

CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY

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February 6th, 2011. Sunday of the Canaanite Woman. Epistle: 2 Cor 6: 16-7:1, **p.1259.**
Gospel: Mt 15: 21-28, **p.1033.**

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for

✦ Nicholas Mashaalany

✦ Josienne Seikali

✦ Badran, Messadie and Kalil Families

We mourn the death of **Gabriel J. Gennaoui** at the age of 94. He is survived by his children Marie, Mitchell, Joan and Robert and their families; of **Georgette Samaha** at the age of 85. She is survived by her sister Awatif Moukarzel, her brother Antoine Samaha, her children Katia Dib, Jihad Samaha, Samia Ziadeh, Samira Shahin, Minerva Dagher, Zena Riashi, Faraj Samaha, and Ghassan Samaha; and by their families. Please remember them in your prayers.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: We will be meeting on Thursday, **February 10th**, at 8:00pm.

VALENTINE'S PARTY: On Saturday, **February, 19th, 2011** at 8pm, MAYA will host its second annual Valentine's Day Haffle. The cost is \$55 for adults and \$35 for children under

the age of 12. Come join us for a full Middle Eastern Mazza, a bottle of whisky or arak for each table, entertainment by Eddie Osama, and a great time! For reservations please contact Amanda Romhen (917-414-7812) or Christine Seikali (646-506-5234) before February 12.

YOUNG ADULTS SPIRITUAL RETREAT:

The MAYA organization will host a regional retreat for college students, age 18-26, **February 18-20, 2011.** The group will take part in many social, spiritual, and community service events. Young adults from all over the North East will attend. For more information, contact any MAYA member.

WORSHIP BAND: We invite all parishioners to participate in this new project, regardless of gender or age, who can play any musical instrument and would like to use this talent during special events and spiritual programs. We are also looking for volunteers who would like to share their musical talents and teach. **If you are interested, you may contact Kareem Youssef or the Rectory.**

FUTURE LITURGIES: On **February 13th**, for Basil & Madeleine Stonbely and deceased members of the Stonbely Family; on **February 27th**, for Carol Abiad; on **March 20th**, for Joseph Seikali.

COLLECTION: *For God loves a cheerful giver.*

Epistle: 2 Cor 6:16-7:1

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God, as God says, *I will be their God and they shall be my people. Wherefore, come out from among them, be separated, says the Lord, and touch*

not an unclean thing; and I will welcome you in, and will be a Father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord almighty, Having therefore these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of the body and of the spirit, perfecting sanctity in the fear of God.

Gospel: Mt 15:21-28

At that time Jesus retired to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman came out of that territory and cried out to him, saying, "Have pity on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a devil." He answered her not a word. And his disciples came up and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." But he answered and said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and worshipped him, saying, "Lord help me!" He said in answer, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and to cast it to the dogs." But she said, "Yes, Lord; for even the dogs eat of the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done to you as you will." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

Epistle Verses – Prokimenon

Reader: Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them: let all round about him bring gifts to the awesome Lord!

All: Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them: let all round about him bring gifts to the awesome Lord!

Reader: God is renowned in Judah; in Israel, great is his name.

All: Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them: let all round about him bring gifts to the awesome Lord!

Troparion of the resurrection (4th tone)

The Women disciples of the Lord heard from the Angels the joyful news of the resurrection, and casting away the ancestral sentence, they announced with pride to the Apostles: Death is vanquished, Christ God is risen! And has bestowed great mercy upon the world

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 Theotokos. You have passed to life being the Mother of Life. Through your intercession, save our souls from death.

Kondakion of the Presentation of our Lord

O Christ our God who through your birth have sanctified the virginal womb and have now blessed the arms of Simon, today You have come to save us. O Lord, when wars prevail, keep your people in peace and strengthen our Public Authorities in every good deed, for You alone are the lover of Mankind.

Prayer should not be regarded "as a duty which must be performed, but rather as a privilege to be enjoyed, a rare delight that is always revealing some new beauty." - E.M. Bounds

Prayer is an all-efficient panoply, a treasure undiminished, a mine which is never exhausted, a sky unobscured by clouds, a heaven unruffled by the storm. It is the root, the fountain, the mother of a thousand blessings.

- Saint John Chrysostom