

CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY

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August 10, 2008: *The Wicked Tenants.*
Epistle: 1 Cor 16:13-24, **p. 1249.** Gospel: Mt 21:33-42); **p.1045.** (Next Sunday’s readings will be: Epistle: 2 Cor 1: 21-23; 2: 1-4; Gospel: Mt 22: 2-14).

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for

✦ All our families and benefactors of our Church

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY: Congratulations to Victoria Kateb who turned 100 years old. May God bless her and keep her in good health.

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 8:00PM.

FEAST OF THE DORMITION (August 15): Vespers will be held on Thursday August 14 at 8:00pm, and Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Friday, August 15, at 8:00pm.

FISHING TRIP: A fishing trip is organized by Tony Tooma on Saturday, August 16, 2008, on

the Ocean Eagle V Fishing Pier 5 – Emmons Avenue, leaving at 7:00 am from Fishing Pier 5 located on Emmons Avenue in Sheepshead Bay (across from Bagel Store). The boat will return at 3:30 pm. The cost is \$50 for adults and \$25 for children. Bring your hat, beverage and lunch in order to enjoy. Seating is limited... so reserve your space early!!! RSVP by 8/14/2008. For more information contact Tony Tooma at (212) 815-2136 or (917) 689-1010.

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 many parishioners or more (to be elected and/or appointed). Nominations will have the end of August as a deadline. Those identified as nominees will be invited to attend an information night on Saturday, September 13. At this session all nominees will learn about the role of the Parish Advisory Council. After this evening, all will be asked to reflect and pray on this information and discern whether or not they feel called to this ministry of service and leadership. The following week, Sunday, September 21, the election will take place after the Divine Liturgy. Names could be submitted to the Rectory or provided to the Nomination Committee:

Vincent Zaloom (718) 448-2008

Al Corhan (718) 238-7045

Ronnie Bache (718) 948-8106

Salwa Awad (718) 238-6355

Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

FR. ANTOINE’S TRIP TO LEBANON: I am going to Lebanon to see my parents. I will leave the United States on August 18 and come back on September 6. Fr. Dany Tooma and Fr. Imad

Barakeh will replace me during this period.

ANNUAL DINNER & NAJI YOUSSEF ORDINATION TO THE ORDER OF DEACON: On September 28, 2006 we will welcome our beloved Eparch Archbishop Cyril Bustros on his annual visit to our parish and celebrate the ordination of Subdeacon Naji Youssef to the order of Deacon. The pontifical liturgy will be at 11:00 AM followed by the Luncheon in our church hall.

FUTURE LITURGIES: On September 21 for Nicholas Manak (1st Anniversary).

COLLECTION: *For God loves a cheerful giver.*

Antiphon Prayer

O Christ God, when You were transfigured in glory on Mount Thabor, You manifested the splendor of your Divinity to your disciples and sanctified the whole universe by your Light. Illumine us too by the Light of your Knowledge. Guide us on the way of your commandments. Make us worthy to inherit your eternal Kingdom.

For you are Good and Lover of mankind and to you we render glory and to your Eternal Father and your All-Holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

Epistle Verses – Prokimenon

Reader: How great are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all.

All: How great are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all.

Reader: Bless the Lord, O my soul! You are very great indeed, O Lord my God!.
All: How great are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all.

Troparion – Tone 4

The women who followed the Lord heard from the angel the joyful news of the Resurrection and the abolition of the sentence imposed upon our forefathers. They announced with pride to the disciples: “Death is vanquished! Christ is risen and has bestowed great mercy upon the world.

Transfiguration

O Christ Our God, the time of your Transfiguration on the Mount, You showed your disciples as much of your glory as they could hold. Through the prayers of the Mother of God, let eternal light shine also upon us sinners. O Giver of Light, glory to you!

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 the Transfiguration

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 are verily the Reflection of the Father.