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May 9, 2010. Sunday of the Man Born Blind.
Epistle: Acts 16: 16-34, **p.1191.** Gospel Jn 9:1-38, **p.1151.** Next Sunday's readings: Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36. Gospel: Jn 17:1-13.

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for

- ✦ Our mothers, living and deceased
- ✦ Thomas Muratore
- ✦ Joseph Eid

We mourn the death of Joseph Eid in Lebanon at the age of 85. He is survived by his wife Salimeh; his children: Georgette, Tony, Nicholas, Elie, Therese, and Hyam; and their families. May God rest his soul in peace!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Ascension Feast: Thursday, May 13th
Divine Liturgy: 8:00pm

200 CLUB: Congratulations to our April drawing winner, Anthony Farage!

SATURDAY SCHOOL'S TRIP: On Saturday, **May 15th**, the Saturday School team is organizing an adventurous trip on a Pirate Ship that will depart from the Jersey Shore. We will continue our fun day at Jenkinson's Boardwalk

located at Point Pleasant. The cost is Children \$58/ Adults \$60. For more information, please contact Salwa Awad!

LADIES SOCIETY: The Ladies Society regrets to announce that they cancelled the Annual Spring Luncheon on Sunday, May 16, 2010. This has traditionally been a time for families to gather together, but unfortunately, it is becoming more difficult to make this event happening. We thank those who did reserve and will be in contact with you to arrange refunds of checks, cash, and raffle gifts.

HEALTH FAIR AND BLOOD DRIVE: On Sunday, **May 23rd**, the Church will hold its Annual Health Fair sponsored by the New York Methodist Hospital. Dr. Steven Garner, who is currently the Chairman of Radiology at Methodist Hospital and who has been the host of The Prayer Channel's (now NET) **Ask the Doctor** series, will be present. You are invited to come and receive important health information and have the opportunity to donate blood. Thanks to Dr. Emile Baccash and Josephine Lian for continuing to organize this very important event.

GALA DINNER TO BENEFIT CHILDREN OF SPECIAL NEEDS: Due to the overwhelming response to their gala dinner, they have decided to move into the larger Empire Ballroom at the Grand Hyatt to accommodate the increased demand and clear the waiting list. **Date: Sat. May 22nd, 2010**, at Grand Hyatt Hotel, NYC. Ticket price: \$125. Chef Ramzi Show. For more information, please visit www.al-kafaat/dinnerwithChefRamzi.

THE 46TH ANNUAL NATIONAL MELKITE CONVENTION: Saint Joseph Melkite Mission

in Seattle, Washington, will host the 46th Annual National Melkite Convention, **June 30th -July 4th, 2010**, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Bellevue City. The keynote speaker will be **Archbishop Elias Chacour**, Melkite Eparch of Galilee in the Holy Land; distinguished guest his Excellency the **Most Rev. Celestino Migliore** Titular Archbishop of Canosa, Apostolic Nuncio, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations; our religious guest **Mirna Nazour** from Our Lady of Soufania in Damascus, Syria, will share her unique spiritual experience as an "Ambassador" of Christian Unity in the Middle East. For more information, please visit <http://stjosephofseattle.org/convention.htm>.

SERIES OF SPIRITUAL TALKS: Fr. Antoine continues his series of biblical and spiritual talks. "**Explore the Divine Liturgy**" is the topic of the next Friday, **May 28th**, at 8:15pm sharp. Please join us!

FUTURE LITURGIES: On **May 16th**, for Shukrallah Darsi (5 Years), Jeannette Farage (5 Years), Emile Talisse (40day), Nawal & John Sheety & their parents; on **May 23rd**, for Louis Najib Abou Khaled and Rafik Joseph Abou Khaled; on May 30th for George Douwailibi (40day); on **June 6th**, for Basil Mouzayek.

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 of the Resurrection (Tone 5)

Let us O Faithful praise and worship the Word coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He has willed to be lifted in the flesh upon the Cross, and to endure death, and to raise the dead by his glorious Resurrection.

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!

Kondakion of Pascha (Tone 2)

Though You went down in the tomb, O Immortal One, You overthrew the power of Hades, and rose victorious, O Christ God, You greeted the Ointment Bearing Women, saying: Rejoice! You gave peace to Your Apostles, and to those who had fallen resurrection.

Our Father in heaven
whose love is divine,
thanks for the love
of a mother like mine
and in your great mercy
look down from above
and grant this dear mother
the gift of your love
and all through the year
what ever betide her
assure her each day
that you are beside her
and, Father in heaven
show me the way
to lighten her tasks
and brighten her day
and bless her dear heart
with the insight to see
that her love means more
than the world to me.

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