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April 4, 2010. Glorious Resurrection of our Lord. Epistle: Acts 1: 1-19, p.1170. Gospel Jn 1: 1-17, p.1137. Next Sunday's readings: Epistle: Acts 5: 12-20. Gospel: Jn 20: 19-31.

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for
♦ All family members of our parish

We mourn the death of Janet Turquie Kinani at the age of 71. She is survived by her husband Marcel; her children Adele, Samar, Maurice, Sahar, Sousan, George, and Mary; and their families. Please remember her in your prayers.

MANY THANKS: Many thanks to the Barbara Mahfouz and to the **Choir** for the wonderful singing in this Holy Time of Easter. Thanks to the **altar boys** for their dedication and services. Thanks to **Fred Akel** for donating the Easter eggs and for Ronnie Bache and Joe Shabouk for cooking and coloring them. Thanks to the **Ladies Society** for preparing for us the Easter Breakfast.

EASTER RAFFLE: A Beautiful Basket from the Easter Bunny, sponsored by the Ladies Society, is being raffled. Drawing will be held at the Easter Eve Gathering following Hajmah/Liturgy. Winner need not be present to win. See members at the Coffee Hour for your

chances. Good Luck!

THE 46TH ANNUAL NATIONAL MELKITE CONVENTION: Saint Joseph Melkite Mission in Seattle, Washington, will host the 46th Annual National Melkite Convention, **June 30th -July 4th, 2010**, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Bellevue City. The theme of the convention will focus on the Unity and Diversity within the Church, as being one of the most important issues that faces our Melkite Church in this beautiful country. The keynote speaker of the convention will be **Archbishop Elias Chacour**, Melkite Eparch of Galilee in the Holy Land. Our 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. All are invited, on behalf of the community of St. Joseph Mission, to a magnificent 4-day celebration honoring our Eastern heritage under the auspices of our Beloved Eparch Cyril Bustros of Newton. For more information, please visit <http://stjosephofseattle.org/convention.htm>.

FUTURE LITURGIES: On **April 11th**, for Mary, Elias & Anthony Hajjar; for Dianne, Clare & Michael Zaher; for George & Sadie Rossie; for Yazda & Charles Mahfouz; on **April 18th**, for Robert Mouzayek (40day); on **May 9th**, for Thomas Muratore; on **May 16th**, for Shukrallah Darsi (5 Years) & Jeannette Farage (5 Years); on **June 6th**, for Basil Mouzayek.

COLLECTION: *For God loves a cheerful giver.*

Antiphon Prayer

O Christ God, You alone are the light and the life of all. Enlighten our spirits and our eyes as You enlightened the eyes of the Holy Marys. Gladden our hearts by Faith and Peace; and as You raised us up again from the grave of our sins and delivered us from Darkness, make us also worthy, by your great mercy, to light the lamps of our souls with the bright light of this glorious day of your Glorious Resurrection. For You are our Light, our Life and our Resurrection, O Christ God, and to You we render glory, thanksgiving and worship, and to your Eternal Father and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

Gospel of Pascha: John 1: 1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God; and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was made nothing that has been made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness; and the darkness grasped it not. There was a man, one sent from God, whose name was John. This man came as a witness, to bear witness concerning the light, that all might believe through him. He was not himself the light, but was to bear witness to the light. It was the true light that enlightens every man who comes into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, and the world knew him not. He came to his own, and his own received him not. But to as many as received him he gave the power of becoming children of God; to those who believe in his name: who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelled among us. And we saw his glory (glory

as of the only-begotten of the Father) full of grace and of truth. John bore witness concerning him, and cried, "This was the one of whom I said, 'He who is to come after me has been set above me, because he was before me.'" And of his fullness we have all received, grace for grace. For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Epistle Verses – Prokimenon

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Troparion of Pascha (3 times)

Christ is risen from the dead and by His death He has trampled upon death; and has given life to those who were in the tomb.

Hipacoi of Pascha

Mary and her companions went forth before dawn. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb and heard the angel say, "Why do you seek Him as a man among the dead, when He is in eternal splendor? Behold, the shroud is laid aside. Hasten and proclaim to the world that the Lord is risen and has put Death to death, for He is the Son of God, the Savior of mankind.

Kondakion of Pascha

Though You went down in the tomb, O immortal One, You overthrew the power of Hades and rose victorious, O Christ God. You greeted the ointment bearing women, saying "Rejoice!" You gave peace to Your apostles, and to those who had Fallen resurrection.

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS TRULY RISEN!