

CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY

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October 31st, 2010. 5th Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Epistle: Eph 2: 4-10; **p.1270**. Gospel: Lk 16: 19-31; **p.1121**.

THE DIVINE LITURGY is offered for
✦ Khalil Abou Zeid (40 day)

RELIGIOUS & ARABIC EDUCATION: We resumed our Saturday School at the Church of the Virgin Mary, 10:00am-1:00pm. Please contact Mrs. Salwa at (718)238-6355, to register your children. Volunteers are still needed to teach Arabic or Catechism, or assist in all the other activities. Saturday School is where children will benefit the most by your skills and talents! Please contact Fr. Antoine at (718)788-5454 or Salwa if you would like to help.

PRE-NAMY: We resumed our PRE-NAMY meetings for Children in grades 5-8 and/or ages 10-13. The next meeting will be on **Friday, November 5th**, 5:30-8:00pm.

HALLOWEEN PARTY: The Fraternity organized this ghoulish evening where many came to join us for fun, food, games, dancing,

and much more. Even some adults joined in on the fun and dressed for the occasion. "Arrrr!" says Abouna!

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS: Noted entertainer, singer and showman Bobby Byrne will appear at St. Thomas' Church for an evening of Irish Ballads, Italian Arias, Broadway Show-stoppers and Old Fashioned sing-a-longs on **Saturday, November 6th**, at 7:30pm. \$20 in advance/\$25 at the door. For information call the rectory (718)768-9471.

ST. NICHOLAS HOME: Save the Date! On **Saturday, November 13th**, The Annual St. Nicholas Home Gala is to be held at The Vanderbilt, in Staten Island, honoring Judge Jeanine Pirro, with Keynote Speaker, Dr. James Zogby, Pres., Arab American Institute. For info call Aida Nicolaou (917) 209-2950.

BISHOP KEARNEY: The Bishop Kearney Players present "KILROY WAS HERE", a musical salute to the GI Joes and Jills of the 1940's, Fri **November 12th**, Sat **November 13th**, Fri **November 19th** & Sat **November 20th**, all at 7:30pm. For ticket info, call (718) 236-6363, ext. 200.

THANKSGIVING DINNER: The Prayer Group invites you to join them for a Thanksgiving Dinner on **Saturday, November 20th**, at 7:30pm. Please bring your favorite dish along with family and friends. There is no charge, just let us know how many people will be attending and what dish you are bringing by calling Sonia Youssef (718) 921-0216 or Raghd Cawog (718) 680-8004.

LADIES BREAKFAST: The Ladies Society is

sponsoring a Breakfast on Sunday, November 14th, following the Liturgy.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT: Join us on Saturday, **December 11th**, at Mount Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, 239 Fingerboard Road, SI, where their staff will lead our day of retreat as preparation for Christmas, 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 **December 5th**.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL: In the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus in today's Gospel, Our Lord warns us that the time to act with mercy and generosity is NOW—before it is too late. Let us open our hearts and hands to the needs of our Melkite brothers and sisters. If you have not already done so, respond now with generosity to Christ's call by giving a gift today to the Archbishop's Appeal. Give joyfully from the heart for "God loves a cheerful giver." Thank you for your response.

FUTURE LITURGIES: On **November 7th**, for Anthony & Josephine Thome Ashroawe and Elias & Bahia Amar Shalhoub; on **November 21st**, for Elizabeth Mazloom (40 days); on **December 5th**, for Msgr. Elias Skaff (10 years), for Charles Ajamy (1 year), and for Fakhreya Dawwaf Jazrawi (40 days); on **December 12th**, for Mary Abdy (10 Years) and Elizabeth Mazloom.

COLLECTION: *For God loves a cheerful giver.*

Epistle Verses – Prokimenon

Reader: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance!

All: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance!

Reader: To You, O Lord, I have called: O my Rock, be not deaf to me.

All: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance!

Troparion of the Resurrection (6th tone)

The angelic powers were around Your tomb, and the guards became as dead, and Mary stood at the tomb, seeking Your spotless body; Then You despoiled Hades without being tried by it, and You met the Virgin O Bestower of life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, glory to You!

Troparion 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

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.