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April 18, 2010. The Myrrh Bearing Women.

Epistle: Acts 6:1-7, **p.1177**. Gospel Mk 15:43-16:8, **p.1085**. Next Sunday's readings: Epistle: 1Pt 5:6-14. Gospel: Jn 5: 1-15.

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for

✦ Robert Mouzayek (40day)

✦ Youssef, Odette & Bassam Al Shami

SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR: Today, we will be having a special coffee hour in honor of **John (Jan)**, our beloved custodian, who is leaving for Poland at the end of this month. Take this opportunity to thank him for all the hard work he has done for our community!

Friday, April 23- Great Martyr Saint George

THE 46TH ANNUAL NATIONAL MELKITE CONVENTION: Saint Joseph Melkite Mission in Seattle, Washington, will host the 46th Annual National Melkite Convention, **June 30th -July 4th, 2010**, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Bellevue City. The keynote speaker will be **Archbishop Elias Chacour**, Melkite Eparch of Galilee in the Holy Land; distinguished guest his Excellency the **Most Rev. Celestino Migliore** Titular Archbishop of Canosa, Apostolic Nuncio,

Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations; our religious guest **Mirna Nazour** from Our Lady of Soufania in Damascus, Syria, will share her unique spiritual experience as an "Ambassador" of Christian Unity in the Middle East. For more information, please visit <http://stjosephofseattle.org/convention.htm>.

PARISH COUNCIL: We will be meeting on Tuesday, April 20th, at 8:00pm.

SOLEMN COMMUNION: At their baptism we give our children their first communion. As they grow in life they receive communion with a greater understanding of the sacrament of the Eucharist. On **April 25th**, we will be celebrating the Solemn Communion of our children. We would like to thank our Saturday School team for preparing them for this wonderful event.

SATURDAY SCHOOL'S TRIP: On Saturday, **May 15th**, the Saturday School team is organizing an adventurous trip on a Pirate Ship that will depart from Jersey Shore. Then we will continue our fun day at the Jenkinsons Boardwalk located at Point Pleasant. \$58 for children. \$60 for adults. For reservation or for more information, please contact Salwa Awad!

LADIES SOCIETY: On Sunday, **May 16th, 2009**, following the Divine Liturgy, the Ladies Society will host their Annual Luncheon in honor of their living and deceased members. **All are Welcome!** Reservations must be made by May 10. No tickets will be sold at the door. Donation: Adults \$45; Children (5-12) \$25.

EASTER SHOW: "Joseph" was the show attended by our Parish, in Lancaster, PA. We

spent a wonderful time together. Thanks to the Fraternity, especially to George and Caroline Sayad, for organizing this successful event.

SERIES OF SPIRITUAL TALKS: Fr. Antoine continues his series of biblical and spiritual talks. The topics will be, "**The Last Supper**," on **April 30th**, "**Explore the Divine Liturgy**," on **May 28th**, and "**Living the Eucharist**," on **June 25th**. All the talks begin at 8:15pm sharp and are followed by a social gathering.

FUTURE LITURGIES: On **May 2nd**, for Janet Turque Kinani (40day); on **May 9th**, for Thomas Muratore; on **May 16th**, for Shukrallah Darsi (5 Years) & Jeannette Farage (5 Years); on **May 23rd**, for Abou Khaled; on **June 6th**, for Basil Mouzayek.

COLLECTION: *For God loves a cheerful giver.*

Antiphon Prayer

O Christ God, You alone are the Light of the world. Enlighten our spirit as You enlightened the eyes of the Marys. Gladden our hearts with faith and peace; and as You raised us up from the grave of our sins and delivered us from the power of Darkness, make us also worthy, in your great mercy, to light the lamps of our souls from the resplendent Light of your Glorious Resurrection, for You are our Light, our Life and our Resurrection, O Christ God, and to You we render glory, thanksgiving and worship, 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: My strength and my courage is the Lord, and he has been my Savior.

All: My strength and my courage is the Lord, and he has been my Savior.

Reader: The Lord has chastised me through his teaching, yet he has not delivered me to death.

All: My strength and my courage is the Lord, and he has been my Savior.

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 2)

When you descended to death, O Immortal Life, You destroyed Hades by the splendor of your Divinity, and when you raised the dead from under the ground, all the Powers of heaven cried out: O Christ our God, the giver of life, glory to you.

Troparion of Joseph of Arimathea (Tone 2)

The Nobel Joseph, taking down your spotless body from the wood and wrapping it in a clean shroud with aromatic spices, laid it in a new tomb. But on the third day, You arose, O Lord, and bestowed great mercy upon the world.

Troparion of the Myrrh-bearers (Tone2)

The angel stood by the tomb and cried out to the Ointment-bearing Women: "Ointments are for the dead, but Christ has proved Himself free from corruption. Cry out, then: "The Lord is risen and has 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!

Kondakion of Pascha (Tone 2)

Though You went down in the tomb, O Immortal One, You overthrew the power of Hades, and rose victorious, O Christ God, Your greeted the Ointment Bearing Women, saying: Rejoice! You gave peace to your Apostles, and to those who had fallen resurrection.