

CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY

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October 24th, 2010. 6th Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Gerasene Demoniac. Epistle: Gal 6: 11-18; p.1276. Gospel: Lk 8: 27-39; p.1107.

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for
(Michael & Lorraine Yabroudy
on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:
Congratulations to Michael & Lorraine Yabroudy on their 50th Anniversary. We ask God Blessings and we wish them more many years together.

NEW BORN: John and Jaclyn (nee Demas) Gennawey are thrilled to announce the birth of Gabriel James on September 29, 2010. We are certain that Gabe and Rose and Lily and Mary and Naim and Marie are dancing on heaven's clouds. Teta Terry and Jedow Phil and Yaya Anika and Papu Jimmy are overjoyed with the birth of their 1st grandchild. (Gabe's memory will be eternal)

PARISH COUNCIL: We will be meeting Tuesday, **October 26th**, at 8PM.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & ARABIC

TEACHERS: Volunteers are needed to teach Arabic or Catechism, or assist in all the other activities. Saturday School is the place where children will benefit the most by your skills and talents! For more information please contact Fr. Antoine at (718)788-5454 or Salwa Awad at (718)238-6355.

RELIGIOUS & ARABIC EDUCATION: We resumed our Saturday School on October 16th at the Church of the Virgin Mary, 10:00am-1:00pm. Please contact Mrs. Salwa at (718)238-6355, to register your children.

PRE-NAMY: We resumed our PRE-NAMY meetings for Children in grades 5-8 and/or ages 10-13. The next meeting will be on **Friday, November 5th**, 5:30-8:00pm.

BABY CLOTHING DRIVE: Today, the Fraternity is hosting a Baby Clothing Drive. All items collected will be brought to the Sisters of Life. Thank you all for your generous spirits.

HALLOWEEN PARTY: The Fraternity is organizing this ghoulish evening on **October 30th** at 7:30pm! Come and join us at the Church of the Virgin Mary for fun, games, food, dancing, and much more. Kids 12 and under \$10/ Adults \$20. For tickets call Sonia (718)748-7294, Alia (718)745-6822 or Mireille (718)836-8606. **Please reserve tickets by October 25th. No tickets will be sold at the door!!**

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS: Noted entertainer, singer and showman Bobby Byrne will appear at St. Thomas' Church for an evening of Irish Ballads, Italian Arias, Broadway Show-stoppers

and Old Fashioned sing-a-longs on **Saturday, November 6th**, at 7:30pm. \$20 in advance/\$25 at the door. For information call the rectory (718)768-9471.

ST. NICHOLAS HOME: Save the Date! On **Saturday, November 13th**, The Annual St. Nicholas Home Gala is to be held at The Vanderbilt, in Staten Island, honoring Judge Jeanine Pirro, with Keynote Speaker, Dr. James Zogby, Pres., Arab American Institute. For info call Aida Nocolaou (917) 209-2950.

THANKSGIVING DINNER: The Prayer Group invites you to join them for a Thanksgiving Dinner on **Saturday, November 20th**, at 7:30pm. Please bring your favorite dish along with family and friends. There is no charge, just let us know how many people will be attending and what dish you are bringing by calling Sonia Youssef (718) 921-0216 or Raghd Cawog (718)680-8004.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL: The annual Archbishop's Appeal is an important way of responding to the needs of our Church throughout the U.S.: the education of our children in the Faith; the support of our struggling missions; the training of our seminarians; the publishing of *SOPHIA* magazine. Sayidna is counting on your support. If you have not already sent in your gift, please do so this week. We need 100% support from our parish! Thank you for your generosity.

FUTURE LITURGIES: On **October 31st**, for Khalil Abou Zeid (40 day); on **November 7th**, for Anthony & Josephine Thome Ashroawe and Elias & Bahia Amar Shalhoub; on **December 5th**, for Msgr. Elias Skaff (10 years), for Charles

Ajamy (1 year), and for Fakhreya Dawwaf Jazrawi (40 day).

COLLECTION: *For God loves a cheerful giver.*

Epistle Verses – Prokimenon

Reader: You, O Lord, will keep us and preserve us always from this generation.

All: You, O Lord, will keep us and preserve us always from this generation.

Reader: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any holy man, for truthfulness has vanished from among the children of men.

All: You, O Lord, will keep us and preserve us always from this generation.

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 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.