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Are you concerned about the next generation keeping faith in Christ?
Are you interested in learning what you can do to effectively communicate the faith to others?
Do you want to grow in knowledge of the faith yourself?

This seminar is designed for you!

Description: At the beginning of the upcoming catechetical year, our new Eparchial Guidelines for Catechesis will be fully implemented in our church catechetical programs. This program is designed to assist clergy, coordinators, catechists, parents and all adults in effectively implementing the new guidelines.

Date: July 19 @ 8 - 9 pm EST

Participants: This on-line webinar is open to parish catechists, parents, and all adults interested in learning to more effectively communicate the teachings of the Church to the next generation.

For more information, please e-mail Father Hezekias Carnazzo at Fatherhezekias@gmail.com
Registration URL: <https://zoom.us/webinar/register/85e69ffae47c0721d746f627e8486654>

DON'T BE A SPECTATOR! If we honestly look at ourselves over the years, we find ourselves endlessly looking for parishioners to teach in our Religious Education, sing in our choir, serve our Liturgy celebrations, join the Ladies Guild, Men's group, ushers, and so on. We also look at those who respond and call them "dedicated". We are fearful of losing them or asking them for too much. Let's change our mentality! Let's change the volunteering mentality to a stewardship mentality because we are all stewards!

As stewards, we are not simply coming of our own free will to accomplish a task, but, we are taking care of St. John of the Desert Church that has been given to us by God. This is His World, His Church, His Property, and we are His Children and Stewards who have been entrusted with the care of it all. *"The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein"* (Psalm 24:1). We have an obligation to offer part of our time, talents, and resources back to God in the management and care of that which He has given to us.

There is no human being alive who has not been blessed by God with certain gifts and talents and opportunities to use them! We are called upon to give back a portion of these blessings in thanksgiving for our Church. *"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good"* (1 Corinthians 12:7).

"To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them." St. Thomas Aquinas

Do not forget the hungry!

(Collection Basket in the Narthex)
Please bring Peanut butter, Soups, Jelly, breakfast cereals (not the ones with lots of sugar, please), Canned meats and vegetables, disposable diapers & detergent, etc. Put your donations in the Narthex.

JULY 16, 2017

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

TITUS 3:8-15

MATTHEW 5:14-19

TONE 5

Thursday, July 20 10:30 am Meeting of the Crafty Ladies
7:30 pm Children Internet Education
Sunday, July 23 10:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by the Social Hour
(+) Andres Bolinaga, (+) Adeeb Khoury, (+) Pauline Hamra, (+) Alan Herro

Today's Intentions

- Health and Salvation of Muna, Nathanael and Sophia Haddad by Muna Haddad
- Health and Salvation of Most Rev. John Elya
- Repose of the Soul of Andres Luis Bolinaga (Memorial)
- Repose of the Soul of Alan Herro
- Repose of the Soul of Pauline Hamra by Paul & Shirley Davis
- Repose of the Soul of Adeeb Khoury by Nijoud Khoury
- Repose of the Soul of Joseph Davis by Ursula Smith
- Repose of the Soul of Mary Levesque by Dcn. Marion & Joyce Rimmer
- Repose of the Soul of Gertrude Kosko by Dcn. Marion & Joyce Rimmer

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: MAY OUR PRAYERS BRING HEALTH, HEALING AND HOPE TO THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE SICK, ESPECIALLY:

Fadia Loegering, Munther Hattar, Dr. Farouk Habra, Marianne Krouchian, John Davis, Jennifer Rimmer, Paul Davis, Jacques Rainis, Elizabeth Nahhas, Mk. Brendan, Mk. Basil and Samira Abou-Eid.

(NAMES REMAIN ON THE PRAYER LIST FOR 6 WEEKS, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE OR EMAIL TO EXTEND.)

Ladies Guild Members will Meet Today, during the Social Hour

ACTIVE CHARITY. *"Paul urges that they not wait for those who are needy to come to them but that they seek out those who need their assistance. Thus the considerate man shows his concern, and with great zeal he will perform his duty. For in doing good actions, it is not those who receive the kindness who are benefitted, so much as those who do the kindness that make gain and profit, for it gives them confidence toward God."* **CHRYSOSTOM: HOMILIES ON TITUS 6**

HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT IS AUTHENTIC TRADITION? We believe by faith that the Church is the temple of God, the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit, who guides the Church to all truth (John 16:12-13). Authentic Tradition reflects the guidance of the Holy Spirit by its coherence and continuity. It does not contradict Scripture and is consistent with what has been upheld by the Church from the beginning.

Necessary Weekly offering \$ 2,174.00

Attendance: 66 Souls - Number of envelopes Mailed: 75 - Number of Envelopes Returned: 26

Tithing: 1,720.00 - Bulletin Ads: 0.00 - Building Fund: 70.00 - Feasts: 0.00 - Candles: 0.00

Coffee Collection: 48.00 - Stole Offerings: 30.00 - Flowers/Memorial/Donations: 0.00 - Marked Fund: 0.00

Thanks for your gift of thanksgiving to the Lord!

WHILE SHOPPING, PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOR

Canned Fruits, Canned Roast Beef, Granola Bars, Jelly, Protein Bars, Tomato Paste, Tomato Sauce, Water Bottles, Spaghetti, Rice, Dry Foods, Canned Vegetables, etc.

For all your Gifts, please call St. John of the Desert Gifts at (602) 363-GIFT

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