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**January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011. 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday After the Holy Cross - The Blind Man.** Epistle: 1 Tim 1:15-17, **p.1307**. Gospel: Lk 18:35-42, **p.1124**.

**THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for**  
♦ George Kawas (1year)

We mourn the death of *Alice Sayer*, of West Orange, at the age of 80. She is survived by her sister, Viola Kazan, her brother, Elias Habib, her children, Pamela Ruggieri and Robin Collins, and her 7 grand children. Please remember her in your prayers.

**ASK THE DOCTOR SHOW:** If anyone wants to watch NET TV's ask the doctor which was held at the Church Hall on January 9<sup>th</sup>, here is the link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2q7tWDYMHtY>

**NEW YORK METHODIST HOSPITAL:** Linda Perez, R.N., N.P.P., Administrative Director, Department of Neurosciences, presents a workshop, **BEATING THE BLUES: Recognizing and Treating Depression**, in the East Pavilion Auditorium, 506 6<sup>th</sup> Street (at 8<sup>th</sup> Ave) on **Thursday**,

**January 27<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:15pm-8:30pm. For info & to register (required), call (718)780-5367.

**VALENTINE'S PARTY:** On Saturday, **February, 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011** at 8pm, the MAYA organization will host its second annual Valentine's Day Haffle. The cost will be \$55 for adults and \$35 for children under the age of 12. Come join us for a full Middle Eastern Mazza, a bottle of whisky or arak for each table, entertainment by Eddie Osama, and a great time! For reservations please contact Amanda Romhen (917-414-7812) or Christine Seikali (646-506-5234) before February 12.

**YOUNG ADULTS SPIRITUAL RETREAT:** The MAYA organization will host a regional retreat for college students age 18-26, **February 18-20, 2011**. The group will take part in many social, spiritual, and community service events. Young adults from all over the North East will attend. For more information, contact any MAYA member.

**WORSHIP BAND:** We are in the process of organizing a Worship Band. The invitation to participate in this new project is extended to all parishioners, regardless of gender or age, who can play any musical instrument and would like to use this talent during special events and spiritual programs. We are also looking for volunteers who would like to share their musical talents and teach. *If you are interested, you may contact Kareem Youssef or the Rectory.*

**TO YOUR ROOTS:** If you are a Lebanese descendant and you like to be registered or to register your children and obtain a status in Lebanon, you can contact Mrs. Aida Nicholas at

917-209-2950 and she will be assisting you in this matter.

**FUTURE LITURGIES:** On **January 30<sup>th</sup>**, for Bernard Nasser (40 days) and for Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kurdy and their son Joseph Charles Kurdy; on **February 6<sup>th</sup>**, for Nicholas Mash-aalany and for Badran, Messadie and Kalil Families; on **February 13<sup>th</sup>**, for Basil & Madeleine Stonbely and deceased members of the Stonbely Family.

**COLLECTION:** *For God loves a cheerful giver.*

**Epistle: Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy**

My son Timothy, this saying is true and worthy of entire acceptance, that Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the chief. But for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Christ Jesus might show forth all patience, as an example to those who shall believe in him for the attainment of life everlasting. To the King of the ages, who is immortal, invisible, the one only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel: Luke 18:35-42**

At that time when Jesus came close to Jericho, a certain blind man was sitting by the wayside, begging; but hearing a crowd passing by, he inquired what this might be. And they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was going to pass. And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who went in front angrily tried to silence him. But he cried out all the louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me.!" Then Jesus stopped and commanded that he should be brought to him. And when he came close, he asked him, saying, "What would you

have me do for you?" And he said, "Lord, that I may see!" And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight, your faith has saved you." And at once he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people upon seeing it gave praise to God.

**Epistle Verses – Prokimenon**

**Reader:** O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance!

**All:** O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance!

**Reader:** To You, O Lord, I have called: O my Rock, be not deaf to me.

**All:** O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance!

**Troparion of the resurrection (2nd Tone)**

When you descended to death, O Immortal Life, 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 our God, the giver of life, glory to you.

**Troparion 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 Theotokos. You have passed to life being the Mother of Life. Through your intercession, save our souls from death.

**Kondakion of the Presentation of our Lord**

O Christ our God who through your birth have sanctified the virginal womb and have now blessed the arms of Simon, today You have come to save us. O Lord, when wars prevail, keep your people in peace and strengthen our Public Authorities in every good deed, for You alone are the lover of Mankind.