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	<b>August 29th, 2010</b>

**15th Sunday of Pentecost**

**Abouna Dominique's Corner: Matrimony (Sacrament of Enduring love) 3**

The New Testament clearly builds on the Old Testament understanding of love. Jesus echoes the legal and prophetic traditions when he insists on the equal importance of both love of God and love of neighbor (Mt 22:34-40). But he extends this obligation of love to all peoples, not just to fellow members of the faith. When asked who would be a neighbor, he responds with the parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:29-37). He goes even further when he insists that love must include our enemies and those who hate us (Mt 5:43-48) and that forgiveness stands as the test of love (Mt 5:23-26, 6:9-15, and 18:21-35; Mk 2:1-12 and 11:24-26; and Lk 7:36-50). Referring to Isaiah 53, he makes forgiveness of sin the reason for giving his life for others (Mt 26:28). Finally, Jesus teaches that the heart of love is union with God when he emphasizes his special relationship of love with his Father, so that “no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him” (Mt 11:27). Paul adds several key insights to this love command at the heart of Jesus’ teaching. Paul’s striking meditation on love in 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 stresses that only love lasts forever and links us to our heavenly destiny with God (1 Cor 13:13). His Letter to the Romans is constructed as the story of divine love that brings all people salvation. In chapters 1 to 4, he outlines the state of sin that prevents

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<b><i>DIVINE LITURGIES</i></b>	<b><i>REQUESTED BY</i></b>
<b><u>Saturday, August 28, 2010</u></b>	<b>Readings: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 &amp; Luke 7 : 36-50</b>
<b>5:00 PM Special Intentions</b>	
<b><u>Sunday, August 29, 2010</u></b>	<b>Readings: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 &amp; Luke 7 : 36-50</b>
<b>9:00 AM Special Intentions</b>	
<b>11:00 AM Special Intentions</b>	
<b><u>Saturday, September 4, 2010</u></b>	<b>Readings: Romans 8: 18-27 &amp; Luke 18 : 9-14</b>
<b>5:00 PM Special Intentions</b>	
<b><u>Sunday, September 5, 2010</u></b>	<b>Readings: Romans 8: 18-27 &amp; Luke 18 : 9-14</b>
<b>9:00 AM Special Intentions</b>	
<b>11:00 AM Special Intentions</b>	
<b><u>THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS OFFERED BEFORE EACH LITURGY</u></b>	

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us from being right with God. In chapter 5, he goes on to say that the "love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly" (Rom 5:5-6). Two verses later he adds, "God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8). In chapters 6 through 8, he shows how that love comes to us through the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit. His ringing conclusion comes in Romans 8:38-39: "I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." St. John's first letter is an extended reflection on the love of God. In chapters 1 and 2 of 1 John, he insists that the love of God is found in obedience to God's commands, and anyone who loves the world more than God does not know God. In chapters 3 and 4, he reflects on love of neighbor and urges, "Let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God" (1 Jn 4:7). Finally, in 1 John 4:16, John offers us the most famous of all Christian images of love: "God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him." This love is also eternal life for all who believe and live it (1 Jn 5:13). In conclusion, in the New Testament, our love for God and his love for us take on a new dimension that was not expressed clearly in the Old Testament. God's love is sacrificial having a redemptive and salvific aspect to it.

### **RELIGIOUS CLASSES**

**On Sunday @ 9:50 am starting August 29th, 2010.**

### **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

**Maronite Catholic Formation Registration :** The MCF classes will not start until Sunday, September 12th @ 9:50 am. The Eparchy has not finished printing the new books. We apologize for the inconvenience. For Registration please Abouna or Ms. Marie DiPaola to fill out a form or for more information.

**Talent Show Organized by the MYA:** So you think you can dance? Or sing? Seize your three minutes of fame and show us what you're all about at "Maronites Got Talent," a talent show organized by the MYA and will feature parishioners of all ages and talents of St. Joseph's community. Don't miss the Casting Call on this Sunday after the 11 O'clock liturgy to sign up and learn more information. Don't delay, start preparing for your performance today!

**Choir Practice:** There will a choir practice on Sunday, August 29th after the 11:00 O'clock liturgy. All adults interested in serving God and his Church through the gift and talent of chanting and praising his glory are welcome to participate.

**100th Anniversary Ad book:** On the occasion of its centennial celebration, our parish is putting together an Ad book. Families as well as businesses could acquire a form at the entrance of the Church or from the members of the Centennial Committee listed below. For more information please see or contact Louie Abdou @ 770-368-1297 or through email: louieabdou@comcast.net

**Ladies Altar and Rosary Society:** A meeting for the Ladies Altar and Rosary Society will be held on Sunday, August 29th after the 9:00 o'clock liturgy.

**Holy Hour:** Every First Friday of the month at 7:30 in the evening, there will be an hour of Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Mark your calendar for September 3rd @ 7:30 pm to spend an hour with the Lord.

### Centennial Celebration Planning

The year 2011 is a blessed and significant year for our Church. In 1911, our parish was established having Saint Joseph as its patron. A Saint who guarded the Virgin and our Lord and never stopped protecting them from dangers. One hundred years are now behind us; we look at them with a sense of gratitude and satisfaction renewing our covenant with the Lord and his Church. We are celebrating all who founded our parish. Those whose sacrifices made our place of worship a reality. We pray during this coming year that our celebrations be worthy of the grandeur of this historical milestone.

For this reason a committee has been appointed to help organizing this event:

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Hiffa are chairing the event with the help of Mr. & Mrs. Georges Moussa, Mr. & Mrs. Louie Abdou, Mr. & Mrs. Pierre Maalouf and Ms. Gina Thomas. As your Abouna, I appeal to all of you to assist the committee members in their efforts.

**The Cedar Club of Atlanta**  
presents  
**Labor Day 2010**

September 5th-6th  
Doubletree Roswell/Atlanta  
[www.cedardubatl.com](http://www.cedardubatl.com)

**Saturday, Sept 4**

5:00 PM	7:00 PM	Registration
6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Cash Bar
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Testimonial Dinner - Optional
9:00 PM	12:00 AM	Dancing with Live Band

**Sunday, Sept 5**

11:00AM	2:00 PM	Registration
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Brunch
1:00 PM	5:30 PM	Optional Tours
3:00 PM	4:30 PM	Bingo
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Kids Function
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Cultural Event
6:00 PM	9:00 PM	Dinner on your own
8:00 PM	12:30 AM	Registration
8:30 PM	12:30 AM	Child Care - Optional
9:00 PM	1:00 AM	Hall / Scholarships & Prizes
12:00 AM	1:00 AM	Skunk & Farket

**Monday, Sept. 6**

8:30 AM	11:00AM	Farewell Breakfast
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Wanna put on a show and make a statement?

**MARONITES GOT TALENT**  
COMING SOON...

Auditions start August 15

All chosen competitors will compete on stage in September

**DON'T DELAY, SIGN UP TODAY!**

ORGANIZED BY ST. JOSEPH'S MYA (MARONITE YOUNG ADULTS)

Visit "St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church - Atlanta, GA" on Facebook for more information or see an MYA member for details.



- 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.