

CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY

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September 27, 2009. Seventeenth Sunday.
Epistle: 2 Cor 6: 16-18; 7: 1, p.1259. Gospel:
Lk 5: 1-11, p. 1101. Next week's readings:
Epistle: 2 Cor 9: 6-11. Gospel: Lk 6: 31-36.

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for
✦ Our parish

BIBLE STUDY: Our next meeting will be on
Tuesday, **September 29th**, at 8:00pm.
"Ignorance of the Bible is ignorance of Christ"
(St. Jerome).

PARISH COUNCIL: Congratulations to the
newly appointed members: Vincent Zaloom,
Robert Paradiso, Josephine Lian, and Marie
Claire Andria. We will be meeting on
Wednesday September 30th, at 8:00pm, and
electing a new "Coordinator," a "Vice-
coordinator," and a "Secretary."

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND ARABIC
COURSES:** On October 3rd, we will resume
our Saturday Program of Religious Education
and Arabic Classes. We urge the parents to
register their children. Please contact Mrs.
Salwa Awad at 718-238-6355! We are looking
forward to a successful year.

SATURDAY SCHOOL: BE A VOUNTEER!

Do you like to be a catechist? Do you like to
teach Arabic? Do you like to assist our teachers
in their classrooms? Part time? Full time? Do
you like to help or mentor our children? Do you
have a skill or talent you would like to share?

Time/Place: We meet on Saturdays between
10:00 am and 1:00pm, September through May,
at Xaverian High School, 7100 Shore Road,
Brooklyn. **Volunteering is a way to meet new
people, build our community, and set an
example of service for our children.** When
requested, we will be offering a personal
training. **Remember that there is no greater
feeling than to know that the lives of others
have been changed and shaped by your
actions.**

PRE-NAMY CLUB: A group of preteens who
are willing to initiate living the parish life in all
its elements (community life, worship,
discipleship, service, outreach), as little-
disciples of Christ, fed by his words and
example and having fun.

The values of our program:

- Initiating a life with Christ
- Self-awareness
- Relationships
- Being open to serve others
- Having fun

We will be having our opening on **October 3rd**,
at 5:30pm. All preteens (4-5 grades) are
welcome to join us.

VISUAL ARTS GROUP: Open to any artist,
amateur, or beginner, who seeks to draw, paint
or create art. Our purpose is to inspire each
other, share ideas and techniques, conduct some
classes, or do some artistic projects together.
This newly created art studio at the Church of

the Virgin Mary can be used on **Thursdays
from 10:30am -10:30pm**. Please call the
Rectory to register. All ages are welcome,
however, those under 18 should be
accompanied by an adult.

**NAMY & MAYA (Youth and young adults
groups):** We are reorganizing ourselves. We
will be developing friendships, promoting a
spiritual life, and planning for exciting
activities. If you are interested in joining, please
provide us your name, phone # and email
address.

ANNUAL LUNCHEON: On **October 18th**,
the Parish Council is sponsoring the Annual
Luncheon. Our beloved Archbishop Cyril
Bustros will honor us with his pastoral visit.
Please reserve this date and join us to welcome
our Eparch!

SERIES OF TALKS: Fr. Antoine will be
presenting a series of talks. The evening will
begin at 6 pm with a shared Supper or coffee-
hour, sponsored by one of our Parish
Organizations, and continue with the talk. The
dates and topics to be offered are: **Friday,
October 16th:** "Your Name is Your Personal
Vocation;" **Friday, November 20th:** "The
Spirituality of the Family in the Light of the
Gospel;" **Tuesday, December 22nd:** "The
Dynamics of Sin in the Story of Adam & Eve."

FUTURE LITURGIES: On **October 4th**, for
Francis Youssef Doummar, and Joseph
Yabroudi; on **October 11th** for Teresa Elias
(1year); on **October 25th** for Rose Gennaway
(1year); and for Gabriel (3years) & Lillian
Gennaoui (10 years); on November 1st, for
Eleanor Hidar (40 day).

COLLECTION: *For God loves a cheerful
giver.*

Epistle Verses – Prokimenon

Reader: Make vows to the Lord your God
and fulfill them: let all round about him
bring gifts to the awesome Lord!

All: Make vows to the Lord your God and
fulfill them: let all round about him bring
gifts to the awesome Lord!

Reader: God is renowned in Judah; in
Israel, great is his name.

All: Make vows to the Lord your God and
fulfill them: let all round about him bring
gifts to the awesome Lord!

Troparion of the Resurrection– Tone 8
O Merciful One, You came down from on
high and endured burial for three days in
order to save us from suffering. O our life
and our Resurrection, glory to you!

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.