

CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY

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**March 14, 2010. Fourth Sunday of Lent-
Sunday of our Father John Climacus.**
Epistle: Heb 6: 13- 20, **p.1329**. Gospel: Mk 9:
17-31, **p.1077**. Next Sunday's readings:
Epistle: Heb 9: 11-14. Gospel: Mk 10: 32-45.

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for

- ✦ Joseph Seikali
- ✦ Ajib Shabouk (3Years)
- ✦ Hanan Dagher Ghoson

Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great
Second Collection: Shepherd's Care

LENTEN PRAYERS SCHEDULE

Monday – The Great Compline, 7:30 PM
Wednesday – The Pre-sanctified, 7:30 PM
Friday – The Akathist, 8:00 PM

LENTEN BLESSINGS: In this Holy Season of Lent, every Friday, following the Akathist prayer, we will have a guest speaker.

March 19: Lenten Supper - MAYA/NAMY

March 26: (Vespers) Lenten Supper sponsored by the Fraternity. **Guest Speaker:** Rt. Rev. Romanos Russo

The proceeds of the Lenten Suppers will be given to the Shepherd's Care. May this season be a time of renewal!

LENTEN SUPPER: We would like to thank the Religious Education Program who sponsored Friday's Lenten Supper. The proceeds were \$490.

200 CLUB: Congratulations to our March drawing winner Georgette Baccash.

PARISH COUNCIL: We will be meeting on Tuesday, March 16th, at 8:00pm.

EASTER RAFFLE: for A Beautiful Basket from the Easter Bunny is being sponsored by the Ladies Society. Drawing will be held at the Easter Eve Gathering following Hajmah/Liturgy. Winner need not be present to win. See members at the Coffee Hour for your chances. Good Luck!

GALA DINNER TO BENEFIT CHILDREN OF SPECIAL NEEDS: Sponsored by the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, all proceeds and sponsorships for this event will go toward building a specialized compound at the Al-Kafaat Foundation in Lebanon, to benefit 250 children with mental challenges. Date: Sat. May 22, 2020, at Grand Hyatt Hotel, NYC. Ticket price: \$125. Chef Ramzi' Show. For more information, please visit www.al-kafaat/dinnerwithChefRamzi.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT: Join us on Saturday, **March 20th**, at Mount Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, 239 Fingerboard Road, SI, where their staff will lead our day of retreat, starting at 8:30a.m. until 3:00p.m. Coffee and cake will be served in the conference room upon arrival and lunch will be around noon. Presentations,

meditation, chance for reconciliation and the Liturgy will be conducted during the retreat day. A suggested donation is \$35.00 per person. If you would like to join us please call the rectory (718)788-5454 or Vincent Zaloom (718)448-2008 by **March 15th**.

FUTURE LITURGIES: On **April 11th**, for Mary, Elias and Anthony Hajjar; for Dianne, Clare and Michael Zaher; on **May 9th**, for Thomas Muratore; on **May 16th**, for Shukrallah Darsi (5 Years) and Jeannette Farage (5 Years).

COLLECTION: *For God loves a cheerful giver.*

Antiphon Prayer

O Lord, Lover of mankind, You saved the people of Niniva as they repented, fasting and weeping. Have mercy on us, for we fall short of any defense. And since You are compassionate, strengthen in our hearts our faith in your name and steady our footsteps in the way of your Commandments. For You are good and forbearing, O our God, and to You we render glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

Epistle Verses – Prokimenon

Reader: The Lord will give strength to his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

All: The Lord will give strength to his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

Reader: Give to the Lord, you sons of God, give to the Lord glory and praise.

All: The Lord will give strength to his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

Troparion of the Resurrection (8th tone)

O Merciful One, Who came down from on high and endured burial for three days in order to

save us from suffering. O our Life and our Resurrection, glory to you.

Troparion of St. John Klimakos (8th Tone)

Your abundant tears made the wilderness to sprout and bloom, and your deep sighs of love made your labors fruitful a hundredfold; you became a shining star showering miracles upon the world. Holy Father John, pray to Christ God that He may save our souls.

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

Triumphant leader to you belongs our prize of victory! And since you saved us from adversity we offer you our thanks. We are your people, O mother of God! So as you have that invincible power, continue to deliver us from danger that we may cry out to you Hail, O Virgin and bride ever pure.