



August 8th, 2010

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12th Sunday of Pentecost

Abouna Dominique's Corner:

The 350 Martyrs, Disciples of Saint Maron

As you well know, this year was declared by his Beatitude Mar Nasrallah Boutros Sfeir, Patriarch of Antioch and the Entire East, a Jubilee Year for the Maronite Church celebrating 1600 years for the death of Saint Maron (410). Those many years were filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit every the step of the way. From oppression to freedom, East to the West, martyrdom to sainthood, the Maronites have proven to be forever and ever a spirit-filled Church.

Last week Saturday, July 31st, the Maronite Church celebrated the feast of the 350 martyrs, disciples of Saint Maron and this is their story.

After the Council of Chalcedon, Christians were divided between those who upheld the Council and those who opposed it. The monastery of Saint Maron and those who gathered around it supported the declarations of the Council. Patriarch Severus, however, was at the head of those who rejected the teaching of the Council that in the person of Christ there was both a human nature and a divine nature. Severus and his followers held that in Christ, the incarnate Word of God, there was but a single human-divine nature. In the year 517, a group of monks left the monastery of Saint Maron and went to the monastery of Saint Simon the Stylite near Alepo.

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DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, August 7, 2010

5:00 PM Special Intentions

Sunday, August 8, 2010

9:00 AM Special Intentions

11:00 AM Special Intentions

Saturday, August 14, 2010

5:00 PM Special Intentions

Sunday, August 15, 2010

9:00 AM Special Intentions

11:00 AM Special Intentions

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Readings: Ephesians 3: 1-13 & Matthew 15: 21-28

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THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS OFFERED BEFORE EACH LITURGY

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The monks were arrested by a troop of partisans of the "one nature" of Christ who killed three hundred and fifty of the monks. Many of the monks who were wounded in the attack were able to escape. Alexander, the superior of the monastery of Saint Maron, and the superiors of the neighboring monasteries wrote to Pope Hormisdas in order to inform him of the events that had taken place. The Pope responded on February 10, 518 and encouraged them to persevere in the Catholic faith and praised the faith of the martyred monks.

We pray with them saying, "blessed are you, Christ our God, who chose our martyred forefathers and bestowed on them a crown of glory. You ordained our Father Maron as a zealous priest to spread your gospel, and he became the good tree that yields abundance fruit. You willed that his monks shed their blood for your name. The Church recalls their courage and says, "praise the Lord, O servants of the Lord; sing praise to the Mighty One, O people of the East. We renew our faith by recalling those who died in defense of the Council of Chalcedon. With them we proclaim, "our Church is the Church of Peter and the Church of Peter is ours." may we be worthy to follow our forefathers, the martyred and the just and we shall praise you now and forever and ever."

**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

Back to the Regular Saturday and Sunday Liturgy Schedule: Beginning this Sunday, there will be a liturgy each Saturday @ 5:00 pm and two liturgies on Sunday @ 9:00 & 11:00 am.

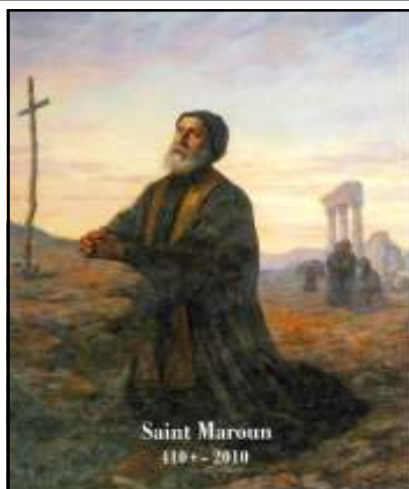
Maronite Catholic Formation Registration : The MCF classes begin on Sunday, August 29th @ 9:50 am. Registration starts this Sunday after the liturgies. Please see Abouna or Ms. Marie DiPaola to fill out a form or for more information.

Feast Day: Next Sunday, August 15th is the Feast of The Dormition (Assumption) of the Virgin Mary, the liturgies will be celebrated as usual.

Councils Meeting: The Pastoral, Stewardship and Building Councils will meet on Thursday, August 12th @ 7:30 in the Church.. Abouna will send an email with the agenda.

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 first Casting Call on Sunday, August 15, after the 11 O'clock liturgy to sign up and learn more information. Don't delay, start preparing for your performance today!

MCF Teachers Meeting: All MCF teachers and their substitutes will meet on August 22rd after the 9 o' clock liturgy with Father Dominique to assess the area of strength and growth in the MCF program and to plan the coming year.



Lord God,

you called your chosen one, Saint Maroun,
to the monastic life,
perfected him in divine virtues,
and guided him along the difficult road
to the heavenly kingdom.

During this jubilee year, commemorating 1600 years
since the death of your chosen one, Saint Maroun,
when he was called

to the house of your heavenly Father;
We ask you, through his intercession,
to immerse us in your love that we may
walk in your path,
heed your commandments,
and follow in his footsteps.

May his holy example resonate throughout our lives.

With your love, may we achieve that final destination
reached by our father, Saint Maroun,
and carry your Gospel throughout the world.

Through his intercession, may we attain
the glory of the resurrection and everlasting life in you.
Glory and thanks are due to you, to your blessed Father,
and to your living Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

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.

Thank you in advance.



PRAYERS PLEASE

- 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.