



April 25th, 2010

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Fourth Sunday of the Resurrection

Abouna Dominique's Corner:

The 25th Year of the World Youth Day

Pope Benedict XVI gave this address after the celebration of Palm Sunday Mass and before praying the midday Angelus with the pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square.

"As we conclude this celebration our thoughts cannot but turn to the Palm Sunday of 25 years ago. It was 1985 that the United Nations declared the "Year of Young People." Venerable John Paul II wanted to welcome that occasion and, commemorating Christ's entrance into Jerusalem, acclaimed by his disciples, initiated the World Youth Days. Since then Palm Sunday has acquired this characteristic that every two or three years it is also marked by great global meetings, tracing a kind of pilgrimage of young people across the whole planet, following Jesus.



Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Every First Friday of the Month

7:30 in the Evening

Join us on May 7

DIVINE LITURGIES

REQUESTED BY

Saturday, April 24, 2010

Readings: Hebrews: 18-25 & John 21: 1-14

5:00 PM Special Intentions

Sunday, April 25, 2010

Readings: Hebrews 13: 18-25 & John 21: 1-14

9:00 AM Special Intentions

11:00 AM Nembr Najm; Fouad & Warde Haddad

Henriette Najm & family

Saturday, May 1, 2010

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-28 & Matthew 14: 22-32

5:00 PM For the Intentions of the Children of the First Communion

Sunday, May 2, 2010

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-28 & Matthew 14: 22-32

9:00 AM For the Intentions of the Children of the First Communion

11:00 AM For the Intentions of the Children of the First Communion

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS OFFERED BEFORE EACH LITURGY

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Some 25 years ago my beloved predecessor invited young people to profess their faith in Christ, "who took man's cause upon himself" (Homily, March 31, 1985). Today I renew this call to the new generation to give witness by the meek and luminous power of the truth, so that the men and women of the third millennium do not lack the most authentic model: Jesus Christ. I give this mandate especially to the 300 delegates of the International Youth Forum, who have come from every part of the world. The forum was convoked by the Pontifical Council for the Laity."

On March 29, 2010, a Vatican spokesman says Benedict XVI is continuing Pope John Paul II's special rapport with youth, as evidenced by the tens of thousands of young people who participated in the 25th World Youth Day. Benedict XVI met with youth last Thursday and Sunday for celebrations marking the 25th anniversary of John Paul II's invention to energize and unite young Catholics around the globe. Youth Day celebrations were held this year at the diocesan level; next August, there will be a global gathering in Madrid. "John Paul II's great intuition made it possible for the vast educational and pastoral activity of the Church with youth to find -- in this globalized world -- catalytic moments capable of nourishing the joy of youth to celebrate together their faith in Christ and re-launch their commitment and hope," he said.

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RELIGIOUS CLASSES

On Sunday @ 9:50 am

COMMUNION CALLS

For Hospitalized, shut-in or suffering from a long illness.
Call the Priest.

ANOINTING

Contact the Priest for the Sacrament of the Sick.

BAPTISM

Baptism & Confirmation arrangements must be made six weeks in advance.

CROWNING

Marriage arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Bride or groom must be a registered member of the parish. Call the Priest.

HOLY ORDERS

If you would like to serve God by preaching the Word of God, by celebrating the Sacraments and by serving those in need, you may have a vocation to the priesthood. Why not speak to a priest today or contact the Vocations Office @ 404-525-2504

Miscellaneous Events & Announcements

Inman Park Festival: The Inman Park Festival is on Saturday & Sunday, April 24 & 25. Like every year, the MYO is sponsoring a booth preparing and offering different kinds of Lebanese food. Stop by to encourage our youths in their endeavors. All the proceeds of the booth will go to help with the National MYO Retreat in June.

Saint Joseph Festival: The Annual Saint Joseph Festival will be held on May 16. Volunteers are needed to help serving the food and to set up. For more information please see David Nasser and Adel Abi Rached who are co-chairing this year's festival.

First Communion Celebration: With great joy, our parish will celebrate the First Communion of Claire Murad, Samantha and Sebastian Khalil on May 1 @ 11:00 am.

New Committee: Over the last eight months, informal discussions were taking place concerning moving the Church to another location or staying here and do a major renovation. For this purpose, a new committee will be formed to explore the different ideas and concepts. All those who are interested in such discussions and are willing to serve on this committee please see Abouna.

MYA Picnic: On May 22nd, the Maronite Young Adults of Saint Joseph will have a picnic in Stone Mountain. More details regarding the food, exact location and time to come as we get closer to the event.

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The spokesman called young people the "heart of the Church," saying they renew the youth of the Church itself. "To them is proclaimed with ever new freshness that Christ is the meaning of life and of history," Father Lombardi said. "Countless educators and saints dedicated their lives at the service of youth, who feel immensely grateful to them.

"This history is current and continues. What other great youth meetings speak to the world of hope as World Youth Days do?"

As the Church continues to face the reality that some young people have been abused by Church officials, Father Lombardi said these "rare" episodes must be "clearly combated and prevented."

"With the Pope," he said, "the journey continues to go forward with enthusiasm."

A Big Thank YOU from the LEBANON CEDARS Committee at the ATLANTA DOGWOOD FESTIVAL

On Sunday, April 18, teenagers and young adult dancers performed for nearly an hour long on the International Stage to the delight of a huge audience of festival goers at the Atlanta Dogwood Festival.

All present enjoyed a fabulous and energetic performance in a stunning setting. The Stage looked as if it floated on the lake. After an encore requested by the audience, people from all walks of life joined into the dabke circle.

The Lebanon Cedars organizing committee extends a big THANK YOU to the Parishes of St Elias, St John, St Joseph and Alif Institute Arab Festival organizers for facilitating the training and availability of the dancers.

Special thanks are extended to Father Dominique Hanna for facilitating the preparation of the Lebanon Educational Tent at ADF.

Food area patrons were able to admire the Lebanon decorated Golf Cart.

Visitors to the Lebanon Edu-Tent enjoyed a lovely display of Posters on Lebanon, a beautiful electronic presentation guaranteed to shatter mis-conceptions about the country, a fun interactive Questions and Answers game, learned to write their name in Arabic, connected the dots to draw and color a Cedar Tree, reviewed Gibran Khalil Gibran's biography and famous phrases, and left with a resource sheets directing them to the upcoming MidEastern Festivals this year and addressing their questions as to where do I go to...

Hopefully, we will see them at our Church Festival soon

Once again, Thank YOU.

Lebanon Cedars Committee



- For our military; that the Lord may give them strength and courage. May the Lord help them protect and defend the rights of the innocent. Watch over their loved ones while they are far from home. When they are in harm's way, protect them from injury; We pray to the Lord.
 - That we might put our faith in the Lord when we ourselves or family members are confronted with an unexpected pregnancy; We pray to the Lord.
 - That this church community may not judge women who have had abortions but rather encourage to seek forgiveness and healing ; We pray to the Lord.
 - That we may live out our vocation to be ambassadors for Christ by spreading the message that each human life is sacred; We pray to the Lord.
 - For the sick, the suffering and the elderly of our community, especially **Eva Solomon, Almas Tanory, Francois Khalil, Tony Rouhanan, Jeff Faded, Josphine Dahdah, Eva Green** We pray to the Lord.
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