

CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY

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February 15, 2009. Meat Fare. Epistle: Phil 1: 1-25; **p.1321**. Gospel: Mt 25: 31-46; **p.1054**.
Next week's readings: Epistle: Gospel: Mt 6:14-21.

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for

- ✦ Jacqueline Daghim(40 days Mass)
- ✦ Mary Chammas Hajjar, Elias Hajjar, Clare Hajjar-Zaher, Diane Zaher and Anthony Hajjar

PRE-NAMY: The club's next meeting will be held on Saturday, February 21. All pre-teens are welcome!

BIBLE STUDY: We will be meeting on Tuesday, February 24th, at 8:00pm. *"Ignorance of the Bible is ignorance of Christ"* (St. Jerome). All are welcome to attend!

VALENTINE PARTY: On Friday, February 13th, our Youth Group NAMY and Young Adult MAYA held their Valentine Party. The evening was full of good food, fun and friends!

ECUMENICAL PRAYER GROUP: This group, together with many parishioners of different parishes, is visiting us on Wednesday, February 18, at 6:30pm. After a prayer service, Fr. Antoine will give us a talk about the Melkite Church and the Church of the Virgin Mary. Rev. Archimandrite Eugene Pappas of The Three Hierarchies Greek Orthodox Church and Rev. Guy Massie, pastor of St. Andrew the Apostle Church, will be among the guests. All are welcome!

LADIES SOCIETY: Save the date: Sunday, April 26, 2009, Feast of the Myrrh-Bearing Women. Annual Family Luncheon will be hosted following the Liturgy in honor of living and deceased members of the Ladies Society. Plan your table of family and friends. Details are to come.

YOUNG ADULTS BOWLING (18 and over): Join Fr Antoine at Melody Lanes, 37th St, Brooklyn, for Bowling and socializing, on Saturday, February 28, 5:00pm-7:00pm, in coordination with MAYA and the Social Club. We are looking forward to planning many original exciting activities for the young adults!

EASTER SHOW: A trip to see the show "BEHOLD THE LAMB" (Lancaster, PA) is organized by the Fraternity and open to everybody. We will be leaving on Saturday, April 18 at 9:00am (Bay Ridge), each one by his/her own car. Prices: \$75 per adult; \$55 per teen; and \$35 per child. Hotels are available. For more information please contact George Sayad or Adel Baghdadi.

ROUND TRIP CRUISE: Join us, July 13-18, 2009 for a round trip cruise from New York

with family and friends. Visit Canada's beautiful ports at Saint John and Halifax. Enjoy the luxury and pampering of the Carnival experience. Your days at sea will be restful and exciting and the ports will be fun for all. The rate per person is: \$617 inside cabin; \$792 Oceanview; \$837 Balcony. Quad cabins and insurance are available. Early booking recommended for best choice of cabins. Deposit is refundable until 5/10/09. For more information please contact Mrs. Joan Paradiso (Paradise Travel) at (718) 745-0556!

FUTURE LITURGIES: On February 22, for Nicholas Homsy; on March 1, for Victoria Kateb (40 day); on March 8, for Evelyn Gorayeb (40 day); on March 15 for Linda Wilson; on March 22, for Joseph Seikali.

COLLECTION: *For God loves a cheerful giver.*

Antiphon

O Christ, Our God, You were sent by the Father not to judge the world, but to save it. We ask You in your boundless Compassion: Assist our weakness. Overcome our selfishness. Teach us to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked and to serve all people faithfully for your sake. Then we shall deserve to hear your Divine Voice saying: "Come you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

For You are our Life and our Hope, O Christ God, 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: Through all the earth, your voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message.

All: Through all the earth, your voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message.

Reader: The heavens declare the Glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

All: Through all the earth, your voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message.

Troparion – Tone 7

Through your cross, You destroyed death, You opened paradise to the thief and put an end to the wailing of the ointment-bearing women. O Christ God, You ordered your disciples to proclaim your Resurrection in their preaching, and You bestowed great mercy upon the world.

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!

Onesimus

O Holy Apostle Onesimus, intercede with God all merciful that He may grant us the remission of our sins!