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June 2, 2009. Sunday of All Saints. Epistle: Heb 11:33-40; 12:1. **p.1337.** Gospel: Mt 10:32-38 & 19:27-30; **p.1024.** (Next Sunday's readings: Epistle: Heb 11:33-40; 12:1. Gospel: Mt 4:18-23).

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for

✦ All family members of our parish

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST: Congratulations to Matthew and Laura Zaloom on the baptism of their son Matthew Khalil; and to Jorge and Mona Castro on the baptism of their daughter Isabella!

200 CLUB: Congratulations to Paul Sayad, our May drawing winner!

NEW BOOKLET: You will find into your hands a new booklet of the new *Common English Translation of the Divine and Holy Liturgy of our Father among the Saints John Chrysostom*. Thanks to the Fraternity who donated the printing cost which is \$2,500.

FINANCIAL COUNSELING WORKSHOP: Are you out of work? What kind of work are you looking for? Are you in financial stress? We are offering a Financial Counseling

Workshop on Tuesday, **June 23rd**, 2009, open to the entire parish. The Workshop will start at 7:30 P.M. We feel this will be a stimulating and motivational evening and we encourage you to attend. Our invited guests are members of the community and are all experts in their fields: **Mr. Peter Coufos**, Vice President and Manager of the 86th Branch of *Capital One Bank*; **Ms. Regina Lian**, President, *Financial Comfort*; **Mr. Maroon Hayek**, Portfolio Manager, *Assurance*; **Mr. Albert Dekki**, Director of Patient Financial Services, *Jamaica Hospital Medical Center*; **Mr. Michael Baghdady**, Day Trader, *Eco Trade*; and **Mr. Ricardo Alaniz**, Associate Director of Marketing, *Metro Plus*. We look forward to seeing you at the Financial Counseling Workshop.

A NEW PORTAL OF OUR WEBSITE: It is an interactive web portal and you must sign up or log in before you can use it. It is intended to be used exclusively by the parishioners as a resource. Here is the description of the Menu: **Classifieds:** You may post your Ad under categories and subcategories; **Jobs:** The site will play the role of mediator between those who are looking for jobs and those who are looking to fill jobs; **Media:** It is our Church's Gallery of photos and videos. You may view or upload them; **Forms:** Various forms are published on that page. You may use them at your convenience for different purposes; **Survey:** You may be asked to submit your opinion or vote regarding some subjects, questions or events; **Guest:** You are welcome to sign our Guest Book and feel free to give us your feedback!

NATIONAL MELKITE CONVENTION: The 45th annual National Melkite Convention will be held July 1-5, 2009 at St. Anne Melkite

Catholic Church, West Patterson, NJ. Reservations and travel information can be found by visiting the website at www.stannmelkite.homestead.com/Convention2009.html

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!

PICNIC: On August 9th, the Church is sponsoring its annual picnic at Breezy Point. So bring your BBQ and games and come enjoy a beautiful day together. Please reserve the date and for more information, contact Al Dekki.

FUTURE LITURGIES: On **June 14th**, for Nawal Sheety; on **June 28th**, for Mary Tutunjian, for Youssef Kharouba and Najah Kharouba.

COLLECTION: *For God loves a cheerful giver.*

Antiphon

O Lord, Lover of mankind, Whom we admire in your saints, Who are the Source of all holiness, You gave us your divine order: "Be holy for I am Holy". You pour the Spirit of Holiness in our hearts. You made us temples for your Glory. We pray You by your Mercy, to make us faithful to that life-giving Spirit. Enlighten our minds so that we may understand your Plan of Salvation and please You by doing your Will all our life. For you are the Wellspring of all Holiness, and to You we render glory, thanksgiving and worship, Father, Son and Holy spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

Epistle Verses – Prokimenon

Reader: Awesome in his saints is God, the God of Israel.

All: Awesome in his saints is God, the God of Israel.

Reader: In the churches, bless God, the Lord out of Israel's wellsprings.

All: Awesome in his saints is God, the God of Israel.

Troparion – Tone 8

O Merciful One, You came down from on high and endured burial for three days in order to save us from suffering. O our life and our Resurrection, glory to you!

Troparion of all Saints

O Christ God, your Church, crimsoned with the blood of your martyrs all over the world as with a cloak of murex and porphyry, cries out to You: "Send your mercy upon your people, grant peace to your fold, and extend your great compassion upon our souls."

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 – Preparation for the Feast of the Divine Body

O faithful, let us today prepare our hearts as precious vessels so that we may partake of the Lord's banquet with pure dispositions; let us offer a hymn of praise in preparation of the Feast.

"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." (Matthew 10:39)