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**November 15, 2009. Eighth Sunday of the Holy Cross.** Epistle: Eph 2: 14-22, **p.1279.** Gospel: Lk10: 25-37, **p.1112.** Next Sunday's readings: Epistle: Eph 4: 1-7. Gospel: Lk 12: 16-21.

**THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for**

- ✦ Francis Doummar
- ✦ Joseph Yabroudi
- ✦ For the good health of the Doummar and Yabroudi Families

We mourn the death of John Sheety at the age of 71. He is survived by his wife Marta; his children Michael, Steven, and Valerie; and his sisters Aida Kosseim and Roudaina Davis. Please remember him in your prayer!

We also mourn the death of Lorraine Shaia. **Wake:** Monday and Tuesday, Nov 16-17, at RALPH AIEVOLI & SON FUNERAL HOME 1275 65th St, Brooklyn, NY 11219. **Funeral:** Wednesday, Nov 17, at Our Lady of Lebanon. Please remember her in your prayer!

**BIBLE STUDY:** Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, **November 24<sup>th</sup>**, at 8:00pm. All are welcome to attend!

**PRE-NAMY CLUB:** The preteens took advantage of their day off from school on Wednesday, and went to Melody Lanes for an afternoon of bowling with their peers. It was great fun! Our next meeting will be on Saturday, **November 28<sup>th</sup>**, at 5:30pm. All preteens (grades 5-8) are welcome to join us!

**COUNTRY WESTERN NIGHT:** Last evening, the Fraternity organized a Western Country Party with Mary Lamont in memory of Lorraine Orfaly. All had their fill of the buffet of ribs and chicken and learned to "two-step" with Fran. It was wonderful to see so many have such a good time "getting a little country"! Thanks to the Fraternity for this fun night.

**SERIES OF SPIRITUAL TALKS:** Fr. Antoine will be continuing the series of talks on Friday, **November 20<sup>th</sup>**. The next topic to be offered is: "*The Spirituality of the Family in the Light of the Gospel.*"

**FOOD DRIVE:** NAMY & MAYA are sponsoring a holy season Food Drive. Please bring in canned foods, boxes of pasta, and other nonperishable goods to the Church hall during the upcoming Sundays. Thank you!

**CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE:** We will be having a Christmas Toy Drive that serves families with children from infancy to the age of 18. The toys will be distributed by Catholic Charities Brooklyn West Community Center to more than 1,000 families on Dec 18, 21, 23. Adel Baghdady will be the coordinator and the contact person. You may bring your toys and leave them under the Christmas tree. Thank you for your generosity!

**THANKSGIVING DINNER:** The Prayer Group invites you to join them for a Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, **November 21<sup>st</sup>**, at 7:30 PM. Bring your favorite dish, along with your family

and friends! Please let us know how many people will be coming and what dish you will be bringing by calling Mireille (718)836-8606, Raghd (718)680-8004 or Mirna (718)238-1035. There is no charge for this evening of giving thanks!

**CLOTHING DRIVE:** On Sunday, **November 22<sup>nd</sup>**, the Fraternity is hosting a clothing drive from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. All donations can be brought to the Church Hall. Thank you all for your generous spirits!

**THANKSGIVING DIVINE LITURGY:** On **November 26<sup>th</sup>**, Thanksgiving Day, we will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy at 11:00am.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:** The Fraternity is sponsoring its Annual Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, **December 13<sup>th</sup>**, following the Divine Liturgy. Paid reservations must be made by December 6<sup>th</sup>. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more information please contact Adel at (718)748-7294.

**THE ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL:** It's not too late to send your gift to the Archbishop's Appeal. **YOUR** Melkite Church is counting on **YOU**. Help to publish *SOPHIA* magazine and to increase the Eparchy's Mission-Building Fund and Vocation Fund so that our Church in America can support its growth and expansion in the future. If you have not already sent your gift, please do so today so that 100% of our parish will be counted. Extra appeal envelopes are available in the narthex. Please give generously.

**FUTURE LITURGIES:** On **November 22<sup>nd</sup>**, for Dina Farah (40day); on Thanksgiving Liturgy, Thursday, **November 26<sup>th</sup>**, for Jimmy Lian; on **November 29<sup>th</sup>**, for Lorraine Orfaly (1year); on **December 6<sup>th</sup>**, for John Sheety (40 day); for John, Joseph, Abraham, Alice, Francis, Rachid and

Yazda Asfour Kourbage, Soraya Shamiah, and the deceased members of the Kourbage and Syage Families.

**COLLECTION:** *For God loves a cheerful giver.*

**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 (7<sup>th</sup> tone)**

Through your Cross You destroyed death, You opened Paradise to the thief, and turned into joy the mourning of the ointment bearing women, and You ordered your Apostles to proclaim that You rose, O Christ God, Bestowing 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 Theotokos. You have passed to life being the Mother of Life. Through your intercession save our souls from death.

**Kondakion of the Presentation of our Lady to the Temple**

The most pure Temple of the Savior, his most precious bridal chamber, the Virgin, sacred treasury of God's glory, enters today in the house of the Lord, bringing with her the grace of the divine Spirit. Wherefore the angels of God are singing: "Behold the heavenly tabernacle!"