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**February 28, 2010. Second Sunday of Lent-Sunday of the Holy Relics.** Epistle: Heb 1:10-2:3, **p.1325.** Gospel: Mk 2:1-12, **p.1067.** Next Sunday's readings: Epistle: Heb 4:14-16; 5: 1-6. Gospel: Mk 8:34-39.

**THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for**

- ✦ Antoine Toufic Hayek
- ✦ Elias Shahoud
- ✦ George Lutfey

We mourn the death of **Antoine Toufic Hayek** in Lebanon at the age of 44. He was among the Ethiopian Airlines plane crash on Jan 25<sup>th</sup>. He is survived by his father Toufic, his brother George, and his sisters: Margo, Therese and Hayat; and their families. He is related to Maroun Hayek and to the former Bishop of Marje'ayoun, Lenanon, Most Rev. Antoun Hayek. Please remember him in your prayers!

We mourn also the death of **Elias Shahoud** in Aleppo, Syria, at the age of 77. He is survived by his wife Marlene, his sons George and Souhair and their families. He is George Awikeh's uncle. Please remember him in your prayers!

**BAPTIZED IN CHRIST:** Congratulations to Asad and Rania Basha on the baptism of their son Andrew!

**Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great**  
**Second Collection: Shepherd's Care**

**LENTEN PRAYERS SCHEDULE**

Monday – The Great Compline, 7:30 PM  
Wednesday – The Pre-sanctified, 7:30 PM  
Friday – The Akathist, 8:00 PM

**LENTEN BLESSINGS:** In this Holy Season of Lent, every Friday, following the Akathist prayer, we will have a guest speaker.

March 5: Lenten Supper- Ladies Society  
**Speaker: Fr. John Cush AND Presentation of Myriam Shwayri about the Al-Kafaat Foundation in Lebanon → Children with special needs.**

March 12: Lenten Supper – Religious Education

March 19: Lenten Supper - MAYA/NAMY

March 26: (Vespers) Lenten Supper offered by an Anonymous.

The proceeds of the Lenten Suppers will be given to the Shepherd's Care. Only for March 26<sup>th</sup>, according to the intention of the donor, the proceeds will be given to our parish. May this season be a time of renewal!

**SPIRITUAL RETREAT:** Join us on Saturday, **March 20**, at Mount Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, 239 Fingerboard Road, SI, where their staff will lead our day of retreat, starting at 8:30a.m. until 3:00p.m. Coffee and cake will be served in the conference room upon arrival and lunch will be around noon. Presentations, meditation, chance for reconciliation and the

Liturgy will be conducted during the retreat day. A suggested donation is \$35.00 per person. If you would like to join us please call the rectory (718)788-5454 or Vincent Zaloom (718)448-2008 by **March 13<sup>th</sup>**.

**Memo to all Lebanese Citizens Residing in the U.S. Concerning their Vote in the Upcoming 2013 Lebanese Parliamentary Elections:** The Ministry of Interior and Municipalities is currently undertaking the necessary arrangements that will enable Lebanese Nationals residing in the U.S. to vote in the upcoming 2013 Parliamentary Elections at the Lebanese Embassy and Consulates in the U.S. For more information please visit <http://www.lebconsny.org>: the website of the Consulate General of Lebanon -NY.

**FUTURE LITURGIES:** On **March 7<sup>th</sup>**, for Stephanie Makhoul (40day), Sleiman El-Achkar (1Year), and Hanan Dagher Ghoson; on **March 14<sup>th</sup>**, for Ajib Shabouk (3Years); on **March 21<sup>st</sup>**, for Joseph Seikali; on **May 9<sup>th</sup>**, for Thomas Muratore; on **May 16<sup>th</sup>**, for Shukrallah Darsi (5 Years) and Jeannette Farage (5 Years).

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

**Antiphon Prayer**

O Lord, our God, You have granted the holy martyrs that their relics would be spread throughout the world, including this church, to bring forth the grace of healing from diseases. Make us worthy, through the intercession of your Saints, to offer You the Spiritual Sacrifice and guide us on the way of Salvation. For You are Good and the Lover of mankind and to You we render glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

**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 (6<sup>th</sup> tone)**

The angelic powers appeared at your tomb, and the guards became as dead men, and Mary stood by the Sepulcher seeking your spotless Body. You despoiled Hades and yet were not tempted by it, You met the Virgin O Bestower of Life. O Lord who rose from the dead glory to you.

**Troparion of the Holy Relics (2<sup>nd</sup> Tone)**

Victorious witnesses of the Lord, blessed is the earth that received your bleed, and holy are the heavenly places that opened to your souls. You have vanquished the enemy in battle and proclaimed Christ with courage. We beg you to intercede with Him who is all good, that He may save our souls.

**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**

Triumphant leader to you belongs our prize of victory! And since you saved us from adversity we offer you our thanks. We are your people, O mother of God! So as you have that invincible power, continue to deliver us from danger that we may cry out to you Hail, O Virgin and bride ever pure.