

CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY

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September 5th, 2010. The 15th Sunday after Pentecost: The Great Commandment.
Epistle: 2 Cor 4: 6-15; **p.1256**. Gospel: Mt Matthew 22: 35-46; **p.1047**.

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for

✦ All family members of our parish

NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 8th, at 8 pm.

O LORD CROWN THEM WITH GLORY AND HONOR: Congratulations to Tony Tooma & Suha Zureik and to Anthony Maurer & Micheline Awad on their weddings. We wish them happiness, long life together and God's blessings.

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST: Congratulations to Daniel and Nadine Lahage on the baptism of their son Luke.

ANNUAL LUNCHEON: On *October 3rd*, our Parish invites you to its Annual Celebration with Archbishop Cyril Bustros in honoring

Deacon Bill Williamsen. Adults: \$60; children under 12: \$35. Please join us!

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS: On Sunday, *September 12th*, the elections will take place after the Divine Liturgy. Names could be submitted to the Rectory or provided to the Nomination Committee: Josephine Lian, Al Corhan, Adel Baghdady, and Mireille Seikali.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & ARABIC TEACHERS: Volunteers are needed to teach Arabic or Catechism, or assist in all the other activities. Saturday School is the place where children will benefit the most by your skills and talents! For more information please contact Fr. Antoine at 718-788-5454 or Salwa Awad at 718-238-6355.

FUTURE LITURGIES: On *September 19th* for Marcelle Eassa (40 day); on *October 10th*, for Souraya Mouzayck; and on *October 24th* for Michael & Lorraine Yabroudy on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

COLLECTION: *For God loves a cheerful giver.*

READING from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians: 4:6-15

Brethren, God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, has shown in our hearts, to give enlightenment concerning the knowledge of God's glory, shining in Christ Jesus' face. But we carry this treasure in vessels of clay, to show that its superabundant power is God's, and not ours. In all things we suffer tribulation but we are not destitute, we endure persecution but we are not forsaken, we are cast down but we do

not perish: always carrying around in our body the dying of Jesus, so that the life also of Jesus may be made manifest in our bodily frame. For we, the living, are constantly being handed over to death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus may be made manifest in our mortal flesh. Thus death is at work in us, but life in you. But since we have the same spirit of faith, as shown in that which is written, *I believed, and so I spoke*, (Ps. 115:1) we also believed, wherefore we also speak. For we know that the one who raised us the Lord Jesus will raise us up also together with Jesus, and will place us with you. For all things are for your sakes, so that the grace that abounds through the many may cause thanksgiving to abound for God's glory.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST 22: 35-46

At that time one of the doctors of the law, putting Jesus to the test, asked him, "Master, which is the great commandment in the Law?" Jesus said to him, "Thou shalt love the lord thy God with Thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. And the second is like it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets," Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus questioned them, saying, "What do you think of the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "David's." He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord: Sit thou at my right hand till I make thy enemies thy footstool?' If David, therefore, calls him Lord, how is he his son?" And no one could

answer him a word; neither did anyone dare from that day forth to ask him any more questions.

Epistle Verses – Prokimenon

Reader: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance!

All: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance!

Reader: To You, O Lord, I have called: O my Rock, be not deaf to me.

All: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance!

Troparion of the Resurrection (6th tone)

The angelic powers appeared at your tomb, and the guards became as dead men, and Mary stood by the Sepulcher seeking your spotless Body. You despoiled Hades and yet were not tempted by it; You met the Virgin O Bestower of Life. O Lord who rose from the dead glory to you.

Troparion 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 the Nativity of Our Lady, The Theotokos (4th Tone)

Through your holy birth, O Immaculate One, Joachim and Anne were delivered from the shame of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. Your people, redeemed from the debt of their sins, cry out to you to honor your birth: "the barren one gives birth to the Mother of God the Sustainer of our life!"