



SUNDAY BULLETIN

AUGUST 15, 2010 – SECOND SUNDAY OF MESRA



RAISING OF INCENSE READINGS

Evening
Psalm 119:145, 146
Luke 18:9-17

Morning

Psalm 88:1-2
Mark 16:2-8

SAINTS OF THE DAY (MESRA 9)

The Fast of the Holy Theotokos Saint Mary
Martyrdom of St. Ari, the Priest of Shatanouf.

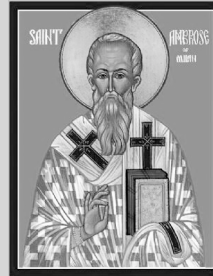
COPTIC HYMNS OF THE DAY

Melismatic Praxis Response, **Ⲭⲉⲣⲉ ⲛⲉ Ⲙⲁⲣⲓⲁ**

Gospel Response for St. Mary's Fast, **ⲈⲛⲃⲓⲈ ⲘⲘⲟ**

Arabic Aspasmos Adam, *Ifrahi Ya Mariam*

TO RECEIVE CHRIST IS TO PREPARE A BANQUET OF GOOD WORKS



People are hungry when Christ is absent and they lack the abundance of good desserts. Truly, one for whom his own virtue suffices for pleasure, who receives Christ in his own home, prepares a great feast. It is a spiritual banquet of good works, at which the rich people go without and the poor one feasts. It says, "The sons of the Bridegroom cannot fast while the Bridegroom is with them."

— St. Ambrose of Milan, *Exposition on the Gospel according to St. Luke 5.19.*

News & Events

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The Fast of the Theotokos Saint Mary

The church congratulates all her children on the second week of the Fast of the Theotokos Saint Mary. May this period be a spiritual and beneficial time for all.

Divine Liturgies, Evening Incense, and Glorifications (Tamgeed) Every Day

From August 15-22, the church will celebrate Divine Liturgies, Evening Incense, and glorifications every day to honor the Theotokos. The Divine Liturgy will take place on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 6:00-8:00 a.m. On Wednesday and Friday, it will be from 9:00-11:00 a.m. On Saturday, it will be from 7:00-9:00 a.m. at the new church land. Also, every evening, there will be Evening Raising of Incense and a glorification (*tamgeed*) to Saint Mary from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Special Orthodox Bible Study on Tuesday, August 17: Saint Mary as the Rejoicing of Jacob

There will be a special Orthodox Bible Study on Tuesday, August 17 instead of the homily discussing Saint Mary as the Rejoicing of Jacob from 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Feast of the Transfiguration

On Thursday, August 19, the Church celebrates the Feast of our Lord's Transfiguration. This is one of the blessed minor feasts of the Lord in which we

commemorate how the Lord appeared to three of His disciples in His divine glory on Mount Tabor. There will be a Divine Liturgy of St. Gregory from 6:00-9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 19.

Church Concludes 2010 Summer Program

On Friday, August 13, the church concluded its summer program for youth and children. With God's grace, the program was a success and great blessing for everyone involved. Fr. Mina and Fr. Moses concluded the program with a spiritual word on going back to school with God. The church then distributed beautiful backpacks with school supplies to all of the children. We thank all of the servants who dedicated their time and resources to making it a successful program.

Diocese Youth Spiritual Competition Next Week

On Saturday, August 21, the Diocese will hold its annual Youth Spiritual Competition at St. John Church from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Our church's teams will leave from the church at 6:30 a.m. to arrive in time for the Divine Liturgy with H.G. Bishop Serapion. Please pray for our teams and their continued dedication to spiritual learning.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Monday	Divine Liturgy	6:00 - 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Divine Liturgy	6:00 - 8:00 a.m.
	Evening Incense (Asheya)	6:30 - 7:00 p.m.
	Orthodox Bible Study	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
	Youth Activities	8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Divine Liturgy	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Thursday	Divine Liturgy	6:00 - 8:00 a.m.
Friday	Divine Liturgy	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
	Youth Meeting	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday	Divine Liturgy (New Land)	7:00 - 9:00 a.m.
	Hymns Classes for Youth	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
	Evening Incense (Asheya)	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
	Saturday School Classes	7:30 - 8:00 p.m.
	Midnight Praise	8:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Sunday	Divine Liturgy	8:00 - 11:30 a.m.
	Sunday School Classes	11:30 - 12:00 p.m.
	Weekly Servants' Meeting	12:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Please pray for the new church building project that God may bless and increase our services.

EPISTLES

PAULINE EPISTLE (EPHESIANS 6:1-23)

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free.

And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints-- and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

But that you also may know my affairs and how I am doing, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make all things known to you; whom I have sent to you for this very purpose, that you may know our affairs, and that he may comfort your hearts.

Peace to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

CATHOLIC EPISTLE (1 JOHN 2:7-17)

Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning. Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.

He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

I write to you, little children,

Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

I write to you, fathers,

Because you have known Him who is from the beginning.

I write to you, young men,

Because you have overcome the wicked one.

I write to you, little children,

Because you have known the Father.

I have written to you, fathers,

Because you have known Him who is from the beginning.

I have written to you, young men,

Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you,

And you have overcome the wicked one.

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 20:1-12

After the uproar had ceased, Paul called the disciples to himself, embraced them, and departed to go to Macedonia. Now when he had gone over that region and encouraged them with many words, he came to Greece and stayed three months. And when the Jews plotted against him as he was about to sail to Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia. And Sopater of Berea accompanied him to Asia--also Aristarchus and Secundus of the Thessalonians, and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy, and Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia. These men, going ahead, waited for us at Troas. But we sailed away from Philippi after the Days of Unleavened Bread, and in five days joined them at Troas, where we stayed seven days.

Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight. There were many lamps in the upper room where they were gathered together. And in a window sat a certain young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep. He was overcome by sleep; and as Paul continued speaking, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead. But Paul went down, fell on him, and embracing him said, "Do not trouble yourselves, for his life is in him." Now when he had come up, had broken bread and eaten, and talked a long while, even till daybreak, he departed. And they brought the young man in alive, and they were not a little comforted.

Δοξά σι ο θεός THE HOLY GOSPEL

PSALM 89:5; 89:15

And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord; Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints. Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O Lord, in the light of Your countenance.

LUKE 5:27-39

After these things He went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he left all, rose up, and followed Him. Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house. And there were a great number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them. And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, "Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." Then they said to Him, "Why do the disciples of John fast often and make prayers, and likewise those of the Pharisees, but Yours eat and drink?" And He said to them, "Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them; then they will fast in those days." Then He spoke a parable to them: "No one puts a piece from a new garment on an old one; otherwise the new makes a tear, and also the piece that was taken out of the new does not match the old. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved. And no one, having drunk old wine, immediately desires new; for he says, 'The old is better.'"