



April 4th, 2010

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Sunday of Glorious Resurrection

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left.

Luke 23:33

DIVINE LITURGIES

REQUESTED BY

Good Friday, April 2, 2010

11:00 AM Liturgy and Anaphora of the Signing of the Chalice
7:30 PM Liturgy and Rite of the Adoration of the Cross

Saturday of light, April 3, 2010

11:00 AM Prayer of Forgiveness
5:00 PM Vigil Easter Liturgy
12:00 Midnight Easter Liturgy and the Rite of Peace

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010

There will be NO 9:00 o'clock Liturgy

11:00 AM Easter Liturgy and the Rite of Peace

Saturday, April 10, 2010 Readings: 2 Corinthians 5: 11-21 & John 20: 26-31

5:00 PM Special Intentions

Sunday, April 11, 2010 Readings: 2 Corinthians 5: 11-21 & John 20: 26-31

9:00 AM Special Intentions

11:00 AM Bassil, Olga & Farid Sandouk

Najib Sandouk

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS OFFERED BEFORE EACH SERVICE

Abouna Dominique's Corner: Patriarchal Letter

On the Occasion of the 1600th Jubilee of the Passing of Saint Maron (7)

As for the theological meaning of Lebanon, it poses the issue of relation among religions, their dialogue, and their interactivity, particularly the meeting and dialogue between Christianity and Islam. This Lebanon, symbol, model, laboratory, and country of interactive values through the Pact, will fall from its height if the Pact turns from its essence and becomes a mere composite of conflicting interests, negotiations, and bargaining, put simply, compromises. Then confessional fundamentalism, as the most dangerous conspiracy against the mission of Lebanon, will destroy the openness and dialogue and replace them with isolation, mercantilism, and feudality.

Our existence is indeed based on the Pact and justified by it, and the Pact is an interchange, an act of loyalty and trust. In doing so, we confirm ourselves without having to take anyone else's assurance. The security of Lebanon is to have confidence in itself as a pact for a mission, one of the most honorable missions of the century, because it is the mission of human, theological, and geographical specificity. In this geographically flat east, unified culturally, and similar politically and authoritatively, Lebanon is an exception at all levels: a mountainous areas far from being desert as geography, pluralist in culture, diverse in religion, and democratic in politics. Lebanon is pluralistic in everything, and that is what makes her unique and forms her added value as well as the reason of her existence.

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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

The Goal is met for the Bishop's Appeal: Abouna Dominique would like to thank all the parishioners for their donations towards the bishop's appeal. Our goal is \$ 3000.00 and we have raised \$ 2831.00.

Easter Egg Hunt: Saint Joseph Maronite Church will hold it is annual Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday April 4th after the 11:00 am liturgy. We are in need of bags of candies to fill up more than 2000 plastic eggs. For donations please see Dany Dagher or Father Dominique.

Inviting you to visit "Lebanon" at the Atlanta Dogwood Festival:

Come visit the Lebanon booth at the International Village during the 74th Annual Atlanta Dogwood Festival April 17 through 18 at Piedmont Park . The Dogwood Festival is the city's favorite springtime tradition with a large Artist Market, live music stages, a restaurant tasting area and a popular dog show. Join us at 2:00 pm, Sunday the 18th, for a lively Lebanese Dabke performance by dancers from the Atlanta Community, including dancers from St Elias, St Joseph, St John, and the Alif Insitute. For more information about the festival, please visit www.dogwood.org or contact Jocelyne Nassar at LebanonCedars@ymail.com

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For over fifteen centuries, the people of Lebanon and her land have been the axis around which the destiny of the Maronites revolves. Even though Maronite identity was not born in Lebanon, and even though the majority of Maronites currently live outside of Lebanon in countries throughout the world, this fact changes nothing from the truth present in the heart, mind, and conscience of each Maronite, or is supposed to be so. Their real country, as willed by Saint Maron, is first of all a spiritual one, and the Maronite mission is a freedom project, with Lebanon as its symbol. The Maronite project resembles the project of all Lebanese: liberation of the human person. This is a project raised at the meeting point of three continents to determine the destiny of all the East: the destiny of its tormented, its distressed, its marginalized and its persecuted in their freedom, where their hopes and expectations for freedom and the land of refuge have met in the country of the cedars.

With Saint Maron and the Maronites, and with all the spiritual families who came to Lebanon consecutively and who confirm the legitimacy of Lebanon, the entity, which was realized before its political borders were drawn, "Lebanon is the only country in the world that made from its very existence a mission for which it existed and will exist or cease to exist, without which there is no need for its existence and with it its existence becomes an international need." Yes the perfume of Saint Maron's holiness was and will remain the living yeast and the exquisite scent for the continued and renewed springtime of Maronites through history!

Easter Lilies Donations

Easter Lilies were Donated by:

- **Martha Regina Thomas** in memory of **Fayes F. Thomas**
- **Elizabeth & Antonie Chebib** in memory of **Elizabeth Rumanes & Takla Chebib**

O good Shepherd, you came to seek the lost sheep. Call us now, O Lord, that we may be sheep of your flock. O good One, you open your door to the sinners. Open to us the door of your mercy, that we may come to you. With the sign of your cross, mark, Lord, all the members of our body and protect them from all harm. Do not let evil and his inclinations dominate, at will: our eyes, that they may look to you with a pure look; our ears, that they may be inclined to listen to your word; our lips, that they may sing the glory of your name; our breath, that it may breathe the fragrance of eternal life; our hands, that they may keep knocking at your door; and our feet, that they may walk on the path leading to the temple of your divinity. Our soul then, Lord, will be able, with our five senses, to raise glory to your Holiness. From the treasury of your kindness, grant pardon to all the sins we committed with the senses of our body and soul. Amen.

BISHOP'S APPEAL	
COLLECTIONS:	
February 21	\$ 459.00
February 28	\$ 494.00
March 7	\$ 487.00
March 14	\$ 255.00
March 21	\$ 223.00
March 28	\$ 913.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 2831.00
OUR GOAL	(\$ 3000.00)

During these difficult economic times, Fr. Dominique would like to thank you for your generosity and continuous dedication to Saint Joseph. May God reward you hundredfold.



- 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**, We pray to the Lord.