

CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY

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February 21, 2010. First Sunday of Lent – Sunday of Orthodoxy. Epistle: Heb 11: 24-26; 32-40; 12: 1-2, p.1337. Gospel: Jn 1: 43-51, p.1139. Next Sunday's readings: Epistle: Heb 1:10-2:3. Gospel: Mk 2:1-12.

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for

- ✦ George Hindy (30Years)
- ✦ Santa Aronica

Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great

Second Collection: Shepherd's Care

LENTEN PRAYERS SCHEDULE

- Monday – The Great Compline, 7:30 PM
- Wednesday – The Pre-sanctified, 7:30 PM
- Friday – The Akathist, 8:00 PM

We mourn the death of Santa Aronica. She was a beloved organist at our church for many years. She was a highly respected Operatic Coach, Mezzo Soprano, and Founder and Artistic Director of Opera of the Hamptons as well as Chamber Opera Theatre. To our church, which she loved deeply, she brought great artists in numerous Operatic and Oratorio performances. To our choir members she gave of her love and taught them how to sing and enjoy their gifts

and they have never forgotten her. May she rest in peace.

LENTEN BLESSINGS: In this Holy Season of Lent, every Friday, following the Akathist prayer, we will have a guest speaker.

February 26: Lenten Supper- Fraternity *Presentation of Miriam Shayri about the Al-Kafaat Foundation in Lebanon → Children with special needs*

March 5: Lenten Supper- Ladies Society
Speaker: Fr. John Cush

March 12: Lenten Supper

March 19: Lenten Supper- MAYA/NAMY

March 26: Lenten Supper

The proceeds of the Lenten Suppers will be given to the Shepherd's Care to help the poor. May this season be a time of renewal!

LENTEN SUPPER: We would like to thank the John and Zaka Hechme who sponsored Friday's Lenten Supper. The proceeds were \$800.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT: Join us on Saturday, **March 20**, at Mount Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, 239 Fingerboard Road, SI, where their staff will lead our day of retreat, starting at 8:30a.m. until 3:00p.m. Coffee and cake will be served in the conference room upon arrival and lunch will be around noon. Presentations, meditation, chance for reconciliation and the Liturgy will be conducted during the retreat day. A suggested donation is \$35.00 per person. If you would like to join us please call the rectory

(718)788-5454 or Vincent Zaloom (718)448-2008 by **March 13th**.

FUTURE LITURGIES: On **February 28th**, for Sleiman El-Achkar (1Year) and George Lutfey; on **March 7th**, for Stephanie Makhoul (40day) and Hanan Dagher Ghoson; on **March 14th**, for Ajib Shabouk (3Years); on **March 21st**, for Joseph Seikali; on **May 9th**, for Thomas Muratore; on **May 16th**, for Shukrallah Darsi (5 Years) and Jeannette Farage (5 Years).

COLLECTION: *For God loves a cheerful giver.*

Antiphon Prayer

O Christ God, You condescended to be incarnate, taking the form of a slave. You became like one of us by the body to make us participants in your glorious Likeness. Wherefore we paint your image on icons and we honor it by mouth and heart asking for the grace to be healed by its power. For it belongs to You to have mercy on us and to heal us, 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: 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 (5th Tone)

Let us, O faithful, praise and worship the word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our Salvation, for He was pleased to be lifted in the flesh upon the cross, and to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Troparion of the Holy Icons (2nd Tone)

Before Your most pure image, we bow in worship, O Good One, begging forgiveness of our stumbling, Christ God: because You chose of your own free will to ascend upon the cross in the flesh in order to deliver from the enemy's yoke those You had created. For this reason we cry out to You in thanksgiving: "You our Savior have Filled all things with joy when You came to save 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 the Annunciation(8th Tone)

Triumphant leader to you belongs our prize of victory! And since you saved us from adversity we offer you our thanks. We are your people O mother of God! So as you have that invincible power, continue to deliver us from danger that we may cry out to you Hail, O Virgin and bride ever pure.