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February 1, 2009. Sunday of Pharisee and Publican. Epistle: 2 Tim 3: 10-15; **p.1316.** Gospel: Lk 18: 10-14; **p.1123.** (Next Sunday's readings will be: Epistle: 1Cor 6:12-20. Gospel: Lk 15: 11-32).

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for

✦ Nakhleh Matta Hayek (40 days Mass)

**Monday, February 2:
Presentation of Our Lord to the Temple**

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BAPTIZED IN CHRIST: Congratulations to Daniel & Nadine Lahage on the baptism of their son Andrew.

NOURSAT: The upcoming episode of "light from America" in which Msgr Youssef Mouaness hosts Fr. Antoine from Brooklyn will be on Noursat next Monday, February 2nd, at 15:00 EST and its rerun at 21:00 EST.

CARD PARTY: The Fraternity is organizing a Card Party on Friday, February 6.

PRE-NAMY: The club will meet on Saturday, February 7th, at 3:00pm. All pre-teens are welcome to join!

BIBLE STUDY: We will be meeting on Tuesday, February 9th, at 8:00pm. **"Ignorance of the Bible is ignorance of Christ" (St. Jerome).** All are welcome to attend!

VALENTINE PARTY: On Friday, February 13th, our Youth Group NAMY and Young Adult MAYA are sponsoring a Valentine's party. For more information and tickets please contact Christine Seikali.

VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE: St. Mary's Eastern Orthodox Church at 8100 Ridge Blvd, invites all teens to their Teen Soyo's Valentine's Day Dance on Saturday, February 7th, following Vespers at 6-11P.M. For tickets, which are \$15, please contact Daria Mayrose (718) 836-2214.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER GROUP: This group, together with many parishioners of different parishes, is visiting us on Wednesday, February 18, at 6:30pm. After a prayer service, Fr. Antoine will give us a talk about the Melkite Church and the Church of the Virgin Mary. Rev. Archimandrite Eugene Pappas of The Three Hierarchies Greek Orthodox Church and Rev. Guy Massie, pastor of St. Andrew the Apostle Church, will be among the guests. All are welcome!

ROUND TRIP CRUISE: Join us, July 13-18, 2009 for a round trip cruise from New York with family and friends. Visit Canada's beautiful ports at Saint John and Halifax. Enjoy the luxury and pampering of the Carnival experience. Your days at sea will be restful and exciting and the ports will be fun for all. The

rate per person is: \$617 inside cabin; \$792 Oceanview; \$837 Balcony. Quad cabins and insurance are available. Early booking recommended for best choice of cabins. Deposit is refundable until 5/10/09. For more information please contact Mrs. Joan Paradiso (Paradise Travel) at (718) 745-0556!

FUTURE LITURGIES: On February 8, for Josianne Seikali; on February 15, for Jacqueline Daghim(40 days Mass), Mary Chammas Hajjar, Elias Hajjar, Clare Hajjar-Zaher, Diane Zaher and Anthony Hajjar; on February 22, for Nicholas Homsy; on March 1, for Victoria Kateb (40 day); on March 8, for Evelyn Gorayeb (40 day); on March 15 for Linda Wilson; on March 22, for Joseph Seikali.

COLLECTION: *For God loves a cheerful giver.*

Epistle Verses – Prokimenon

Reader: Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them: let all round about him bring gifts to the awesome Lord!

All: Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them: let all round about him bring gifts to the awesome Lord!

Reader: God is renowned in Judah; in Israel, great is his name.

All: Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them: let all round about him bring gifts to the awesome Lord!

READING from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy: 3: 10-15

MY son Timothy, you have followed my teaching, my behavior, my faith, my long-suffering, my love, my patience, my persecutions, my afflictions — such as befell me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, such

persecutions as I suffered: and out of them all, the Lord delivered me. And all who want to live piously in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But the wicked and impostors will go from bad to worse, erring and leading into error. As for you, keep on with the things you have learned and which have been entrusted to you, and remember from whom you have learned them. For you have known from infancy the Sacred Scriptures which are able to give you instruction for your salvation by the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Troparion – Tone 5

O faithful, let us sing a hymn of praise and worship to the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, who was born of the Virgin for our salvation. Of his own will, He chose to go up on the cross and to suffer death, in order to raise the dead through his glorious Resurrection.

Troparion of the Preparation for the feast of the Encounter

The Host of angels look down from the balconies of heaven to behold upon earth the First-Fruits of all creation carried to the temple, a suckling babe in the arms of a Mother all-pure. Together with us, they sing with joy a hymn in preparation of the feast.

Troparia of the Patron of the Church

In giving birth you have preserved your virginity and in falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Mother of God. You have passed to life being the Mother of Life. Through your intercession, save our souls from death!

Kondakion of the Preparation

Come, O faithful, let us extend our arms to celebrate the Lord's coming to the Temple. Let us welcome Him with pure hearts, singing hymns of preparation for the Feast.