

CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY

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March 15, 2009. Third Sunday of Lent.
(Adoration of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross)
Epistle: Heb 4: 14-16; 5: 1-6; **p.1327**. Gospel:
Mk 8: 34-39; **p.1077**. (Next Sunday's readings:
Epistle: Heb 6: 13-20. Gospel: Mk 9: 17-31).

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for

- ✦ Hanan Dagher Ghosan
- ✦ Ajib Shabouk
- ✦ Linda Wilson

LENTEN PRAYERS SCHEDULE

Monday – The Great Compline, 7:30 PM
Wednesday – The Pre-sanctified, 7:30 PM
*(This Wednesday, March 18, we will be at the
Three Hierarchs Greek Orthodox Church)*
Friday – The Akathist, 8:00 PM

We mourn the death of Elinor Bahna at the age of 91. She is survived by her daughter Michelle. Please remember her in your prayers!

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

March 20: Lenten Supper – NAMY
Speaker – Rt. Rev. Romanos Russo

March 27: Lenten Supper -
**Speaker – Most Rev Gregory Mansour Bishop
of the Eparchy of St Maron of Brooklyn**

The proceeds of the Lenten Suppers will be given to the Shepherds Care. May this season be a time of renewal.

LENTEN SUPPER: We would like to thank the Fraternity who sponsored the Lenten Supper. The proceeds were \$590.

PRE-NAMY: The preteens met yesterday to continue their journey of faith through fun, educational, and social activities. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, **March 28th**. All pre-teens are welcome!

ECUMENICAL PRAYER MEETING: Our Parish is cordially invited on Wednesday, **March 18th**, at 6:00 pm, to Lenten Pre-sanctified Divine Liturgy and, at 7:15 pm, to the Ecumenical Prayer Meeting with Very Rev. Eugene Pappas at the Three Hierarchs Greek Orthodox Church, 1724 Ave P, at 17th St in Midwood, Brooklyn.

MOVIE NIGHT FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18 and over): On Saturday, **March 21st**, at 8:00pm, we will be watching a wonderful movie called **"The Ultimate Gift."** Popcorn will be served!

SUNDAY BOWLING: On Sunday, **March 22nd**, the social club is bringing back bowling. Everyone is welcomed to join us from 3:00-5:00pm for an afternoon at Melody Lanes, 37th St, Brooklyn (between 4th and 5th Avenue).

SPIRITUAL RETREAT: Join us on Saturday, **March 28**, 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 \$34.00 per person. If you would like to join us please call the rectory (718)788-5454 or Vincent Zaloom (718)448-2008 by **March 20th**.

BABY CLOTHING DRIVE: On Sunday, **March 29th**, the Fraternity is hosting a "baby clothing" drive. All items collected will be brought to *Sisters of Life*. **Thank you all for your generous spirits!**

SOLEMN COMMUNION: On **April 26th**, we will be celebrating the Solemn Communion of our children. We would like to thank Saturday School team for preparing them for this wonderful event.

LADIES SOCIETY: On Sunday, **April 26, 2009**, Feast of the Myrrh-Bearing Women, the 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.

ROUND TRIP CRUISE: Join Fr. Antoine, **July 13-18, 2009** for a round trip cruise from New York to Canada. Early booking recommended for best choice of cabins. Deposit is refundable until 5/10/09. For more information please contact Joan Paradiso (Paradise Travel) at (718) 745-0556!

FUTURE LITURGIES: On **March 22**, for Joseph Seikali; on **March 29**, for Sleiman El-Ashkar (40 day).

COLLECTION: *For God loves a cheerful giver.*

Epistle Verses – Prokimenon

Reader: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance!

All: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance!

Reader: To You, O Lord, I have called: O my Rock, be not deaf to me.

All: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance!

Troparion – Tone 3

Let the Heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord has done a wondrous deed with 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 Holy Cross

O Lord save your people and bless your inheritance, granting peace to the world; and protect your nation by the power of your Cross.

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!

Lenten Kontakion

We are your own, O Mother of God! We dedicate to you our songs of victory as a means of thanksgiving, for you have delivered us from all tribulations. Since your light is invincible, save us from every danger so that we may cry out to you: "Hail, O Bride and Maiden ever-pure!"