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The Ladies Guild are planning a delicious Middle Eastern Dinner

On October 14, 2017

Tickets and menu will be available soon. So, mark your calendar for this Fund Raising Event.

The devastating and ongoing impact of Hurricane Harvey has prompted USCCB leadership to ask all bishops to consider taking up a special collection in response. This emergency collection is intended to support the humanitarian, pastoral, and Church reconstruction needs arising from the hurricane and its aftermath.

His Grace, Bishop NICHOLAS, asks that every Melkite parish and mission take up this emergency collection on the weekend of 9-10 September, and to send all proceeds from the collection immediately to the Diocese office.

The funds collected in this one-time special appeal for Hurricane Harvey Relief will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA. Sayidna urges our faithful to be as generous as possible.

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, today. • 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 next 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 Zyad Abyad, before September 10, 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 10, 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 10, 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.

SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - THE WICKED TENANTS

FIRST CORINTHIANS 16:13-24

MATTHEW 21:33-42

ZONE 4

Thursday, September 7	7:30 pm	Children Internet Education
Friday, September 8	7:00 pm	FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF MARY
Sunday, September 10	10:20 am	Doxology
	10:30 am	Divine Liturgy Followed by the Social Hour
		Men's group meeting

(+) Alan Herro, (+) Joseph Davis, (+) Andres Bolinaga, (+) Spiridon Hanna

Today's Intentions

- For Jumana Ishak by the Parish
- For the victims of of Hurricane Harvey
- 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 by Denise & Jim Hamra
- Repose of the Soul of Anton Hattar by Milad, George, Ghassan and Bassam Ishak
- Repose of the Soul of Robert St. Germain by Kh. Simone
- Repose of the Soul of Ann Bettis by Mk. Basil

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 and Marthe Rainis, Alice Harrison, Dunia Dababneh, Jumana Ishak.

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

NEXT SUNDAY, OUR MEN'S GROUP WILL MEET DURING THE "SOCIAL HOUR"

If you have always dreamed of making your own icon but think that you have no artistic talent, here is your opportunity: we will have an Iconography Class on Saturday, October 21st from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm here at St. John of the Desert. The class is offered by renowned artist Lisa Fitzgibbons. The cost of the class is \$75.00 which includes all supplies. This is a terrific price! If interested please call Lisa Fitzgibbons at (602) 349-5838. Check the posters on the hall door for more details.

"When you are teaching, command and exhort the people to be faithful to the assembly of the church. Let them not fail to attend, but let them gather faithfully together. Let no one deprive the church by staying away: by so doing they deprive the Body of Christ of one of its members ... Do not, then, make light of your own selves, do not deprive the Body of Christ of His members; do not rend, do not scatter His Body." Didaskalia-3rd century Syrian document

Necessary Weekly offering \$ 2,174.00

Attendance: 57 Souls - Number of envelopes Mailed: 75 - Number of Envelopes Returned: 18

Tithing: 526.00 - Bulletin Ads: 0.00 - Building Fund: 0.00 - Feasts: 0.00 - Candles: 218.00

Coffee Collection: 22.00 - Stole Offerings: 50.00 - Flowers/Memorial/Donations: 0.00 - Marked Fund: 45.00

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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