

CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY

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October 11, 2009. Sunday of the Fathers.

Epistle: Titus 3:8-15. Gospel: Lk 8: 5-15, p. 1106. Next week's readings: Epistle: Gal 1: 11-19. Gospel: Lk 10: 16-21.

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for

✦ Teresa Elias (1year)

✦ Youssef, Odette, and Bassam Al Shami

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST: Congratulations to Paul & Ramona Audi on the baptism of their daughter, Rebecca Johana.

200 CLUB: Congratulations to our September drawing winner, Louis Khlal.

BAKE-SALE: IT IS A FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR PRE-NAMY CLUB: Today, during the coffee hour, we will be having a *Bake Sale*. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, **October 17th**, at 5:30pm. All preteens (grades 5-8) are welcome to join us!

BIBLE STUDY: Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, **October 13th**, at 8:00pm.

SERIES OF SPIRITUAL TALKS: Fr. Antoine will be starting to present a series of talks. On Friday **October 16th**, the evening will

begin at 6:30-7 pm with a shared Supper sponsored by the Fraternity, and continue with the talk. The topic to be offered is: "*Your Name is Your Personal Vocation.*" The proceeds will be collected to buy a "Twelve Candle Holder for Pascha", \$620.

ANNUAL LUNCHEON: On **October 18th**, the Parish Council is sponsoring the Annual Luncheon. Our beloved Archbishop Cyril Bustros will honor us with his pastoral visit. Please join us to welcome our Eparch! For the tickets, please contact Al Dekki at 718-680-7529 or Wendy Dabagh at 718-238-1781.

HALLOWEEN PARTY: The Fraternity is organizing it on **October 31st**, 2009. Come and join us at the church of the Virgin Mary at 7:30. Fun, games, food, dancing, and more... For tickets call Adel 718-748-7294, Albert 718-680-7529 or Caroline 718-836-1030. For kids 12 or under is \$10.00 dollars. For adults is \$20.00 dollars. Please reserve by October 25, 2009. No tickets sold at the door.

COUNTRY WESTERN NIGHT: The Fraternity is organizing, on Saturday, **Nov. 14th**, 2009 8:00 PM, 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 per person includes huge ribs 'n' chicken buffet, Bar available. Children 12 and under \$15.00. Line Dance instruction by Fran included with admission. For Tickets & information. Please call: Mireille 718-836-8606, Caroline 718-836-1030 or Adel 718-748-7294.

VISUAL ARTS GROUP: Open to any artist, amateur or beginner, who seeks to draw, paint or create art. Our purpose is to inspire each other, share ideas and techniques, conduct some

classes, or do some artistic projects together. This newly created art studio, at the Church of the Virgin Mary, can be used on **Thursdays from 10:30am -10:30pm**. Please call the Rectory to register (718)788-5454. All ages are welcome; however, those under 18 should be accompanied by an adult.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL: The annual Archbishop's Appeal is an important way in which our parish fulfills its duty to our larger Melkite family throughout the U.S. Our Father and Shepherd, Archbishop Cyril has asked every Melkite household in the U.S. to give at least \$100 each year in support of our Eparchy in America. By contributing to the Appeal, each of us responds to Christ's call to support the Church and helps fund its vital works such as: publishing *SOPHIA* magazine; supporting our seminarians for the Priesthood and Diaconate; providing for our elderly priests; and educating our children and young adults. Cannot every member of our parish respond to his call? Please send your gift today.

FUTURE LITURGIES: On **October 25th**, for Rose Gennawey (1year); and for Gabriel (3years) & Lillian Gennaoui (10 years); on **Nov. 1st**, for Eleanor Hidar (40 day); on **Nov. 8th**, for Ned, Ned Jr., and Violet Mary Stonbely; and on **Nov. 29th**, for Lorraine Orfaly (1year).

COLLECTION: *For God loves a cheerful giver.*

Epistle Verses – Prokimenon

Reader: Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers, and your name is worthy of praise and glorious forever.

All: Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers, and your name is worthy of praise and glorious forever.

Reader: For you are just in all you have done to us, and all your works are true and your ways right.

All: Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers, and your name is worthy of praise and glorious forever.

Troparion of the Resurrection– Tone 2

Immortal life, when You surrendered to death, You destroyed Hades by the splendor of your divinity, and when You raised the dead from under the ground, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Christ God, the Giver of Life, glory to You!

Troparion of the Fathers

O Christ our God, you are infinitely glorified, for You established our Fathers as radiant stars on earth. Through them, you led us to the true faith. O Most Merciful One, 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 Theotokos. 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.

"Be careful to excel in good works" (Titus 3:8)