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**May 2, 2010. Sunday of the Samaritan Woman.** Epistle: Acts 11:19-30, **p.1185.** Gospel Jn 4:5-42, **p.1142.** Next Sunday's readings: Epistle: Acts 16: 16-34. Gospel: Jn 9:1-38.

**THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for**

♦ Janet Turquie Kinani (40day)

**LADIES SOCIETY BAKE SALE:** *Today*, following the Divine Liturgy, the Ladies Society will be hosting a Bake Sale in the Church Hall. Please support the Ladies!

**SATURDAY SCHOOL'S TRIP:** On Saturday, *May 15<sup>th</sup>*, the Saturday School team is organizing an adventurous trip on a Pirate Ship that will depart from the Jersey Shore. Then we will continue our fun day at Jenkinson's Boardwalk located at Point Pleasant. The cost is Children \$58/ Adults \$60. For more information or reservations, please contact Salwa Awad!

**LADIES SOCIETY:** On Sunday, *May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010*, following the Divine Liturgy, the Ladies Society will host their Annual Luncheon in honor of their living and deceased members. *All are Welcome!* Reservations must be made by

May 10. No tickets will be sold at the door. Donation: Adults \$45; Children (5-12) \$25.

**HEALTH FAIR AND BLOOD DRIVE:** On Sunday, *May 23<sup>rd</sup>*, the Church will hold its Annual Health Fair sponsored by the New York Methodist Hospital. You are invited to come and receive important health information and have the opportunity to donate blood. Thanks to Dr. Emile Baccash and Josephine Lian for continuing to organize this very important event.

**THE 46TH ANNUAL NATIONAL MELKITE CONVENTION:** Saint Joseph Melkite Mission in Seattle, Washington, will host the 46th Annual National Melkite Convention, *June 30<sup>th</sup> -July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010*, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Bellevue City. The keynote speaker will be *Archbishop Elias Chacour*, Melkite Eparch of Galilee in the Holy Land; distinguished guest his Excellency the *Most Rev. Celestino Migliore* Titular Archbishop of Canosa, Apostolic Nuncio, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations; our religious guest *Mirna Nazour* from Our Lady of Soufania in Damascus, Syria, will share her unique spiritual experience as an "Ambassador" of Christian Unity in the Middle East. For more information, please visit <http://stjosephofseattle.org/convention.htm>.

**FUTURE LITURGIES:** On *May 9<sup>th</sup>*, for Thomas Muratore; on *May 16<sup>th</sup>*, for Shukrallah Darsi (5 Years), Jeannette Farage (5 Years), and Emile Talisse (40day); on *May 23<sup>rd</sup>*, for Louis Najib Abou Khaled and Rafik Joseph Abou Khaled; on May 30<sup>th</sup> for George Douwailibi (40day); on *June 6<sup>th</sup>*, for Basil Mouzayek.

**COLLECTION:** *For God loves a cheerful giver.*

**Antiphon Prayer**

O Only begotten Son and Word of God, You ordered all people to come to You and drink the Water of Life that purifies from sins. Quench the thirst of our sinful souls with the flow of your Divine Blood. Make us bear the fruits of the divine virtues. Fill us with wisdom by the Grace of your Divine Spirit, For You are our Light and our Resurrection, O Christ God, and to You we render glory and to your Eternal Father and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

**Epistle Verses – Prokimenon**

**Reader:** How great are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all.

**All:** How great are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all.

**Reader:** Bless the Lord, O my soul! You are very great indeed, O Lord my God!

**All:** How great are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all.

**Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 4)**

The Women disciples of the Lord heard from the Angels the joyful news of the resurrection and casting away the ancestral sentence, they announced with pride to the Apostles Death is vanquished, Christ God is risen! and has bestowed great mercy upon the world

**Troparion of Mid-Easter Season**

O Savior, at the middle point of this festive season, give my thirsty soul to drink from the waters of piety and devotion, for You called out to all men and said: "All of you, come to Me and draw the waters of immortality." Wherefore

we bow down in worship before You and cry out with faith: "Grant us your mercy, for You are the Fountain of life.

**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 Pascha (Tone 2)**

Though You went down in the tomb, O Immortal One, You overthrew the power of Hades, and rose victorious, O Christ God, Your greeted the Ointment Bearing Women, saying: Rejoice! You gave peace to your Apostles, and to those who had fallen resurrection.

*I wish I knew her name, Lord, the woman at the well. She walks into my life nameless, burdened by a history I shall never know. Searching for love in ways and places I shall never visit, stubbing her toes on broken hopes that cluttered the corners of her life, just so much rubbish no one wants.*

*And always disappointed, Lord, until you came into her life. And into mine.*

*Disturbing with a love that digs up secrets, unlocks the truths I'd rather not remember.*

*Challenging me to face my failures.*

*Helping each one of us to look in honesty at what we were without you and to show us what we can become with you. Our deepest selves.*

*I wish I knew her name, Lord, but I can rest content in knowing that she's known by you, enfolded in your love for all eternity.*

*And knowing that her name is written in your book of life, next, I believe, to mine.*

*Thanks be to God.*

*Eddie Askew*