

CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY

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April 5, 2009. Palm Sunday, Entrance to Jerusalem. Epistle: Phil 4: 4-9; **p.1291.**
Gospel: Jn 12: 1-18; **p.1155.** (Next Sunday's readings: Epistle: Acts 1: 1-8. Gospel: Jn 1:1-17).

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

**HOLY WEEK
SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

- 7:30 PM:** Holy Monday and Tuesday
- 7:30 PM:** Holy Wednesday: Liturgy followed by the Bridegroom service and the oil benediction.
- 8:00 PM:** Holy Thursday: The crucifixion.
- 3:00 PM:** Holy Friday: The descent from the Cross.
- 8:00 PM:** Holy Friday: The Burial of Christ.
- 10:00 AM:** Holy Saturday: The blessing of the Light followed by the Liturgy of St. Basil.
- 9:30 PM:** Holy Saturday: Pascha Liturgy. Al-Hajmat, Easter Liturgy followed by Easter Breakfast.
- 11:00 AM:** Easter Sunday: Divine Liturgy

THURSDAY EVENING: The Parish Council is sponsoring a Lenten Supper on Thursday, April 9, at 6:00pm, before the prayer service. All are welcome to join us!

200 CLUB: congratulations to our March drawing winner, James Oussani.

BABY CLOTHING DRIVE: The Fraternity would like to thank all those who donated to the "baby clothing" drive. All items and donations (\$353) collected will be brought to *Sisters of Life*. **Thank you all for your generous spirits!**

SUNDAY BOWLING: Last Sunday, everyone enjoyed bowling at Melody Lanes, organized by the Social Club. **Thank you Elizabeth!**

MOVIE NIGHT: Last evening, the Fraternity and all those who attended enjoyed watching "The Passions of Christ."

SOLEMN COMMUNION: On *April 26th*, we will be celebrating the Solemn Communion of our children. We would like to thank our Saturday School team for preparing them for this wonderful event.

LADIES SOCIETY: On Sunday, *April 26, 2009*, Feast of the Myrrh-Bearing Women, following the Liturgy the Ladies Society will host the Annual Family Luncheon in honor of its living and deceased members.

SATURDAY SCHOOL'S TRIP: On Saturday, *May 2nd*, the Saturday School team is organizing a trip to Hershey Park, PA. For reservation or for more information, please contact Salwa Awad!

HEALTH FAIR AND BLOOD DRIVE: On Sunday, *May 3rd*, 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.

ROUND TRIP CRUISE: Join Fr. Antoine, *July 13-18, 2009* for a round trip cruise from New York to Canada. Early booking recommended for best choice of cabins. Deposit is refundable until 5/10/09. For more information please contact Joan Paradiso (Paradise Travel) at (718) 745-0556!

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH: Anyone who has photographs or memories of St. George's Melkite Church in Manhattan is asked to contact Mary Ann DiNapoli (718)522-1916.

ST. SAVIOUR HIGH SCHOOL:
Saint Saviour High School Summer 2009
"G.A.P. Girls Achieving Potential"
6th & 7th Grade Girls
Application Deadline May 8th, 2009
Call(718)768-4406 Ext. 11
for brochure and information

COLLECTION: *For God loves a cheerful giver.*

Epistle Verses – Prokimenon

Reader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord and he has appeared to us.

All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord and he has appeared to us.

Reader: Sing to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord and he has appeared to us.

Palm Sunday - Troparion

O Christ God, when You raised LAZARUS from the dead, before the time of your passion, you confirmed the future resurrection of all. We too, like the children of old, carry before You the symbols of your triumph and victory and cry out to You, the Conqueror of Death: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Second Troparion of the Feast

O Christ our God, we have been buried with You in baptism: wherefore we merited eternal life through your resurrection. We cry out to You, singing a hymn of praise: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

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!

Kontakion of the feast

O Christ God enthroned in heaven, and on earth riding upon an ass: You have accepted the praise of the angels and the hymns of the children who were crying out to You: "Blessed are You who come to restore Adam."