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August 2, 2009. The Ninth Sunday of Pentecost. Epistle: 1 Cor 3: 9-16; **p.1233**. Gospel: Mt 14: 22-34; **p.1032**. (Next Sunday's readings: Epistle: 1 Cor 4: 9-15. Gospel: Mt 17: 14-23).

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for

✦ Our Parish Families

PARACLISIS PRAYER: The first 15 days of August are dedicated to prayer and fasting in preparation to the Feast of the Dormition - Assumption of our Lady the Mother of God on August 15. Please join us every night at 7:30PM, except for Sundays.

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

(August 6): Vespers and Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 5, at 8:00pm, and grapes will be blessed in this feast.

PICNIC: On *August 9th*, the Church is sponsoring its Annual Breezy Point Picnic at Ft. Tilden. So bring your BBQs and games and come enjoy a beautiful day together. Please reserve the date and for more information, contact Al Dekki.

FR. ANTOINE'S TRIP TO LEBANON: Fr. Antoine will be leaving Brooklyn on August 11th to travel home to visit his family and friends in Lebanon, returning on September 4th. Bishop John Elya will be serving our parish while Father is abroad.

THE AMBASSADORS: The Melkite Young Ambassadors is for those Melkites, ages 26 and older, who want to grow spiritually through faith building discussions about current life issues, share in prayer, and develop friendships. Fr. Peter, from the Arizona parish is serving as their spiritual advisor. He will be guiding the Young Ambassadors on their spiritual journey as they prepare for next year's meetings at the Convention in Seattle, WA. If you are interested in joining, please e-mail Rosa Ailabouni at rosaaailabouni@gmail.com with your name and cell phone number to add you to the listserve.

FUTURE LITURGIES: On September 20 for Nicholas Lutfey(10 years), and for Mary & Antoine Adjami.

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 First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians: 3: 9-16

Brethren, we are God's co-workers, you are God's field, and God's building. According to God's grace which has been given to me, as a wise builder, I laid the foundation, and another builds upon it. But let everyone he builds upon it. For other foundation no one that which has been laid, which is Jesus the Christ. But if anyone builds upon this foundation with gold, silver, gems, wood, hay, straw — the work of each one shall be made manifest: for the Lord's day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed in fire; and the work of each man, whoever he be, shall be assayed in fire. If the work any man built on the foundation stands, he shall receive a reward; if someone's work burns down, he shall suffer its loss, yet he himself shall be saved, though only by passing, so to speak, through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple, and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys this temple of God, God will destroy him: for holy is God's temple, and this [holy temple] you are.

THE HOLY GOSPEL - Matthew 14: 22-34

At that time Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and cross the sea ahead of him, while he dismissed the crowd. And when he had dismissed the crowd, he went up the mountain alone to pray. And when it was late, he was there alone, but the boat was in the midst of the sea, buffeted by the waves, for the wind was against them. But in the fourth watch of the night Jesus came to them, walking upon the sea. And the disciples, seeing him walk upon the

sea, were greatly alarmed, and exclaimed, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. Then Jesus immediately spoke to them, saying, "Take courage; it is I, do not be afraid." But Peter answered him and said, "Lord, if it is you, order me to come to you over the water." And he said, "Come." Then Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water to come to Jesus. But when he saw the strong wind, he was afraid; and as he began to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And Jesus at once stretched out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind fell. But those who were in the boat came and worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And crossing over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

Troparion – Tone 8

O Merciful One, You came down from on high and endured burial for three days in order to save us from suffering. O our life and our Resurrection, glory to you!

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.

Kontakion of the Transfiguration

O Christ God, you were transfigured on the Mountain, and your disciples saw as much of your glory as they could hold, so that seeing You crucified they would know You had willed to suffer your passion and would proclaim to the world that you are verily the Reflection of the Father.