

CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY

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March 8, 2009. Sunday of Holy Relics.

Epistle: Heb 1:10-14; 2: 1-4; **p.1325**. Gospel: Mk 2: 1-12; **p.1067**. (Next Sunday's readings: Epistle: Heb 4: 14-16; 5: 1-6. Gospel: Mk 8: 34-39.)

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for

✦ Evelyn Gorayeb (40 day)

LENTEN PRAYERS SCHEDULE

Monday – The Great Compline, 7:30 PM
Wednesday – The Pre-sanctified, 7:30 PM
Friday – The Akathist, 8:00 PM

LENTEN BLESSINGS: In this Holy Season of Lent, every Friday, following the supper and the Akathist prayer, we will have a guest speaker.

March 13: Lenten Supper – Fratority

Msgr. Joseph Nagel

March 20: Lenten Supper – NAMY

Speaker – Rt. Rev. Romanos Russo

March 27: Lenten Supper -

Speaker – Most Rev Gregory Mansour Bishop of the Eparchy of St Maron of Brooklyn

The proceeds of the Lenten Suppers will be given to the Shepherds Care. May this season be a time of renewal.

LENTEN SUPPER: Last Friday, we were very honored and touched by the presence of Most Rev Nicholas DiMarzio, Bishop of Brooklyn, among us;

he gave us a talk about St Paul and the conversion. We would like to thank the Ladies Society who sponsored the Lenten Supper. The proceeds were \$750.

PRE-NAMY: The next meeting will be held on Saturday, **March 14th**, at 5:30pm. All pre-teens are welcome!

BIBLE STUDY: Our next Bible Study meeting will be on Tuesday, **March 10th**, 8:15pm. All are welcome to attend!

ECUMENICAL PRAYER MEETING: Our Parish is cordially invited on Wednesday, **March 18th**, at 6:00 pm, to Lenten Pre-sanctified Divine Liturgy and, at 7:15 pm, to the Ecumenical Prayer Meeting with Very Rev. Eugene Pappas at the Three Hierarchs Greek Orthodox Church, 1724 Ave P, at 17th St in Midwood, Brooklyn.

MOVIE NIGHT FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18 and over): On Saturday, **March 21st**, at 8:00pm, we will be watching a wonderful movie called **“The Ultimate Gift.” Popcorn will be served!**

SUNDAY BOWLING: On Sunday, **March 22nd**, the social club is bringing back bowling. Everyone is welcomed to join us from 3:00-5:00pm for an afternoon at Melody Lanes, 37th St, Brooklyn (between 4th and 5th Avenue).

SPIRITUAL RETREAT: Join us on Saturday, **March 28**, at Mount Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, 239 Fingerboard Road, SI, where their staff will lead our day of retreat, starting at 8:30a.m. until 3:00p.m. Coffee and cake will be served in the conference room upon arrival and lunch will be around noon. Presentations, meditation, chance for reconciliation and the Liturgy will be conducted during the retreat day. A suggested donation is \$34.00 per person. If

you would like to join us please call the rectory (718)788-5454 or Vincent Zaloom (718)448-2008 by **March 20th**.

BABY CLOTHING DRIVE: On Sunday, **March 29th**, the Fratority is hosting a “baby clothing” drive. All items collected will be brought to *Sisters of Life*. **Thank you all for your generous spirits!**

EASTER SHOW: The tickets of the trip to see “BEHOLD THE LAMB” (Lancaster, PA), organized by the Fratority, on **April 18th** are sold out.

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

LADIES SOCIETY: On Sunday, **April 26, 2009**, Feast of the Myrrh-Bearing Women, the Annual Family Luncheon will be hosted following the Liturgy in honor of living and deceased members of the Ladies Society. Plan your table of family and friends.

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!

FUTURE LITURGIES: On **March 15** for Hanan Dagher Ghosan, Ajib Shabouk, and Linda Wilson; on **March 22**, for Joseph Seikali; on **March 29**, for Sleiman El-Ashkar (40 day).

COLLECTION: *For God loves a cheerful giver.*

Epistle Verses – Prokimenon

Reader: You, O Lord, will keep us and preserve us always from this generation.

All: You, O Lord, will keep us and preserve us always from this generation.

Reader: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any holy man, for truthfulness has vanished from among the children of men.

All: You, O Lord, will keep us and preserve us always from this generation.

Troparion – Tone 2

Immortal life, when You surrendered to death, You destroyed Hades by the splendor of your divinity, and when You raised the dead from under the ground, all the powers of heaven cried out: “O Christ God, the Giver of Life, glory to You!

Troparion of Holy Relics

O victorious witnesses of the Lord, blessed is the earth that received your blood, and holy are the heavenly places that opened to your souls. You have vanquished the enemy in battle and proclaimed Christ with courage. We beg you to intercede with Him who is all good, that He may save 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!

Lenten Kontakion

We are your own, O Mother of God! We dedicate to you our songs of victory as a means of thanksgiving, for you have delivered us from all tribulations. Since your light is invincible, save us from every danger so that we may cry out to you: “Hail, O Bride and Maiden ever-pure!”