

CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY

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October 25, 2009. Twenty First Sunday of Pentecost. Epistle: Gal 2: 16-20, **p.1271**. Gospel: Lk 8: 27-39, **p.1107**. Next week's readings: Epistle: Gal 6: 11-18. Gospel: Lk 16: 19-31.

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for

- ✦ Rose Gennawey (1year)
- ✦ Gabriel (3years) & Lillian (10years) Gennaoui
- ✦ Albert Mazloom
- ✦ Salimeh, Philippe, and René Nasser

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST: Congratulations to Joseph and Tina Stonbely on the baptism of their son, Oliver Joseph.

BIBLE STUDY: Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, **October 27th**, at 8:00pm. All are welcome to attend!

PARISH COUNCIL: We will be meeting on Wednesday October 28, at 8pm.

PARISH PROPERTY COUNCIL: Greg Oussani, Sam Kirdahi, Tony Msallem, and Ray Orfaly will be the members of the Property

Council for this year. Thank you for being available to offer us of your time, talents, experience and expertise!

PRE-NAMY CLUB: Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, **November 11th**, at 5:30pm. All preteens (grades 5-8) are welcome to join us!

SERIES OF SPIRITUAL TALKS: Fr. Antoine will be continuing the series of talks on Friday, **November 20th**. The next topic to be offered is: *"The Spirituality of the Family in the Light of the Gospel."*

NAMY/MAYA HALLOWEEN PARTY: On October 30th, 8pm-12am, NAMY/MAYA are organizing a Halloween Party. Youth and young adults are welcome to join them to celebrate with music, food, dancing, and candy. For more information, contact Amanda Romhen at (917) 414-7812, or Christine Seikali at (917) 402-7470. Or find our Facebook group "BROOKLYN NAMY and MAYA." Tickets sold at the door - \$10.

FRATORITY HALLOWEEN PARTY: The Fratority is organizing this ghoulish evening at 7:30pm on **October 31st**! 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 Adel (718)748-7294, Albert (718)680-7529 or Caroline (718)836-1030. **Please reserve tickets by October 25th. No tickets will be sold at the door!!**

COUNTRY WESTERN NIGHT: On Saturday, **November 14th**, at 8:00pm, the Fratority is organizing, a Western Country Party with Mary Lamont. Mary Lamont presents a mix of songs inspired by the struggles and joys

of her life. Open to the public. \$35 adult/ \$15 kids 12 and under. Price includes a huge buffet of ribs 'n' chicken as well as Line Dance instruction by Fran. Bar available. For tickets & information, please call Mireille (718)836-8606, Caroline (718)836-1030, or Adel (718)748-7294.

ST. SAVIOUR HIGH SCHOOL: All girls from 6th-8th grade are invited to an Open House on Sunday, **October 25th**, 12:30 - 3:30pm or Wednesday, **October 28th**, 7:00 - 8:30pm.

80th ANNIVERSARY HAFLI: St. Ann Melkite Church, New London, CT welcomes all to celebrate on Saturday, **November 14th, 2009**. Lebanese Buffet served from 7-8pm with singing by George Maalouf of Zahle Ensemble. The cost for Adults/\$40, Youth (13-23)/\$25, Children (6-12)/\$15. For reservations or info, call Jerry Egan (860) 608-3305.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL: Your generous gift to the Archbishop's Appeal will ensure that our precious Melkite heritage and tradition are passed on faithfully to future generations. If you enjoy reading the beautiful and informative *SOPHIA* magazine please help defray the cost of its production and distribution. Your gift to the Archbishop's Appeal helps our Eparchy to continue to produce *SOPHIA* magazine and to bring it to your home. Please do your duty as a Melkite: if you have not already done so, send your gift today so that 100% of our parish family may respond with a generous heart to the call of our Father and Shepherd, Archbishop Cyril.

FUTURE LITURGIES: On **November 1st**, for Eleanor Hidar (40 day) and Wadad Laham (1year); on **November 8th**, for Ned, Ned Jr., and

Violet Mary Stonbely; on **November 15th**, for Ghada Kharouba; on Thanksgiving Liturgy, Thursday, **November 26th**, for Jimmy Lian; and on **November 29th**, for Lorraine Orfaly (1year).

COLLECTION: *For God loves a cheerful giver.*

Epistle Verses – Prokimenon

Reader: How great are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all.

All: How great are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all.

Reader: Bless the Lord, O my soul! You are very great indeed, O Lord my God!

All: How great are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all.

Troparion of the resurrection (4th tone)

The Women disciples of the Lord heard from the Angels the joyful news of the resurrection and casting away the ancestral sentence, they announced with pride to the Apostles Death is vanquished, Christ God is risen! and has bestowed great mercy upon the world

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 Theotokos. 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.