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May 31, 2009. Pentecost Sunday. Epistle: Acts 2:1-11; **p.1171.** Gospel: Jn 7:37-52 & 8:12; **p.1148.** (Next Sunday's readings: Epistle: Heb 11:33-40; 12:1. Gospel: Mt 10:32-38 & 19:27-30).

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for

✦ All family members of our parish

O LORD, CROWN THEM WITH GLORY AND HONOR: Congratulations to Andrew and Abba Gennawey; and to Marwan and Rose Dagher on their marriages. We wish them a long life together filled with love, happiness and God's blessings.

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST: Congratulations to Robert and Gina Stuart on the baptism of their daughter, Gianna Rose.

NEW BOOKLET: You will find into your hands a new booklet of the new *Common English Translation of the Divine and Holy Liturgy of our Father among the Saints John Chrysostom*, approved *ad experimentum* in Mexico City in October 08 by his Beatitude, Patriarch Gregorios III, his Grace, Archbishop Cyril, and the Bishops of the English-speaking

Eparchies. Thanks to the Fraternity who donated the printing cost which is \$2,500.

MOVIE NIGHT: On Friday, *June 5th*, at 8:00pm, we will be watching a wonderful movie called *"The Ultimate Gift."* Based on Jim Stovall's best-selling novel. **Time: 1 hr 54 min | Production Year: 2007.**

FINANCIAL COUNSELING WORKSHOP: Are you out of work? What kind of work are you looking for? Are you in financial stress? We are offering a Financial Counseling Workshop on Tuesday, *June 23rd*, 2009, open to the entire parish. The Workshop will start at 7:30 P.M. We feel this will be a stimulating and motivational evening and we encourage you to attend. Our invited guests are members of the community and are all experts in their fields: **Mr. Peter Coufos**, Vice President and Manager of the 86th Branch of *Capital One Bank*; **Ms. Regina Lian-Iulo**, President, *Financial Comfort*; **Mr. Maroon Hayek**, Portfolio Manager, *Assurance*; **Mr. Albert Dekki**, Director of Patient Financial Services, *Jamaica Hospital Medical Center*; **Mr. Michael Baghdady**, Day Trader, *Eco Trade*; and **Mr. Ricardo Alaniz**, Associate Director of Marketing, *Metro Plus*. We look forward to seeing you at the Financial Counseling Workshop.

A NEW PORTAL OF OUR WEBSITE: It is an interactive web portal and you must sign up or log in before you can use it. It is intended to be used exclusively by the parishioners as a resource. Here is the description of the Menu: **Classifieds:** You may post your Ad under categories and subcategories; **Jobs:** The site will play the role of mediator between those

who are looking for jobs and those who are looking to fill jobs; **Media:** It is our Church's Gallery of photos and videos. You may view or upload them; **Forms:** Various forms are published on that page. You may use them at your convenience for different purposes; **Survey:** You may be asked to submit your opinion or vote regarding some subjects, questions or events; **Guest:** You are welcome to sign our Guest Book and feel free to give us your feedback!

NATIONAL MELKITE CONVENTION: The 45th annual National Melkite Convention will be held July 1-5, 2009 at St. Anne Melkite Catholic Church, West Patterson, NJ. Reservations and travel information can be found by visiting the website at www.stannmelkite.homestead.com/Convention2009.html

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!

FESTIVAL: Today is the last day to enjoy the food, music, dance, and games at Our Lady of Lebanon's wonderful festival. All welcome!

FUTURE LITURGIES: On *June 14th*, for Nawal Sheety; on *June 28th*, for Mary Tutunjian.

COLLECTION: *For God loves a cheerful giver.*

Antiphon

O Lord, Lover of mankind, You sent the Divine Grace of your All-holy Spirit upon the disciples.

We pray You to grant it to us. Illuminate our hearts with the Light of his Presence, so that, with restless voices, we may sing hymns of praise to your All-holy, undivided Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

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 – Pentecost (3 times)

BLESSED ARE YOU, Christ our God, who have filled the fishermen with wisdom by sending down the Holy Spirit upon them and who, through them, have united the world. Glory to You, O Lover of Mankind!

Kontakion - Pentecost

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues (in Babel), He divided the nations; but when he distributed the tongues of fire at Pentecost, He called all men to unity. Wherefore we glorify the Holy Spirit with one accord.

"THE HOLY SPIRIT"

733 "God is Love" and love is his first gift, containing all others. "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."

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