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June 21, 2009. Third Sunday after Pentecost.
Epistle: Rom 2: 10-16. **p.1212.** Gospel: Mt 6: 22-33; **p.1018.** (Next Sunday's readings: Epistle: Rom 6: 18-23. Gospel: Mt 8: 5-13).

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for

✦ All the families of our parish

WELCOME: We would like to welcome Rev. Nazih Hayek. Thank you Fr. Nazih for being among us!

O LORD, CROWN THEM WITH GLORY AND HONOR: Congratulations to Matthew Hayek and Christina Spizuoco on their marriage. They got married at the Chapel of Loyola College Where they had graduated. We wish them a long life together filled with love, happiness and God's blessings.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Mark Dekki on his graduation from John Jay College of Criminal Justice and Gabriela Dekki on her graduation from Bishop Kearney High School. We wish them much luck in their future endeavors!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: We will be meeting on Wednesday, June 24, at 8:00pm.

A NEW PORTAL OF OUR WEBSITE: It is an interactive web portal and you must sign up or log in before you can use it. It's intended as a resource for parishioners. Menu: **Classifieds:** You may post your Ad under categories and subcategories; **Jobs:** The site will play the role of mediator between those who are looking for jobs and those who are looking to fill jobs; **Media:** It is our Church's Gallery of photos and videos. You may view or upload them; **Forms:** Various forms are published on that page. You may use them at your convenience for different purposes; **Survey:** You may be asked to submit your opinion or vote regarding some subjects, questions or events; **Guest:** You are welcome to sign our Guest Book and feel free to give us your feedback!

FINANCIAL COUNSELING WORKSHOP:

Are you out of work? What kind of work are you looking for? Are you in financial stress? We are offering a Financial Counseling Workshop on Tuesday, **June 23rd**, at 7:30 pm, open to the entire parish. This will be a stimulating and motivational evening and we encourage you to attend. Our guests are members of the community and experts in their fields: **Mr. Peter Coufos**, Vice President and Manager of the 86th Branch of *Capital One Bank*; **Ms. Regina Lian**, President, *Financial Comfort*; **Mr. Maroon Hayek**, Portfolio Manager, *Assurance*; **Mr. Albert Dekki**, Director of Patient Financial Services, *Jamaica Hospital Medical Center*; **Mr. Michael Baghdady**, Day Trader, *Eco Trade*; and **Mr. Ricardo Alaniz**, Associate Director of Marketing, *Metro Plus*. We look forward to seeing you at the Financial Counseling Workshop.

NATIONAL MELKITE CONVENTION:

The 45th annual National Melkite Convention will be held July 1-5, 2009 at St. Anne Melkite Catholic Church, West Patterson, NJ. Reservations and travel information can be found by visiting the website at www.stannmelkite.homestead.com/Convention2009.html

PICNIC: On **August 9th**, 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.

FUTURE LITURGIES: On **June 28th**, for Mary Tutunjian, Youssef Kharouba and Najah Kharouba; on July 12, for Victoria Kateb (6 months)

COLLECTION: *For God loves a cheerful giver.*

In Giving We Receive St. Francis Peace Prayer

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.

Divine Master,

Grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born

to eternal life.

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 – Tone 2

Immortal life, when You surrendered to death, 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 God, the Giver of Life, glory to You!

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.

Kontakion

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.

"Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are?" (Mt 6:26)