



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN *for*

SAINT MICHAEL'S HOME

Building for the Future

The mission of St. Michael's Home is to provide quality care to the elderly of the Greek Orthodox community in a loving and caring environment.

A PLACE TO CALL HOME

Saint Michael's Home: A Mission of Faith and Love

In 1957, having seen the need for a facility to serve the growing number of Greek Orthodox elderly, Archbishop Michael appointed the first Board of Trustees of St. Michael's under the aegis of the Archdiocese. That same year, the trustees purchased a building in Yonkers and within 10 months, the then 60 year old building was completely renovated. On May 25, 1958, the community celebrated the opening of the Home, known then as the "Spiti Tou

Protoporou" (the Home of the Pioneer) since the first residents were the "pioneers" of the Greek American community here in the United States.

Towards the end of the 1980's, the building was completely renovated. Wings were added on either end of the existing structure to increase the capacity of the facility to 60 residents and to provide additional ancillary space. After completing that task, St. Michael's has continued to improve and enhance

the daily life and care of its elderly residents.

Over the years, the composition of the Home's population has begun slowly transitioning from first generation immigrants to those born and raised in the United States.



His Eminence Archbishop Michael

NEW MILLENNIUM, NEW CHALLENGES

Looking to the Future

Having earned a stellar reputation, greater demands for its services have been placed on St. Michael's. The Home has outgrown its current facility and further expansion at the current location is not possible because of the limited size of the property. As a result, residents who require higher levels of care have to be transferred to other institutions where they are deprived of the unique environment and quality care offered by St. Michael's and are cut off from their community and

Church. Moreover, applicants cannot be accepted because they require more care than the facility is licensed to currently offer. Therefore, the Home has embarked upon this expansion. Our priority is to provide warm, nurturing care in a homelike environment, in a manner which preserves and enhances independence and dignity. Such care needs to be provided on the basis of a continuum of care in which older people can live, learn and flourish and this can only happen with the expansion of St. Michael's!

Approximately 5.1 million American elders over 65 have some form of dementia and for those over 85, the fastest growing segment of our population, nearly half.

The population of the elderly community is the fastest growing segment of the U.S. population. It is estimated that in 2020 there were over 50 million people 65 and older . By 2040 that number is predicted to be 80 million!

42% of those who reach this age group will at some point require the services of a facility.







SAINT MICHAEL'S NEW HOME ON LONG ISLAND

Creating a Comprehensive Plan

In 2014, the Board of Trustees purchased a new locale on Long Island upon which is being built a state-of-the-art continuum care facility, accommodating more residents and offering progressively higher levels of care. Situated on 11 acres which provide adequate room for additional future expansion, the property includes a structure encompassing over 100,000 square feet. The site is located in Uniondale and is not only centrally located in close

proximity to a high concentration of Greek Orthodox faithful but also is easily accessible to the five boroughs of New York City, lower Westchester, Southern Connecticut and Northern New Jersey. Most importantly, nearby there are major medical facilities nearby.



(Far left) This main entrance welcomes guests next to one of the most important features, the Chapel. (Above) Proposed Memory Care terrace. (Left) One of the many landscaped outdoor seating areas.



THE NEED TO GROW

Care for Our Aging Population

Saint Michael's has continuously endeavored to provide the elderly with the quality care they require. Over the years, it has become increasingly apparent that if we are to remain true to our mission as set forth by Archbishop Michael and affirmed by all succeeding Archbishops, that the Home care for those encumbered by old age and show love to our elderly, that we need to both increase the occupancy of the facility but more importantly, the levels of care we provide.

Currently, we more than meet the needs of a particular segment of the elderly population but there are so many more who exceed the parameters set forth by our license who would benefit from being at the Home but who we are unable to accept. Moreover, because of the aging process, we must transfer to nursing homes residents, 12-25 individuals in any given year, who came to call Saint Michael's their home! Separated from those they have befriended, placed in a new unfamiliar facility where perhaps



they do not speak the language and certainly do not enjoy the same loving Greek Orthodox environment where Faith and traditions are a part of daily routine...nothing could be more traumatic!

(Left) Comfortable lounge spaces spread throughout the Home will allow for quieter moments. (Above) A view of the community dining room.



MINISTERING TO MANY NEEDS

One Home, One Mission, Many Services

Our **Independent Living Wing** will comprise beautifully designed one-bedroom apartments for the active, independent individual or couples who prefer the social benefits of interaction with their peers in a safe and secure setting.

In the **Assisted Living** component our mission will be to offer progressively higher levels of care to assist residents who may be cognitively or physically impaired or medically vulnerable with their individual activities of daily



(Left) One Bedroom Apartments will provide a home like atmosphere for independent seniors. (Right) Residents who require a higher level of care can enjoy in a peaceful environment.

living in a home-like studio bedroom setting.

The **Memory Care Wing** is specially designed for those who because of Alzheimer's or degrees of dementia require

around-the-clock supervision and assistance. We will provide help with medication management, personal hygiene, mobility and other activities that become more challenging over time.



JOIN US IN BUILDING A FUTURE

Keeping Faith in our Community

The new facility will be able to accommodate at least 150 Residents:

- Independent living one-bedroom apartments
- Independent and assisted-living studio bedrooms with private baths
- A secure Memory Care Wing for those residents with Alzheimer's or dementia

As part of our mission, the new facility will include a beautiful Greek Orthodox house of worship. In addition, the structure

will include a Community Living Room, Library, Computer Room, Medical Office, TV/Game Room, Exercise Room, Beauty Salon and many other ancillary spaces needed to provide an enjoyable and nurturing environment for our residents.



(Left) The community living room. (Above) Friends and family can share intimate moments with their loved ones as they are welcomed.

A LOVING AND SAFE HOME

The Mission is Clear

Since 1958, St. Michael's has been providing a loving and safe home for our elderly. A Home where our Faith is practiced, our culture is celebrated and where our most vulnerable are protected and cared for. We never want to turn away any Greek-American who needs our help, or have to move an elderly resident in their most vulnerable moment, to another facility where no one knows them, their language, their culture, their religion, or their needs. With our new multi-service facility, all the needs of our



residents will be met on one campus, with one mission, with one direction. To do this, we need the continued generous assistance of our supporters, who have always been there for our elderly in the past.

Now, more than ever, please give what you can, knowing that every dollar will go to helping the lives of our elderly Greek Americans, under the auspices of our Faith and culture.



A New Beginning



Under the aegis of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

For more information, contact our Development Office at 914-327-3066.

His Grace Bishop Andonios, *Director*



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