

CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY

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October 17th, 2010. Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council. Epistle: Ti 3: 8-15; p.1320. Gospel: Lk 8: 5-15; p.1106.

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for

✦ Lynda Kanakry
✦ Living and Deceased
Members of the Youssef Family

ASLEEP IN THE LORD: We mourn the death of Elizabeth Mazloom at the age of 87. She is survived by her children Rosemary Shabouk; Richard Mazloom; and Evelyn Mazloom; and her five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; **Funeral:** Monday, October 18th, at the Church of the Virgin Mary, at 10:00am. Please remember her in your prayers.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & ARABIC TEACHERS: Volunteers are needed to teach Arabic or Catechism, or assist in all the other activities. Saturday School is the place where children will benefit the most by your skills and talents! For more information please contact Fr. Antoine at (718)788-5454 or Salwa Awad at (718)238-6355.

RELIGIOUS & ARABIC EDUCATION: We resumed our Saturday School on October 16th at the Church of the Virgin Mary, 10:00am-1:00pm. Please contact Mrs. Salwa at (718)238-6355 to register your children.

PRE-NAMY: We resumed our PRE-NAMY meetings for Children in grades 5-8 and/or ages 10-13. The club is based on 5 essential elements of the parish life: Community, worship, discipleship, service, and outreach. The goal is to help preteens discover who Jesus is and embrace the relationship he has with them. The children will be involved in activities reflecting these areas. The next meeting will be on Saturday **October 23rd**, 5:30-8:00pm.

BREAST CANCER WORKSHOP: *Today*, at 12:30pm, the AMBER-Arab American Breast Cancer Education/Referral Program & Church of the Virgin Mary presents **Understanding Breast Cancer**. Dr. Sana Khoury and Sahar Farah will provide information on cancer and breast cancer, including risks and free or low cost screening test.

BABY CLOTHING DRIVE: *October 24th*, the Fraternity is hosting a Baby Clothing Drive. All items collected will be brought to the Sisters of Life. Thank you all for your generous spirits. Please contact Jacqueline Lutfey (718) 833-7803 for more info.

HALLOWEEN PARTY: The Fraternity is organizing this ghoulish evening on **October 30th** at 7:30pm! Come and join us at the Church of the Virgin Mary for fun, games, food, dancing, and much more. Kids 12 and under \$10/ Adults \$20. For tickets call Sonia (718)748-7294, Alia (718)745-6822 or Mireille (718)836-8606. **Please reserve tickets by**

October 25th. No tickets will be sold at the door!!

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. Archbishop Cyril has asked every Melkite household in the U.S. to give at least \$100 each year to support the sowing of the seed of our Melkite Faith in fertile ground. By contributing to the Appeal, each of us responds to Christ's call to support the Church and helps fund its vital works. Cannot every member of our parish respond to his call? Please send your much-needed gift today.

FUTURE LITURGIES: On **October 24th** for Michael & Lorraine Yabroudy on their 50th Wedding Anniversary; on **December 5th**, for Msgr. Elias Skaff (10 years), for Charles Ajamy (1 year), and for Fakhreya Dawwaf Jazrawi (40 day).

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 (4th Tone)

The Women disciples of the Lord heard from the Angels the joyful news of the resurrection and casting away the ancestral sentence, they announced with pride to the Apostles Death is vanquished, Christ God is risen! and has bestowed great mercy upon the world.

Troparion of the Fathers (8th Tone)

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!

Troparion 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

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.

When your seed's been sown beside the road,
it could get snatched away.
And you'll wonder where on earth it went...
you HAD it yesterday!
When your seed's been sown on a rocky place,
it's received with joy at first.
But as soon as affliction comes your way,
things go from bad to worse.
When your seed's been sown among the thorns,
you're "almost" His, but not quite.
The things of the world mean more to you;
He's not fixed in your sights.
But when your seed's been sown on good soil,
the Spirit lives in you.
And the fruits of the Spirit are evident
in all you say and do. (Peggy McIlveene)