

**CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY**

216 Eighth Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 11215-2604  
Rectory: (718) 788-5454  
Church Hall: (718) 788-9024  
Fax (718) 499-7702

Daily Liturgy 9:30, Sunday Liturgy 11:00  
www.ChurchOfTheVirginMary.net  
Fr. Antoine Rizk, BSO, Pastor  
Deacon Naji Youssef  
Deacon William Williamsen  
Fr. Antoine’s Email: [abouna@melkitesofnyc.net](mailto:abouna@melkitesofnyc.net)

**September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.** Epistle: 1 John 4: 12-19; **p.1363.** Gospel: Lk 5: 1-11; **p.1101.**

**THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for**

✦ All family members of our parish

**PARISH COUNCIL:** The parish council re-elected Bod Paradiso as Chairperson, Vincent Zaloom as Vice-Chairperson, and Rita Youssef as Secretary. Congratulations to all of us! We are looking for another successful year of service which main theme is “Prepare the way of the Lord.”

**O LORD CROWN THEM WITH GLORY AND HONOR:** Congratulations to Pat Tartaro and Lauren Nemnom on their wedding. We wish them happiness, long life together and God’s blessings.

**ANNUAL LUNCHEON:** On *October 3<sup>rd</sup>*, our Parish invites you to its Annual Celebration with Archbishop Cyril Bustros in honoring Deacon Bill Williamsen. Adults: \$60; children under 12: \$35. Please join us!

**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 will be resuming our Saturday School on October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Church of the Virgin Mary, 10:00am-1:00pm. Please contact Mrs. Salwa to register your children at 718-238-6355.

**The Arab-American Community of Brooklyn’s Atlantic Avenue: An illustrated lecture with Mary Ann Haick DiNapoli.** Journey back to the beginning of Brooklyn’s “Little Syria” on lower Atlantic Avenue. Learn how this ethnic enclave developed more than a century ago and how it evolved into the Arabic retail and restaurant row that it is today. Thursday, *October 14<sup>th</sup>*, 2010, 6:30 p.m. NY Public Library Mid-Manhattan Branch, 40<sup>th</sup> Street @ Fifth Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor.

**FUTURE LITURGIES:** On *October 3<sup>rd</sup>*, for Francis and Joseph Doummar, Joseph Yabroudi, and for Nicholas Lutfey; on *October 10<sup>th</sup>*, for Souraya Mouzayck; on *October 17<sup>th</sup>*, for Lynda Kanakry; and on *October 24<sup>th</sup>* for Michael & Lorraine Yabroudy on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

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

**READING from the First Epistle of St. John the Apostle 4: 12-19**

**BELOVED,** no one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us. In this we know we abide in him and He in us: because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen, and do testify, that the Father has sent his Son to be Savior of

the world. Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him and He in God. And we have come to know and have believed the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God and God in him. In this is love perfected with us, that we may have confidence on the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, because fear brings punishment. And whoever fears is not perfected in love. Let us therefore love, because God loved us first.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE 5: 1-11**

At that time Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats moored by the lake, but the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. And getting into one of the boats, the one that was Simon’s, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And sitting down, he began to teach the crowds from the boat. But when he had stopped speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep, and lower your nets for a catch.” And Simon answered and said to him, “Master, the whole night through we have toiled and have taken nothing; but at your word I will lower the net.” And when they had done so, they caught a great number of fishes, but their net was breaking. And they called to their comrades in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord,” For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish they had made; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with

Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you shall catch men.” And when they had brought their boats to land, they left all and followed him.

**Epistle Verses – Prokimenon**

**Reader:** Through all the earth, your voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message.

**All:** Through all the earth, your voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message.

**Reader:** The heavens declare the Glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**All:** Through all the earth, your voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message.

**Troparion of the resurrection (1<sup>st</sup> tone)**

While the stone was sealed by the Jews and soldiers were watching your sacred body, You rose, O Savior, on the third day, giving life to the world. Wherefore, O Giver of life, the powers of heaven cried out: Glory to your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to your kingdom, glory to your Plan of redemption, O You who alone are the Lover of mankind.

**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**

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.