratulate our GOYA MGOBL Girls & Boys Basketball teams for making the Championship games and being awarded second place. Both teams played beautifully and with much finesse and deserve our admiration, support and well wishes for an even better season next year!

On May 1st GOYA is hosting its annual Pancake Breakfast. Donations are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. This is GOYA's major fundraising event for the year with all the proceeds going to the many needs of our Church! By God's grace and hard work, GOYA has progressively increased its donation to our Church over the years, so please come, eat and support our Pancake Breakfast and our Church! May 2 is a regularly scheduled GOYA meeting and May 13 is the final Inter-GOYA dance of the year at St. Paraskevi in Greenlawn. On Sunday, May 15 right after church, GOYA is going miniature golfing across the street from the church.

May is also GOYA Olympics month. This year's Olympics are being held on Memorial Day Weekend, May 27-29 at Suffolk Community College. This is one of the best events of the GOYA year, and we hope to continue the tradition of bringing home plenty of medals! Last year we had 25 GOYAns competing at the Olympics. This year we hope to have more and are trying to put together boys & girls volleyball, soccer, basketball and softball teams. There will also be track and field events as well. If you have not already done so, please register before May 22, or you will not be allowed to participate. You can register by contacting Dean, our GOYA advisor, at CP@stevenslee.com.

On May 23, 2011 at 7:30 p.m., our clergy and GOYA advisor will be hosting a parents' forum to discuss GOYA participation, plans and suggestions for the 2011-2012 year, and general issues and questions for all present, future and past GOYA parents. Please make every effort to attend because parent participation and feedback is vital to GOYA's continued success.

June kicks off with our community's 4th Annual 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, June 4th at Christopher Morley Park beginning at 9am. If you haven't registered already, please take the time to fill out the enclosed registration form or go to our church's website. On Monday, June 6th is a regularly scheduled GOYA meeting. The last GOYA meeting of the year will be on June 20th, and we plan on having a year-end barbecue to celebrate. Finally, June 27th is the scheduled date for the GOYA year-end trip to Splish Splash! We plan on going with the Holy Resurrection Brookville GOYA, and a fun time will be had by all.

We look forward to seeing you all at meetings and these wonderful events.

PC Barbecue

The Parish Council is sponsoring their second annual barbecue during our fellowship gathering, after Liturgy on Sunday, June 5th! Please join us at this "coffee hour" featuring delicious barbecue specialties, as we celebrate the completion of another successful year of Sunday School, Greek School and Pre-School.

Listserv

Are you receiving the latest parish and organization news via email? If

you have not already done so, please visit our church website, www.archangelmichaelchurch.org and click on "Join our listserv".

Brick Campaign

The Archangel Michael Church Buy-a-Brick Campaign is ongoing. You can buy specially engraved bricks to commemorate people who have touched your life. For further information, please visit our website or call the church office.

Greek Night Out

Please join us for an evening of fellowship and music on Friday, May 13 at Central Lounge in Astoria. For further details please see the enclosed flier.