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April 25, 2010. Sunday of the Paralytic and Holy Apostle Mark the Evangelist. Epistle: 1Peter 5: 6-14, **p.1143.** Gospel Jn 5: 1-15, **p.1085.** Next Sunday's readings: Epistle: Acts 11:19-30. Gospel: Jn 4:5-42.

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for

- ◆ The Communicants, their parents, and their teachers
- ◆ For those who are called by the name of George
- ◆ George & Camilia Dekki

SOLEMN COMMUNION: At their baptism we give our children their first communion. Today, as they grow in life they receive communion with more understanding of the sacrament of the Eucharist. We congratulate the communicants and their parents. We wish that the children keep their souls pure and always have Christ in their heart. We would like to thank Saturday School team who helped prepare them for this blessed occasion.

SATURDAY SCHOOL'S TRIP: On Saturday, *May 15th*, the Saturday School team is organizing an adventurous trip on a Pirate Ship that will depart from the Jersey Shore. Then we will continue our fun day at Jenkinson's

Boardwalk located at Point Pleasant. The cost is Children \$58/ Adults \$60. For more information or reservations, please contact Salwa Awad **TODAY!**

LADIES SOCIETY: On Sunday, *May 16th, 2009*, following the Divine Liturgy, the Ladies Society will host their Annual Luncheon in honor of their living and deceased members. **All are Welcome!** Reservations must be made by May 10. No tickets will be sold at the door. Donation: Adults \$45; Children (5-12) \$25.

SERIES OF SPIRITUAL TALKS: Fr. Antoine continues his series of biblical and spiritual talks. **"The Last Supper"** is the topic of the next Friday, *April 30th*, at 8:15pm sharp. Please join us!

HEALTH FAIR AND BLOOD DRIVE: On Sunday, *May 23rd*, the Church will hold its Annual Health Fair sponsored by the New York Methodist Hospital. You are invited to come and receive important health information and have the opportunity to donate blood. Thanks to Dr. Emile Baccash and Josephine Lian for continuing to organize this very important event.

THE 46TH ANNUAL NATIONAL MELKITE CONVENTION: Saint Joseph Melkite Mission in Seattle, Washington, will host the 46th Annual National Melkite Convention, *June 30th -July 4th, 2010*, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Bellevue City. The keynote speaker will be **Archbishop Elias Chacour**, Melkite Eparch of Galilee in the Holy Land; distinguished guest his Excellency the **Most Rev. Celestino Migliore** Titular Archbishop of Canosa, Apostolic Nuncio, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations; our religious guest **Mirna**

Nazour from Our Lady of Soufania in Damascus, Syria, will share her unique spiritual experience as an "Ambassador" of Christian Unity in the Middle East. For more information, please visit <http://stjosephofseattle.org/convention.htm>.

ST. SAVIOUR HIGH SCHOOL

Saint Saviour High School Summer 2010
"G.A.P. Girls Achieving Potential"
6th & 7th Grade Girls
Application Deadline May 7th, 2010
Call (718)768-4406 Ext. 11
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FUTURE LITURGIES: On *May 2nd*, for Janet Turque Kinani (40day); on *May 9th*, for Thomas Muratore; on *May 16th*, for Shukrallah Darsi (5 Years) & Jeannette Farage (5 Years); on *May 23rd*, for Louis Najib Abou Khaled and Rafik Joseph Abou Khaled; on *May 30th* for George Douwailibi (40day); on *June 6th*, for Basil Mouzayek.

COLLECTION: *For God loves a cheerful giver.*

Epistle Verses – Prokimenon

Reader: He has given food to those who fear Him: He will be mindful forever of His covenant.

All: He has given food to those who fear Him: He will be mindful forever of His covenant.

Reader: He has won renown for His wondrous deeds; gracious and merciful is the Lord.

All: He has given food to those who fear Him: He will be mindful forever of His covenant.

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad!
For the Lord has done a wondrous deed by his

arm! He has crushed Death by his death becoming the first to rise from the dead. He has delivered us from the mouth of Hades and bestowed great mercy upon the world.

Troparion of St. Mark (Tone 3)

O Holy Apostle Mark the Evangelist, intercede with God all-merciful that He may grant us the remission of our sin.

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 Pascha (Tone 2)

Though You went down in the tomb, O Immortal One, You overthrew the power of Hades, and rose victorious, O Christ God, Your greeted the Ointment Bearing Women, saying: Rejoice! You gave peace to your Apostles, and to those who had fallen resurrection.

²³The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. ²⁷Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep." (1 Cor 11: 23b-30)