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Sunday Divine Liturgy 11:00 am
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Sunday, September 27, 2026 - 1st Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
The Divine Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of ✠**Ghada Dekki** (Jamal, Siham and Raghd Cawog); ✠**Jacqueline Lutfey** (Judith Grace)

Great Doxology (Tone 3)(Hymnal p.97)(https://virginmarynyc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/18-3rd-tone-the-great-doxology.mp3): Glory to You O Giver of Light, glory to God in the highest…

Hymn of the Incarnate Word: (https://virginmarynyc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/08-divine-liturgy-only-begotten-son-tone-4.mp3): O Only-begotten Son and Word of God, immortal as you are, you condescended for our salvation to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, and without undergoing change, you became man; you were crucified, O Christ God, and you trampled death by your death; you who are One of the Holy Trinity, equal in glory with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 1)(p.1)(https://virginmarynyc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/01-1st-tone-resurrection-troparion.mp3): After the stone was sealed by the Jews and the while the soldiers were watching Your spotless body, You rose, O Savior, on the third day, bestowing life to the world…

Troparion of the Holy Cross (Tone 1)(p.143): O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance, granting peace to the world. And preserve your community by the power of your Cross.

Troparion of the Martyrs (Tone 4)(p.65): Your martyrs, O Lord, received the crown of immortality from you O our God, on account of their struggles. Armed with your strength, they have vanquished their persecutors, and crushed the powerless arrogance of demons. Through their supplications, O Christ God, save our souls.

Troparion of the Patron (Troparion of the Dormition): (Hymnal p.194)(https://virginmarynyc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/09-1st-tone-the-dormition-of-the-theotokos-aug-15th.mp3): In giving birth you preserved your virginity…

Kondakion: (Hymnal p.)(https://virginmarynyc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/09-usual-kontakion-o-never-failing-protectress.mp3) 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.

Trisagion: (Hymnal p.107)(https://virginmarynyc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/11-trisagion.mp3). Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal one, have mercy on us. (3 languages)

Prokimenon: May Your kindness, O Lord, be upon us, for we have hoped in You.
Stichon: Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting.

Epistle: 2 Cor 9:6-12 (English: Crystal Hechme + Arabic: Marwan Dagher):
Brethren, he who sows sparingly, will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Let everyone give as much as he has decided in his heart, not grudgingly or out of compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (Prv.22: 8) And God is able to make all grace abound in you, so that always having ample means, you may abound in every good work, as it is written, *He has scattered abroad and has given to the poor: his righteousness remains forever.* (Ps. 111: 9) Now, he who provides the sower with seed will both give you bread to eat and multiply your seed, and will increase the growth of the fruits of your justification — that being enriched in all things, you may contribute with simplicity of purpose, and thus through us evoke thanksgiving to God.
Alleluia: O God, You granted me retribution and made peoples subject to me and saved me from my raging enemies.
Stichon: Therefore, I will proclaim you, O Lord, among the nations, and I will sing praise to Your

name.

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11: At that time Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats moored by the lake, but the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. And getting into one of the boats, the one that was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And sitting down, he began to teach the crowds from the boat. But when he had stopped speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep, and lower your nets for a catch." And Simon answered and said to him, "Master, the whole night through we have toiled and have taken nothing; but at your word I will lower the net." And when they had done so, they caught a great number of fishes, but their net was breaking. And they called to their comrades in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord," For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish they had made; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you shall catch men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left all and followed him.

Hirmos: (Hymnal p. 145): O Mother of God, you became a mystical paradise when without tilling you brought forth Christ our God by whom the life-giving tree of the Cross was planted on earth…

Kinonikon: (Hymnal p.113)(https://virginmarynyc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/27-kinonikon-for-sunday.mp3): Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest. Alleluia!

Communion Hymn: (https://virginmarynyc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/29-make-me-this-day.mp3)**:** Make me this day a sharer on your mystical supper, O Son of God. For I will not betray your mystery to your enemies, nor will I give you a kiss like Judas, but like the thief I acknowledge you. Remember me O Lord. Remember me O Holy One. Remember me O my God when you come into your Kingdom.

Post-communion Hymn: "O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance, granting peace to the world. And preserve your community by the power of your Cross."

Sunday, October 4, 2026 - 2nd Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
***The Divine Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of* ✠ Ghada Dekki** (Nabil & Maggie Fahme)
Epistle: 2 Cor 11:31-33-12:1-10 (English: Melanie Hechme + Arabic: John Laham); Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

Congratulations to John & Maria Laham on the Baptism, Chrismation, and first Eucharist of their daughter **Rosalina.**

The wake for Richard Nasser will be held Monday, September 28th, at Frederick Funeral Home, 192-15 Northern Blvd., Flushing, NY 11358, from 4pm to 8pm. His funeral will be the following day, September 29th, at 10am here at the Church of the Virgin Mary.

Fr. Tom will be at the annual Melkite Clergy Conference on Scottsdale, Arizona, from October 5-October 9. As usual, Catherine will be in the office 9am-5pm, Monday through Friday. Should any needs arise during that time, please contact Catherine.

The Divine Liturgy has its foundation in Sacred Scripture. A new resource provides the Biblical sources for the Divine Liturgy, unpacking the passages of the Old and New Testament that are the foundation of divine worship. It provides the direct biblical quotes and citations for each line of the Divine Liturgy. If you want to dive deeper into the worship that is the "precept of salvation," this study document is for you. For a copy simply email the parish office [virginmary.ny@melkite.org] and request it. A PDF copy will be emailed to you for download or print. A perfect accompaniment to personal or group study of the Divine Liturgy.

Mark Your Calendar: November 14, 2026 @ 6pm, *Virgin Mary Annual Gala,* celebrating our parish and the 250th birth of our Nation at The Crystal Room, 67 Olympia Blvd., Staten Island, NY. **This year the honorees are:**
+Deacon Naji Youssef +Kareem Youssef +Adel Baghdady +Ghada Dekki (posthumously)
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