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June 20, 2010. Fourth Sunday After Pentecost. Epistle: Rom 6: 18-23, **p.1216**. Gospel Mt 8: 5-13, **p.1020**. Next Sunday's readings: Epistle: Rom 10:1-10. Gospel: Mt 8: 28-9: 1.

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for
✦ William Lian

Happy Father's Day

CARD PARTY: On *Saturday, June 26th*, the Fraternity is sponsoring an evening where you can enjoy yourself and the company of friends, by playing cards, tawleh (backgammon), or other games. Food & refreshments are available. Donations \$10/adult and \$5/child (under 12). For reservations please contact Mireille Seikali (718)836-8606 or the committee!

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. For more information, please visit <http://stjosephofseattle.org/convention.htm>.

PICNIC: On *August 1st*, the Church is sponsoring its Annual Breezy Point Picnic at Ft. Tilden. So bring your BBQs and games and come enjoy a beautiful day together. Please reserve the date and for more information, contact Al Dekki.

RENAISSANCE GALA: Christ the Savior Melkite Catholic Church invites you to their Gala, on the feast of the parish, in the presence of His Grace Archbishop Cyril Bustros, *Saturday, August 7th*, 7:30pm-1:30pm, at Westchester Manor, Hastings on the Hudson, NY. Enjoy a sumptuous dinner and live entertainment with renowned vocalist, Tony Mercho. For info & reservations call: Ikhliss Marji (914)513-8139 or Joseph Nader (914)804-5849. R.S.V. P. by July 25th.

NOMINATIONS: Elections for the Parish Advisory Council have been postponed until *September 12th*.

FUTURE LITURGIES: On *October 10th*, for Souraya Mouzayck.

COLLECTION: *For God loves a cheerful giver.*

Epistle Verses – Prokimenon

Reader: Sing praise to our God, sing praise! Sing praise to our King, sing praise!

All: Sing praise to our God, sing praise! Sing praise to our King, sing praise!

Reader: All you peoples, clap your hands! Shout to God with cries of gladness.

All: Sing praise to our God, sing praise! Sing praise to our King, sing praise!

Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans: 6: 18-23

Brethren, now that you have been freed from sin, you have come to serve justification. I speak in a human way because of the weakness of your flesh. For as you yielded your members as slaves to uncleanness and iniquity, so now yield your members as slaves of justification so as to be sanctified. For while you were the slaves of sin, you had nothing to do with justification. But what fruit did you gather then of those deeds of which you are now ashamed? For the end of such things is death. But now, set free from sin and become slaves to God, you have your fruit resulting in sanctification, and as your end, life everlasting. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is life everlasting in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 8: 5-13

At that time when Jesus had entered Capharnaum, there came to him a centurion who entreated him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying sick in the house, paralyzed, and is grievously afflicted." Jesus said to him, "I will come and cure him." But in answer the centurion said, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I too am a man subject to authority, and have soldiers subject to me; and I say to one, 'Go', and he goes; and to another, 'Come', and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this', and he does it." And when Jesus heard this, he marveled, and

said to those who were following him, "Amen I say to you, I have not found such great faith in Israel. And I tell you that many will come from the east and from the west, and will feast with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, but the children of the kingdom will be put forth into the darkness outside; there will be weeping and the gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go thy way; as thou hast believed, so be it done to thee." And the servant was healed in that hour.

Troparion of the Resurrection (3rd Tone)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad! For the Lord has done a wondrous deed by 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.

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

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.