

CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY

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February 22, 2009. Cheese Fair Sunday.
Epistle: Rom 13:11-14; 14:1-4; **p.1224.**
Gospel: Mt 6:14-21; **p.1017.**
(Next Sunday's readings: Epistle: Heb 11:24-40. Gospel: Jn 1:43-51.)

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for

- ✦ Nicholas Homsi
- ✦ Sleiman El-Ashkar

We mourn the death of Sleiman El-Ashkar in Homos, Syria, at the age of 79. He is survived by his daughter Ferial El-Ashkar Zaaroura. Please remember him in your prayers.

LENTEN PRAYERS SCHEDULE

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

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

February 27: Lenten Supper - John & Zaka
Hechme (718) 833-5603
Speaker - Msgr Guy Massie

March 6: Lenten Supper—Ladies Society
**Speaker - Most Rev Nicholas DiMarzio,
Bishop of Brooklyn**

March 13: Lenten Supper - Fratority

March 20: Lenten Supper – NAMY
Speaker – Rev. Romanos Russo

March 27: Lenten Supper -
**Speaker – Most Rev Gregory Mansour
Bishop of the Eparchy of St Maron of
Brooklyn**

The proceeds of the Lenten Suppers will be given to the Shepherds Care. May this season be a time of renewal.

PARISH COUNCIL: We will be meeting on Tuesday, Feb 24, at 8:00pm.

BIBLE STUDY: We will be meeting on Wednesday, February 25, at 8:15pm. *“Ignorance of the Bible is ignorance of Christ” (St. Jerome).* All are welcome to attend!

PRE-NAMY: The club's next meeting will be held on Saturday, February 28, at 2:00pm. All pre-teens are welcome!

LADIES SOCIETY: Save the date: Sunday, April 26, 2009, Feast of the Myrrh-Bearing Women. Annual Family Luncheon will be hosted following the Liturgy in honor of living and deceased members of the Ladies Society. Plan your table of family and friends. Details are to come.

YOUNG ADULTS BOWLING (18 and over): Join Fr Antoine at Melody Lanes, 37th St, Brooklyn, for bowling and socializing, on

Saturday, February 28, 5:00pm-7:00pm, in coordination with MAYA and the Social Club. We are looking forward to planning many new and exciting activities for the young adults!

EASTER SHOW: A trip to see the show “BEHOLD THE LAMB” (Lancaster, PA) is organized by the Fratority and open to everybody. We will be leaving on Saturday, April 18 at 9:00am (Bay Ridge), each one by his/her own car. Prices: \$75 per adult; \$55 per teen; and \$35 per child. Hotels are available. For more information please contact George Sayad or Adel Baghdadi.

ROUND TRIP CRUISE: Join us, July 13-18, 2009 for a round trip cruise from New York with family and friends. Visit Canada's beautiful ports at Saint John and Halifax. Enjoy the luxury and pampering of the Carnival experience. Your days at sea will be restful and exciting and the ports will be fun for all. The rate per person is: \$617 inside cabin; \$792 Oceanview; \$837 Balcony. Quad cabins and insurance are available. Early booking recommended for best choice of cabins. Deposit is refundable until 5/10/09. For more information please contact Mrs. Joan Paradiso (Paradise Travel) at (718) 745-0556!

FUTURE LITURGIES: On March 1, for Victoria Kateb (40 day) and Rene Baghdady; on March 8, for Evelyn Gorayeb (40 day); on March 15 for Hanan Dagher Ghosan, Ajib Shabouk, and Linda Wilson; on March 22, for Joseph Seikali; on March 29, for Sleiman El-Ashkar (40 day).

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!

Troparion – Tone 8

O Merciful One, You 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!

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 Cheese-fare

O You who guide men towards wisdom and give them intelligence and understanding, instructor of the ignorant and helper of the poor: strengthen and enlighten my heart, O Lord! O Word of God, grant that I may speak, for behold I will not keep my lips from crying out to You: “O Compassionate One, have mercy on me who have fallen!”

The seasons and days of penance in the course of the liturgical year (Lent, and each Friday in memory of the death of the Lord) are intense moments of the Church's penitential practice. These times are particularly appropriate for spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies, pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing (charitable and missionary works). (CCC 1438)