

CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY

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November 8, 2009. Holy Archangels Michael & Gabriel. Epistle: Eph 2: 4-10, p.1279. Gospel: Lk 8: 41-56, p.1108.

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for

✦ Ned, Ned Jr., and Violet Mary Stonbely
✦ Ghada Kharouba

BIBLE STUDY: Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, **November 10th**, at 8:00pm. All are welcome to attend!

PRE-NAMY CLUB: Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, **November 11th**, at 5:30pm. All preteens (grades 5-8) are welcome to join us!

COUNTRY WESTERN NIGHT: On Saturday, **November 14th**, at 8:00pm, the Fraternity is organizing, a Western Country Party with Mary Lamont. Mary Lamont presents a mix of songs inspired by the struggles and joys of her life. Open to the public. \$35 adult/ \$15 kids 12 and under. Price includes a huge buffet of ribs 'n' chicken as well as Line Dance instruction by Fran. Bar available. For tickets & info, call Mireille (718)836-8606, Caroline (718)836-1030, or Adel (718)748-7294.

SERIES OF SPIRITUAL TALKS: Fr. Antoine will be continuing the series of talks on Friday,

November 20th. The next topic to be offered is: *"The Spirituality of the Family in the Light of the Gospel."*

FOOD DRIVE: NAMY & MAYA are sponsoring a holy season Food Drive. Please bring in canned foods, boxes of pasta, and other nonperishable goods to the Church hall during the upcoming Sundays. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE: We will be having a Christmas Toy Drive that serves families with children from infancy to the age of 18. The toys will be distributed by Catholic Charities Brooklyn West Community Center to more than 1,000 families on Dec 18, 21, 23. Adel Baghdady will be the coordinator and the contact person. You may bring your toys and leave them under the Christmas tree. Thank you for your generosity!

THANKSGIVING DINNER: The Prayer Group invites you to join them for a Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, **November 21st**, at 7:30 PM. Bring your favorite dish, along with your family and friends! Please let us know how many people will be coming and what dish you will be bringing by calling Mireille (718)836-8606, Raghd (718)680-8004 or Mirna (718)238-1035. There is no charge for this evening of giving thanks!

CLOTHING DRIVE: On Sunday, **November 22nd**, the Fraternity is hosting a clothing drive from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. All donations can be brought to the Church Hall. Thank you all for your generous spirits!

THANKSGIVING DIVINE LITURGY: On November 26, Thanksgiving Day, we will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy at 11:00am.

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS: Congress is preparing to debate health care reform legislation. The Catholic bishops of the United States strongly

support genuine health care reform that protects the life and dignity of all, from the moment of conception until natural death. However, all current bills are seriously deficient on abortion and conscience rights, and do not yet provide adequate access to health care for immigrants and the poor. At the back of the Church, you'll find a special flier/bulletin insert from the US Bishops Conference asking you to **please contact your Representative and Senators immediately and urge them to fix these bills with pro-life amendments.** The bishops have asked for our swift action and the commitment of our prayers for this critical effort. Thank you for your help. We can help make sure that health care reform will be about saving lives, not destroying them.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL: Get personally involved in making sure our precious Melkite heritage and tradition is passed on faithfully to future generations. Evangelization, education, seminary training...the Archbishop's Appeal supports all these and much more. Please respond with a generous heart. If you have not already sent your gift, please do so today so that 100% of our parish will respond to Sayidna's call. Extra appeal envelopes are available in the narthex.

FUTURE LITURGIES: On **November 15th**, for Francis Doummar and Joseph Yabroudi; and for the good health of the Doummar and Yabroudi Families; on **November 22nd**, for Dina Farah (40 days); on Thanksgiving Liturgy, Thursday, **November 26th**, for Jimmy Lian; on **November 29th**, for Lorraine Orfaly (1year); on **December 6th**, for John, Joseph, Abraham, Alice, Francis, Rachid and Yazda Asfour Kourbage, Soraya Shamiah, and the deceased members of the Kourbage and Syage Families.

COLLECTION: *For God loves a cheerful giver.*

Epistle Verses – Prokimenon

Reader: You make spirits your messengers and flaming fires your attendants.

All: You make spirits your messengers and flaming fires your attendants.

Reader: Bless the Lord, O my soul! May all that is in me bless his holy Name.

All: You make spirits your messengers and flaming fires your attendants.

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 Archangels (Tone 4)

Captains and Leaders of the armies of heaven, unworthy as we are, we beseech you without cease to surround us with your intercessions and cover us beneath the shelter of the glory of your ethereal wings. We bend our knee and cry out with perseverance: "Deliver us from danger, O Princes of the Powers on high!"

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: Presentation of the Theotokos to the Temple

The most pure Temple of the Savior, his most precious bridal chamber, the Virgin, sacred treasure of God's glory, enters today in the house of the Lord, bringing with her the grace of the divine Spirit. Wherefore the angels of God are singing: "Behold the heavenly tabernacle!"