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March 29, 2009. Fifth Sunday of Lent. (St. Mary the Egyptian) Epistle: Heb 9: 11-14; **p.1332.** Gospel: Mk 10: 32-45; **p.1079.** (Next Sunday's readings: Epistle: Phil 4: 4-9. Gospel: Jn 12: 1-18).

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for

- ◆ Sleiman El-Ashkar (40 day)
- ◆ Antoun Zaroura (1 year)
- ◆ Chucri Rached (40 day)
- ◆ Edward Jehamy (1 year)

LENTEN PRAYERS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Monday – The Great Compline, 7:30 PM

Wednesday – The Pre-sanctified, 7:30 PM

Friday – Vespers, 8:00 PM

LENTEN SUPPER: We would like to thank Religious Education and Prayer Group who sponsored the Lenten Supper. The proceeds were \$800. The proceeds of the Lenten Suppers will be given to the Shepherds Care. May this season be a time of renewal.

SUNDAY BOWLING: The Social Club is bringing back bowling. Everyone is welcomed to join us today, from 3:00-5:00pm for an

afternoon at Melody Lanes, 37th St, Brooklyn (between 4th and 5th Avenue).

SPIRITUAL RETREAT: Mount Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, 239 Fingerboard Road, SI, was our host for the day, where their staff led us in various presentations, meditation, a chance for reconciliation and a sharing in the Liturgy. During this Lenten season the retreat provided the perfect opportunity for each participant to reflect on its meaning in each of their lives. It was a definite time of renewal!

BABY CLOTHING DRIVE: The Fraternity is hosting a “baby clothing” drive today. Bring all donations to the Church Hall. All items collected will be brought to *Sisters of Life*. **Thank you all for your generous spirits!**

BIBLE STUDY: Our next Bible Study meeting will be on Tuesday, **March 31th**, 8:15pm. All are welcome to attend!

MOVIE NIGHT ABOUT EASTER: On Saturday, **April 4th**, at 7:00pm, the Fraternity is organizing a Movie Night about Easter. **All are welcome to attend!**

SOLEMN COMMUNION: On **April 26th**, we will be celebrating the Solemn Communion of our children. We would like to thank our Saturday School team for preparing them for this wonderful event.

LADIES SOCIETY: On Sunday, **April 26, 2009**, Feast of the Myrrh-Bearing Women, following the Liturgy the Ladies Society will host the Annual Family Luncheon in honor of its living and deceased members.

SATURDAY SCHOOL'S TRIP: On Saturday, **May 2nd**, the Saturday School team is

organizing a trip to Hershey Park, PA. For reservation or for more information, please contact Salwa Awad!

HEALTH FAIR AND BLOOD DRIVE: On Sunday, **May 3rd**, 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.

ROUND TRIP CRUISE: Join Fr. Antoine, **July 13-18, 2009** for a round trip cruise from New York to Canada. Early booking recommended for best choice of cabins. Deposit is refundable until 5/10/09. For more information please contact Joan Paradiso (Paradise Travel) at (718) 745-0556!

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!

Antiphon

O Lord God, You examine the inner heart. You know our concerns before they emerge into being. You saved Mary of Egypt from the

tribulations of this earth, for she had recourse to You. We implore You to purify our hearts and to make us temples of Your Holy Spirit and rich in virtues, so that we may glorify You by hymns of praise and good works. For You are our God and to You are due all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.

Troparion – Tone 5

O faithful let us sing a hymn of praise and worship to the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, who was born of the Virgin for our salvation. Of his own will, He chose to go up on the cross and to suffer death, in order to raise the dead through his glorious Resurrection.

Mary of Egypt

In you, O Mother Mary, the faithful image of God shone forth, for you carried your cross and followed Christ. You taught by your deeds how to spurn the body, for it passes away, and how to value the soul, for it is immortal. Wherefore your soul is forever in happiness with the angels.

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!

Lenten Kontakion

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.