

CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY

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October 4, 2009. Eighteenth Sunday.
Epistle: 2 Cor 9: 6-11, **p.1262.** Gospel: Lk 6: 31-36, **p. 1103.** Next week's readings:
Epistle: 2 Cor 11:31-33; 12: 1-10. Gospel: Lk 8: 5-15.

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for
✦ The sick

PARISH COUNCIL: Congratulations to the new Officers: Chairperson Robert Paradiso; Vice-Chairperson Vincent Zaloom; and Secretary Rita Youssef.

BIBLE STUDY: Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, **October 13th**, at 8:00pm. "Ignorance of the Bible is ignorance of Christ" (St. Jerome).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND ARABIC COURSES: On October 3rd, we resumed our Saturday Program of Religious Education and Arabic Classes. We urge the parents to register their children. Please contact Mrs. Salwa Awad at 718-238-6355! We are looking forward to a successful year.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL: Our Melkite Church in America needs you! Archbishop Cyril has asked for **100% participation by every Melkite family in the Eparchy**, and that every Melkite family consider it their duty to give at least \$100 each year, to the Archbishop's Appeal to fund the works of our Church in America. Producing *SOPHIA* magazine, educating our young people in the Faith, building new churches, opening new missions, seeking and training new priests and deacons to serve our people, caring for our retired priests ...your contribution to the Archbishop's Appeal supports all these vital efforts. Please take personal responsibility for our Church in America by sending your generous gift today.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY: This year, October 4th is a day set aside for Catholics in the United States to reflect with gratitude on God's priceless gift of human life. It is also an occasion to examine how well we, as a nation and individually, are living up to our obligation to protect the rights of those who, due to age, dependency, poverty or other circumstances, are at risk of their very lives. (USCCB)

PRE-NAMY CLUB: A group of preteens who are willing to initiate living the parish life in all its elements (community life, worship, discipleship, service, outreach), as little-disciples of Christ, fed by his words and example and having fun. We had a very successful opening meeting last evening. We will be having a Bake Sale next Sunday, October 11. All preteens (grades 5-8) are welcome to join us!

VISUAL ARTS GROUP: Open to any artist, amateur or beginner, who seeks to draw, paint or create art. Our purpose is to inspire each other, share ideas and techniques, conduct some classes, or do some artistic projects together. This newly created art studio, at the Church of the Virgin Mary, can be used on **Thursdays from 10:30am -10:30pm.** Please call the Rectory to register (718)788-5454. All ages are welcome; however, those under 18 should be accompanied by an adult.

ANNUAL LUNCHEON: On **October 18th**, the Parish Council is sponsoring the Annual Luncheon. Our beloved Archbishop Cyril Bustros will honor us with his pastoral visit. Please reserve this date and join us to welcome our Eparch!

SERIES OF SPIRITUAL TALKS: Fr. Antoine will be presenting a series of talks. The evening will begin at 6 pm with a shared Supper or coffee- hour, sponsored by one of our Parish Organizations, and continue with the talk. The dates and topics to be offered are: **Friday, October 16th:** "Your Name is Your Personal Vocation;" **Friday, November 20th:** "The Spirituality of the Family in the Light of the Gospel;" **Tuesday, December 22nd:** " The Dynamics of Sin in the Story of Adam & Eve."

FUTURE LITURGIES: On **October 11th** for Teresa Elias (1year); on **October 25th** for Rose Gennawey (1year); and for Gabriel (3years) & Lillian Gennaoui (10 years); on **November 1st**, for Eleanor Hidar (40 day).

COLLECTION: *For God loves a cheerful giver.*

Epistle Verses – Prokimenon

Reader: May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us, for we have hoped in you.
All: May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us, for we have hoped in you.
Reader: Exult, you just, in the Lord, praise from the upright is fitting.
All: May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us, for we have hoped in you.

Troparion of the Resurrection– Tone 1

O Saviour, your tomb was sealed with the stone and the soldiers kept guard over your sacred body, and yet You rose on the third day, giving life to the world. Wherefore, O Giver of Life, the powers of heaven cried out: "Glory to your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to your kingdom! Glory to your plan of redemption, O You who alone are the Lover of Mankind!

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.