

CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY

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November 1, 2009. The Fifth Sunday of the Holy Cross. Epistle: Gal 6: 11-18, **p.1276**. Gospel: Lk 16: 19-31, **p.1121**. Next week's readings: Epistle: Eph 2: 4-10. Gospel: Lk 8: 41-56.

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for

- ✦ Eleanor Hidar (40day)
- ✦ Mary Hechme (10day)
- ✦ Wadad Laham (1year)

ASLEEP IN THE LORD: We mourn the death of *Claire Mammary* at the age of 82. She is survived by her daughter Elaine; her sons Nicholas and Richard; her sister Viviane and her brother Henry. Please remember her in your prayers!

200 CLUB: Congratulations to Sam Maloof, our lucky October drawing winner!

NAMY/MAYA HALLOWEEN PARTY: On Friday, NAMY/MAYA organized a Halloween Party. The youth and young adults came together to celebrate with music, food, dancing, and candy!

FRATORITY HALLOWEEN PARTY: The Fratority sponsored this ghoulish Saturday evening of fun, games, food, dancing, and much more. Kids and "kids at heart" dressed in costume to celebrate this eve of all hallows!

BIBLE STUDY: Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, **November 10th**, at 8:00pm. All are welcome to attend!

PRE-NAMY CLUB: Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, **November 11th**, at 5:30pm. All preteens (grades 5-8) are welcome to join us!

COUNTRY WESTERN NIGHT: On Saturday, **November 14th**, at 8:00pm, the Fratority is organizing, a Western Country Party with Mary Lamont. Mary Lamont presents a mix of songs inspired by the struggles and joys of her life. Open to the public. \$35 adult/ \$15 kids 12 and under. Price includes a huge buffet of ribs 'n' chicken as well as Line Dance instruction by Fran. Bar available. For tickets & information, please call Mireille (718)836-8606, Caroline (718)836-1030, or Adel (718)748-7294.

SERIES OF SPIRITUAL TALKS: Fr. Antoine will be continuing the series of talks on Friday, **November 20th**. The next topic to be offered is: "*The Spirituality of the Family in the Light of the Gospel.*"

FOOD DRIVE: NAMY & MAYA are sponsoring a holy season Food Drive. Please bring in canned foods, boxes of pasta, and other nonperishable goods to the Church hall during the upcoming Sundays. Thank you!

CLOTHING DRIVE: On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, the Fratority is hosting a clothing drive

from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. All donations can be brought to the Church Hall. Thank you all for your generous spirits!

United States Conference of Catholic Bishop: Congress is preparing to debate health care reform legislation. The Catholic bishops of the United States strongly support genuine health care reform that protects the life and dignity of all, from the moment of conception until natural death. However, all current bills are seriously deficient on abortion and conscience rights, and do not yet provide adequate access to health care for immigrants and the poor. At the back of the Church today, you'll find a special flier/bulletin insert from the US Bishops Conference asking you to **please contact your Representative and Senators immediately and urge them to fix these bills with pro-life amendments**. The flier/bulletin insert includes a web address that allows you to send an email message to Congress with a click of a button. The bishops have asked for our swift action and the commitment of our prayers for this critical effort. Thank you for your help. We can help make sure that health care reform will be about saving lives, not destroying them.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL: Get personally involved in making sure our precious Melkite heritage and tradition is passed on faithfully to future generations. Evangelization, education, seminary training...the Archbishop's Appeal supports all these and much more. Please respond with a generous heart. If you have not already sent your gift, please do so today so that 100% of our parish will respond to Sayidna's call. Extra appeal envelopes are available in the narthex.

FUTURE LITURGIES: On **November 8th**, for

Ned, Ned Jr., and Violet Mary Stonbely; and for Ghada Kharouba; on Thanksgiving Liturgy, Thursday, **November 26th**, for Jimmy Lian; and on **November 29th**, for Lorraine Orfaly (1year).

COLLECTION: *For God loves a cheerful giver.*

Epistle Verses – Prokimenon

Reader: You, O Lord, will keep us and preserve us always from this generation.

All: You, O Lord, will keep us and preserve us always from this generation.

Reader: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any holy man, for truthfulness has vanished from among the children of men.

All: You, O Lord, will keep us and preserve us always from this generation.

Troparion of the Resurrection (5th tone)

Let us, O faithful, praise and worship the word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our Salvation, for He was pleased to be lifted in the flesh upon the cross, and to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

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 Theotokos. You have passed to life being the Mother of Life. Through your intercession save our souls from death.

Kondakion

O never failing Protectress of Christians and their ever present intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to us who call upon you with confidence. Hasten, O Mother of God, to intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you.