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July 5, 2009. The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. Epistle: Rom 10: 1-10; **p.1221.** Gospel: Mt 8: 28-29; **p.1020.** (Next Sunday's readings: Epistle: Rom 12: 6-14. Gospel: Mt 9: 1-8).

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for

✦ Antoun & Rose Polo

200 CLUB: Congratulations to our June drawing winner, Gus Mascuilli!

UPDATING THE NEW PORTAL OF OUR WEBSITE: Recently we updated the users menu of our [New Web Portal](#) so you may be able to create your own **network**. So once you are registered and logged in, you may invite registered users to be part of your network. They must be users and willing to be contacted (update their profile). Additionally, you will be able to create your **Bulletin Board**, add new messages to share with your friends, and be able to **download** any file posted by the administrator of the website. At the same time we have added to the main menu a Calendar and a Directory. **Calendar:** you may check the date of any parish event and add or share your own events; **Directory:** we will be creating a

directory for our community which might help people to use it as a resource.

ROUND TRIP CRUISE: Members of our parish are joining Fr. Antoine, **July 13-18, 2009** for a round trip cruise from New York to Canada. In case of an emergency while Fr. Antoine is away, please contact Deacon Naji at (917)796-9347.

MAHRAJAN: In celebration of their 80th Anniversary, St. Ann Melkite Church of Waterford, CT., is pleased to have Archbishop Cyril Bustros as celebrant of their Pontifical Divine Liturgy for the Feast of St. Ann on Sunday, **July 26th**, at 10 am. Following is a Middle Eastern Festival from 12-6 pm with food, activities and games for the children. Call Fr. Ed Kakaty (860)442-2211 or Denise Samaha (860)642-4038 for more information. All are welcome, admission free!

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.

FUTURE LITURGIES: On **July 12**, for Victoria Kateb (6 months).

COLLECTION: *For God loves a cheerful giver!*

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.

READING from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans: 10: 1-10

Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God in their behalf is for salvation. For I bear witness to them that they have zeal for God, but a zeal that is not informed. For ignorant of God's holiness and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to the sanctification offered by God. For Christ is the consummation of the Law in terms of justification for everyone who believes. For Moses has written that *the man who brings about that justification which is of the Law shall live by it.* (Lv.18: 5) But the justification which is of faith says, *Do not ask in your heart, who shall go up to heaven* that is, -- to bring down Christ. Or, *Who will descend into the abyss* (Dt.30: 12) that is, to bring up Christ from the dead? But what does it say? *The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.* (Dt.30: 14) that is, the word of faith which we preach. For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is the Lord, and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you shall be saved. For a man believes with the heart and attains justification, but he professes his faith with his mouth and attains salvation.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST 8:28-34

At that time as Jesus reached the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two men who were possessed, coming from the tombs, so exceedingly fierce that no one could pass by that way. And behold, they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with you, Jesus Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now at a distance from them there

was a herd of many swine, feeding. And the devils kept begging him, saying, "If you cast us out, send us into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go!" And they came out and entered into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed from the top of the cliff into the sea, and perished in the water. But the swineherds fled, and going away into the town, they reported everything, and what had befallen the men possessed by - demons. And behold, all the town came out to meet Jesus; and on seeing him they insisted that he leave their district. And getting into a boat, he crossed over and came into his own town.

Troparion – Tone 4

The women who followed the Lord heard from the angel the joyful news of the Resurrection and the abolition of the sentence imposed upon our forefathers. They announced with pride to the disciples: "Death is vanquished! Christ is risen and has bestowed great mercy upon the world.

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.