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**August 9, 2009. The Tenth Sunday of Pentecost.** Epistle: 1 Cor 4: 9-15; **p.1234.** Gospel: Mt 17: 14-23; **p.1037.** (Next Sunday's readings: Epistle: 1 Cor 9: 2-12. Gospel: Mt 18: 23-35).

**THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for**

✦ Our Parish Families

**WELCOME:** We would like to welcome Bishop John Elya. He will be serving our parish while Father Antoine is abroad. His cell phone is: 617-290-7315. Thank you Sayedna for making yourself available to be among us; you are a blessing!

We mourn the death of Elias Farran in Palestine at age of 75. He is survived by his sister Juliette Tooma. Please remember him in your prayers.

**BAPTIZED IN CHRIST:** Congratulations to Marc & Jasmine Saady on the Baptism of their daughter Adriana.

**PARACLISIS PRAYER:** The first 15 days of August are dedicated to prayer and fasting in preparation to the Feast of the Dormition - Assumption of our Lady the Mother of God on

August 15. Please join us every night at 7:30PM, except for Sundays.

**FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF OUR LADY THE THEOTOKOS:** We will be celebrating the Vespers on Friday August 14, at 7:30pm, and the Divine Liturgy of the Feast on Saturday August 15, at 7:30pm.

**PICNIC:** Today, the Church is sponsoring its Annual Breezy Point Picnic at Ft. Tilden. So bring your BBQs and games and come enjoy a beautiful day together!

**FR. ANTOINE'S TRIP TO LEBANON:** Fr. Antoine will be leaving Brooklyn on August 11<sup>th</sup> to travel home to visit his family and friends in Lebanon, returning on September 4th.

**NOMINATIONS:** In a short time, the parish is going to hold nominations for additional membership on the Parish Advisory Council. We are in need of 5 parishioners or more to be elected. The deadline for nominations is September 12th. On Sunday, **September 13th**, the elections will take place after the Divine Liturgy. Names could be submitted to the Rectory or provided to the Nomination Committee: **Al Corhan, Salwa Awad, Sam Maloof, and Mireille Seikali.**

**FUTURE LITURGIES:** On September 20 for Nicholas Lutfey (10 years), and for Mary & Antoine Adjami.

**COLLECTION:** *For God loves a cheerful giver!*

**Epistle Verses – Prokimenon**

**Reader:** May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us, for we have hoped in you.

**All:** May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us, for we have hoped in you.

**Reader:** Exult, you just, in the Lord, praise from the upright is fitting.

**All:** May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us, for we have hoped in you.

**READING from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians4: 9-16**

Brethren, I think God has set forth us the apostles last of all, as men doomed to death, so that we would become a spectacle to the world, and to angels, and to men. We are fools for Christ, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are honored, but we are without honor! To this very hour, we hunger and thirst, and we are naked and buffeted and have no fixed home. And we labor, working with our own hands. We are reviled and we bless, we are persecuted and we bear with it, we are maligned and we console; we have become as the refuse of this world, the scum of all until this present time. I write these things, not to put you to shame, but to admonish you as my dearest children. For although you have ten thousand tutors in Christ, you have not many fathers. Therefore, I beg you, be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL according to St Matthew the Evangelist 17:14-21**

At that time a man approached Jesus, and threw himself on his knees before him, saying, "Lord, have pity on my son, for he is a lunatic, and suffers severely; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him." Jesus answered and said, "O unbelieving and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring

him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him; and the devil went out of him, and from that moment the boy was cured. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and asked, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith; for amen I say to you, if you have faith like a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here,' and it will move. And nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind can only be cast out by prayer and fasting." Now while they were gathering together in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill him: and on the third day he will rise again."

**Troparion – Tone 1**

O Saviour, your tomb was sealed with the stone and the soldiers kept guard over your sacred body, and yet You rose on the third day, giving life to the world. Wherefore, O Giver of Life, the powers of heaven cried out: "Glory to your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to your kingdom! Glory to your plan of redemption, O You who alone are the Lover of Mankind!

**Troparion of the Transfiguration**

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God showing your disciples as much of your glory as they could hold. Let your eternal light shine also upon us sinners, through the prayer of the Mother of God, O Giver of light, glory to You.

**Kondakion of the Feast**

O Christ God, you were transfigured on the Mountain, and your disciples saw as much of your glory as they could hold, so that seeing You crucified they would know You had willed to suffer your passion and would proclaim to the world that You as verily the Reflection of the Father.