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HOW LONG AM I TO BEAR WITH YOU? *"Note this man's lack of sense in another instance: in full view of the crowd he pleads to Jesus against his disciples, saying, 'I brought him to your disciples, and they could not cure him.' But Jesus dismissed these complaints before the people and blamed him the more, saying, 'O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you?'" He is not addressing this person alone, so as not to upset him, but he is addressing all the Jews. For it is likely that many had been offended and thought ill of the disciples.*

But when he says, "How long am I to be with you?" he shows how welcome death is to him and his desire of passing on from here. He longs for his departure. It is being with them, and not so much the crucifixion, that is grievous.

He did not put up with their complaints, but what does he say? "Bring him here to me." And he himself further asks him, "How long has this been this way?" He is thereby both defending the disciples and leading the man to a better hope, that he should believe that there will be an end to his troubles. And Jesus lets him be convulsed, not for display (for when the crowd gathered he rebuked the demon) but for the father's sake, that when he saw the demon being put to flight at Christ's mere call, so at least, if in no other way, he might be led to believe the coming miracle." CHRYSOSTOM: THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW, HOMILY 57.3.

OUR CHILDREN EDUCATION AND OUR EDUCATION OF WHO WE ARE AS CHRISTIANS ARE OUR RESPONSIBILITIES!

Here is what our Parish is offering you:

1. Classes are set for children ages 3 to 18. If interested, please give your name to Jocelyn Abyad, before September 1, 2017. • Our Children Religion Education Program classes, for the School year 2017-2018, will start on Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 9:00 am and will continue for most Sundays of the School year at the same time. • There will be an Enrollment meeting for parents on Sunday, September 3, 2017, after the Divine Liturgy.
2. We will entertain possibilities for young adults (18 to 25). If interested, please give your name to Rev. Deacon Ziad Abyad, before September 1, 2017 for a start date in the Middle of September.
3. Education for Adults (25 to 45). If interested, please give your name to Fr. Peter, before September 1, 2017 for a start date in the Middle of September.
4. Bible Study for Adults (Any age). If interested, please give your name to Deacon Marion, before September 1, 2017 for a start date in the Middle of September.

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.

AUGUST 13, 2017

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - HEALING THE EPILEPTIC BOY

FIRST CORINTHIANS 4:9-16

MATTHEW 17:14-23

TONE 1

Tuesday, August 15	7:00 pm	DORMITION OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
Thursday, August 17	7:30 pm	Children Internet Education
Sunday, August 20	10:20 am	Doxology
	10:30 am	Divine Liturgy
Followed by the Social Hour and Ladies Guild Meeting		
(+ Andres Bolinaga, (+) Adeeb Khoury, (+) Alan Herro, (+) Hala Alesh		

Today's Intentions

- For Fadi and Amal Haddad on their Anniversary by Muna Haddad
- For Aiden Haddad on his birthday by Muna Haddad
- Repose of the Soul of Andres Luis Bolinaga
- Repose of the Soul of Alan Herro
- Repose of the Soul of Adeeb Khoury by Nijoud Khoury
- Repose of the Soul of Joseph Davis
- Repose of the Soul of Hala Alesh by Fadia & Samir Ishaq

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, Mk. Brendan and Mk. Basil.

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

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, OUR LADIES GUILD WILL MEET DURING THE "SOCIAL HOUR"

The Dormition? Next Tuesday, August 15, at 8 pm PT, a live video broadcast study of the Dormition presented by Father Hezekias Carnazzo. The link for the live broadcast is <https://livestream.com/ECEDlivebroadcast/MelkiteOES>.

"And in your light, we shall see light' as we sing this every Sunday, today particularly, it hit me. It is fitting for today's feast day of the Transfiguration. I am just amazed how things are visible to us, yet hidden from us. As we become one with Christ, we receive the Holy Spirit of God, and we start to see with the eyes of clarity, the eyes of our hearts begin to see. ... God is always waiting on us to turn to Him and come to Him. His Merciful and Loving Hand is always stretched down to us to lift us up to Him, but it is us who slack and turn away. Instead of looking up to Him to the Eternal Light, we keep looking down into the darkness, on earthly matters, and we look even further down, and further lower, increasing our distance from Him, with sin. God is waiting on us to reveal Himself to us. Why are we so ignorant and stubborn! I cannot understand!" (From a Parishioner)

Necessary Weekly offering \$ 2,174.00

Attendance: 51 Souls - Number of envelopes Mailed: 75 - Number of Envelopes Returned: 19

Tithing: 1,844.00 - Bulletin Ads: 125.00 - Building Fund: 575.00 - Feasts: 0.00 - Candles: 0.00

Coffee Collection: 21.00 - Stole Offerings: 0.00 - Flowers/Memorial/Donations: 361.00 - Marked Fund: 250.00

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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