

CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY

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October 10th, 2010. 3rd Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Epistle: Gal 1: 11-19; p.1269. Gospel: Lk 7: 11-16; p.1104.

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for

✦ Souraya Mouzayck

THANKS FROM DEACON BILL: I would like to thank you all for honoring me in such a special way at the Bishop's Luncheon. I truly appreciate all the kindness, love and support that you have shown me over the years. I was overwhelmed!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & ARABIC TEACHERS: Volunteers are needed to teach Arabic or Catechism, or assist in all the other activities. Saturday School is the place where children will benefit the most by your skills and talents! For more information please contact Fr. Antoine at (718)788-5454 or Salwa Awad at (718)238-6355.

RELIGIOUS & ARABIC EDUCATION: We will be resuming our Saturday School on October 16th at the Church of the Virgin Mary, 10:00am-1:00pm. Please contact Mrs. Salwa to register your children at 718-238-6355.

PRE-NAMY: We will be presuming our PRE-NAMY meetings for Children in grades 5-8

or/and ages 10-13. The club is based on 5 essential elements of the parish life: Community, worship, discipleship, service, and outreach. The goal is to help preteens discover who Jesus is and embrace the relationship he has with them. The children will be involved in activities reflecting these areas. The opening meeting will be on Saturday **October 16th**, 5:30-8:00pm.

The Arab-American Community of Brooklyn's Atlantic Avenue: An Illustrated Lecture with Mary Ann Haick DiNapoli. Journey back to the beginning of Brooklyn's "Little Syria" on lower Atlantic Avenue. Learn how this ethnic enclave developed more than a century ago and how it evolved into the Arabic retail and restaurant row that it is today. Thursday, **October 14th**, 2010, 6:30p.m. NY Public Library Mid-Manhattan Branch, 40th Street @ Fifth Avenue, 6th Floor.

BREAST CANCER WORKSHOP: On Sunday, **October 17th**, at 12:30pm, the AMBER-Arab American Breast Cancer Education/Referral Program & Church of the Virgin Mary presents **Understanding Breast Cancer.** Dr. Sana Khoury and Sahar Farah will provide information on cancer and breast cancer, including risks and free or low cost screening test. For info or to register call: (212) 263-4799.

BABY CLOTHING DRIVE: October 21st-24th, the Fraternity is hosting a Baby Clothing Drive. All items collected will be brought to the Sisters of Life. Thank you all for your generous spirits. Please contact Jacqueline Lutfey (718) 833-7803 for more info.

HALLOWEEN PARTY: On **October 30th** at 7:30, the Fraternity is organizing this ghoulish evening! Come and join us at the Church of the Virgin Mary for fun, games, food, dancing, and much more. Kids 12 and under \$10/ Adults \$20.

For tickets call Sonia (718)748-7294, Alia (718)745-6822 or Mireille (718)836-8606. **Please reserve tickets by October 25th. No tickets will be sold at the door!!**

THE ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL: Our Melkite Church in America needs you! Archbishop Cyril asks for **100% participation by every Melkite family in the Eparchy**, and that every Melkite family consider it their duty to give at least \$100 each year to the Archbishop's Appeal to fund the works of our Church in America. Producing *SOPHIA* magazine, educating our young people in the Faith, seeking and training new priests and deacons to serve our people, caring for our retired priests ...your contribution to the Archbishop's Appeal supports all these vital efforts. Please take personal responsibility for our Church in America by sending your generous gift today.

FUTURE LITURGIES: On **October 17th**, for Lynda Kanakry; on **October 24th** for Michael & Lorraine Yabroudy on their 50th Wedding Anniversary; on **December 5th**, for Msgr. Elias Skaff (10 years), for Charles Ajamy (1 year), and for Fakhreya Dawwaf Jazrawi (40 day).

COLLECTION: For God loves a cheerful giver.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST Luke 7, 11-16

AT that time it came to pass that Jesus went to a town called Naim; and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. And as he drew near the gate of the town, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large gathering from the town was with her. And the Lord, seeing her, had compassion on her, and said to her, "Do not weep." And he went up and touched the stretcher; and the bearers stood still. And he

said, "Young man, I say to thee, arise." And he who was dead, sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. But fear seized upon all, and they began to glorify God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us." and "God has visited his people."

Epistle Verses – Prokimenon

Reader: Sing praise to our God, sing praise! Sing praise to our King, sing praise!
All: Sing praise to our God, sing praise! Sing praise to our King, sing praise!
Reader: All you peoples clap your hands! Shout to God with cries of gladness.
All: Sing praise to our God, sing praise! Sing praise to our King, sing praise!

Troparion of the resurrection (3rd tone)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad! For the Lord has done a wondrous deed by his arm! He has crushed Death by his death becoming the first to rise from the dead. He has delivered us from the mouth of Hades and bestowed great mercy upon the world.

Troparion 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

O never failing Protectress of Christians and their ever present intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to us who call upon you with confidence. Hasten, O Mother of God, to intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you.