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September 19th, 2010. Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Epistle: Gal 2: 16-21; p.1271. Gospel: Mk 8: 34-9:1; p.1077.

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for

✦ Marcelle Eassa (40 day)

ANNUAL LUNCHEON: On *October 3rd*, our Parish invites you to its Annual Celebration with Archbishop Cyril Bustros in honoring Deacon Bill Williamsen. Adults: \$60; children under 12: \$35. Please join us!

PARISH COUNCIL: Congratulations to those elected by you last Sunday: Adel Baghdadi, Al Dekki, George Sayad, Rita Youssef and Kareem Youssef. We thank those who have served as members of the Parish Council and we look to work for another blessed year. Our next meeting will be on Thursday *September 23rd*, at 8:00pm.

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.

RETREAT DAY: We have been invited by Holy Family – St Thomas Church (9th St.) to join them on a retreat day at the Passionist Spiritual Center of Riverdale on Tuesday, September 28th, 8:30am-3:00pm. The cost is \$20 per person- breakfast, lunch and round trip bus transportation (only for the first 52 people) included. Please call 718-768-9471!

OUR LADY OF LEBANON: Is inviting us to participate in welcoming the President of the Lebanese Republic General Michel Sleiman On Friday, September 24th, at 7:00pm.

JUST MARRIED: Welcome to Tony & Suha Tooma who got married on September 3rd in Mi'lya village, Western Galilee – Palestine. We wish them happiness, long life together and God's blessings.

FUTURE LITURGIES: On *October 3rd*, for Francis and Joseph Doummar and Joseph Yabroudi; on *October 10th*, for Souraya Mouzayck; and on *October 24th* for Michael & Lorraine Yabroudy on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

COLLECTION: *For God loves a cheerful giver.*

READING from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians 2: 16-21

BRETHREN, we know man is not justified by the works of the Law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. Hence we also believe in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the Law, because by the works of the Law no man will be justified. But

if, while we are seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore the minister of sin? By no means. For if I rebuild the things I destroyed, I make myself a sinner. For through the Law I have died to the Law that I may live for God. With Christ I am nailed to the cross. It is now no longer I who live, but Christ is living in me. And the life I now live in the flesh, I live within the faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself up for me.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST.

MARK 8: 34-9:1

The Lord said, "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For anyone who would save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will save it. For what does it profit a man, if he gains the whole world, but suffers the loss of his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes with the holy angels in the glory of his Father." And he said to them, "Amen I say to you, there are some of those standing here who will not taste death, till they have seen the kingdom of God coming in power."

الانجيل (مرقس 8 :34 الى 9 :1)

قال الرب. مَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَتَّبِعَنِي، فَلْيَتَّكِرْ نَفْسَهُ وَيَحْمِلْ صَلِيْبَهُ وَيَتَّبِعَنِي. لِأَنَّ مَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ نَفْسَهُ يُهْلِكُهَا وَمَنْ أَهْلَكَ نَفْسَهُ مِنْ أَجْلِي وَمِنْ أَجْلِ الْإِنْجِيلِ فَذَلِكَ يُخَلِّصُهَا. فَإِنَّهُ مَاذَا يَنْفَعُ الْإِنْسَانَ لَوْ رَجَحَ الْعَالَمَ كُلَّهُ وَخَسِرَ نَفْسَهُ؟ أَمْ مَاذَا يُعْطِي الْإِنْسَانُ فِدَاءً عَنِ نَفْسِهِ. لِأَنَّ مَنْ يَسْتَحْيِي بِي وَبِكَلَامِي فِي هَذَا الْجِيلِ

الفاسق الخاطيء، يَسْتَحْيِي بِهِ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ أَيْضاً مَتَى أَتَى فِي مَجْدِ أَبِيهِ مَعَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ الْقَدِيسِينَ. وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ إِنَّ بَعْضَ الْقَائِمِينَ هَهُنَا لَا يَدْفِقُونَ الْمَوْتَ حَتَّى يَرَوْا مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ آتِياً بِقُوَّةٍ.

Epistle Verses – Prokimenon

Reader: How great are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all.

All: How great are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all.

Reader: Bless the Lord, O my soul! You are very great indeed, O Lord my God!

All: How great are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all.

Troparion of the Resurrection (8th tone)

O Merciful One, Who came down from on high and endured burial for three days in order to save us from suffering. O our Life and our Resurrection, glory to you.

Troparion of the Feast (3 times)

“O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance, granting peace to the world. And preserve your community by the power of your Cross.”

Troperia 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 the Feast

O Christ God, who chose by Your free volition to be elevated upon the holy cross, grant your mercies to Your new people who are called by your name. In Your power gladden the hearts of our public authorities. Strengthen them in every good deed so that Your true alliance may be for them a weapon of peace and a standard of victory