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August 30, 2009. The Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost. Epistle: 1 Cor 16: 13-24; **p.1249.** Gospel: Mt 19: 16-26; **p.1041.** (Next Sunday's readings: Epistle: 2 Cor 1: 21-23; 2: 1-4. Gospel: Mt 22: 2-14).

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for

✦ Our Parish Families

WELCOME: We would like to welcome Bishop John Elya. We are blessed by his presence. He will be serving our parish while Father Antoine is abroad. His cell phone is: 617-290-7315. Thank you Sayedna for making yourself available to be among us!

FR. ANTOINE'S TRIP TO LEBANON: Fr. Antoine is home visiting his family and friends in Lebanon. He will be returning on September 4th.

NOMINATIONS: In a short time, the parish is going to hold nominations for additional membership on the Parish Advisory Council. We are in need of 5 parishioners or more to be elected. The deadline for nominations is September 12th. On Sunday, **September 13th**, the elections will take place after the Divine

Liturgy. Names could be submitted to the Rectory or provided to the Nomination Committee: **Al Corhan, Salwa Awad, Sam Maloof, and Mireille Seikali.**

BIBLE STUDY: To discover the love of God and his salvation, join our meetings which are held every other Tuesday of each month, at 8:00pm. Our opening meeting after the Summer will be on Tuesday, **September 15th.** "Ignorance of the Bible is ignorance of Christ" (St. Jerome).

FUTURE LITURGIES: On September 20 for Nicholas Lutfey(10 years), and for Mary & Antoine Adjami.

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.

READING from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians: 16: 13-24

BRETHREN, watch, stand fast in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let everything you do be done out of love. Now, I beg you, brethren: you know that the members of Stephanas' family are the first-fruits of Achaia and have devoted themselves to the service of the saints. To such as these, you too become subject, and to every helper and worker. I rejoice at the presence of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus,

because what was lacking on your part they have supplied — for they have refreshed both my spirit and yours. To such as these, therefore, give recognition. The churches of Asia greet you. Acquila and Priscilla with the church at their house greet you heartily in the Lord. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, greet you with my own hand. If any man does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be anathema, maranatha. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you. My love is with all of you in Christ Jesus. Amen.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST 21:33-42

The Lord told this parable: "There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard, and put a hedge around it, and dug a wine vat in it, and built a tower; then he leased it to the vine-dressers, and went abroad. But when the fruit season drew near, he sent his servants to the vine-dressers to receive his fruits. And the vine-dressers seized his servants, and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent another party of servants more numerous than the first; and they did the same to these. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But the vine-dressers, on seeing the son, said among themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and we shall have his inheritance.' So they seized him, cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When, therefore, the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vine-dressers?" They said to him, "He will utterly destroy those evil men, and will lease the vineyard to other vine-dressers, who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures, 'The Stone which the builders rejected, has become the corner

stone; by the Lord this has been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes'?"

Troparion – Tone 4

The women who followed the Lord heard from the angel the joyful news of the Resurrection and the abolition of the sentence imposed upon our forefathers. They announced with pride to the disciples: "Death is vanquished! Christ is risen and has bestowed great mercy upon the world.

Troparion of the Forerunner (2nd Tone)

The memory of the Just is mentioned with praise. As for you, O Forerunner, the Lord's witness is enough; indeed, you were greater than the prophets since you were found worthy to baptize in the waters of the One they could but announce. You have fought for the sake of truth and proclaimed to those in Hades that God who appeared in the flesh has taken away the sins of the world and bestowed his great mercy upon us.

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 of the Nativity of the Theotokos, September 8

Through your holy birth, O Immaculate One, Joachim and Anne were delivered from the shame of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. Your people, redeemed from the debt of their sins, cry out to you to honor your birth: "the barren one gives birth to the Mother of God the Sustainer of our life!"