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December 19th, 2010

Genealogy Sunday

**MERRY CHRISTMAS &
HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM SAINT JOSEPH MARONITE
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

DIVINE LITURGIES

REQUESTED BY

Saturday, December 18, 2010

Readings: Romans 1: 1-12 & Matthew 1: 1-17

5:00 PM Special Intentions

Sunday, December 19, 2010

Readings: Romans 1: 1-12 & Matthew 1: 1-17

9:00 AM Special Intentions

11:00 AM Special Intentions

CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGIES

Friday, December 24, 2010

Readings: Hebrews 1: 1-12 & Luke 2: 1-20

5:00 PM

For the Intentions of the Parishioners

12 Midnight

For the Intentions of the Parishioners

Saturday, December 25, 2010

Readings: Hebrews 1: 1-12 & Luke 2: 1-20

11:00 AM

For the Intentions of the Parishioners

Sunday, December 26, 2010

Readings: Ephesians 1:3-14 & Luke 1: 46-55

9:00 AM For the Wellbeing of Peter Shamatta

Eileen Chahrouri

11:00 AM Special Intentions

New Year's DIVINE LITURGIES

Friday, December 31, 2010

Readings: Ephesians 2: 11-22 & Luke 2: 21

5:00 PM For the Intentions of the Parishioners

Saturday, January 1, 2011

Readings: Ephesians 2: 11-22 & Luke 2: 21

11:00 AM For The Intentions of the Ragy Family

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Ragy

Sunday, January 2, 2011

Readings: Hebrews 7: 11-19 & Luke 2:41-52

9:00 AM Special Intentions

11:00 AM Special Intentions

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS OFFERED BEFORE EACH LITURGY

Abouna Dominique's Corner: Jesus Is Hope for World in Crisis, Says the Pope Thus, the Church has no Fear

For a world in financial and moral crisis, the Baby Jesus is a light in the darkness, Benedict XVI is affirming.

The Pope stated, "The light of that first Christmas was like a fire kindled in the night," he said. "All about there was darkness, while in the cave there shone the true light."

"God loves to light little lights, so as then to illuminate vast spaces," the Pontiff affirmed. This is the history of the Church, he said, which began its journey "in the lowly cave of Bethlehem, and down the centuries it has become a people and a source of light for humanity."

"Today too," the Holy Father affirmed, "in those who encounter that Child, God still kindles fires in the night of the world, calling men and women everywhere to acknowledge in Jesus the 'sign' of his saving and liberating presence and to extend the 'us' of those who believe in Christ to the whole of mankind."

"Wherever there is an 'us' that welcomes God's love, there the light of Christ shines forth, even in the most difficult situations," he added.

"The Church does not fear," Benedict XVI said, "for that Child is its strength."

He continued: "But she does not keep him for herself: She offers him to all those who seek him with a sincere heart, to the earth's lowly and afflicted, to the victims of violence, and to all who yearn for peace. "Today too, on behalf of a human family profoundly affected by a grave financial crisis, yet even more by a moral crisis, and by the painful wounds of wars and conflicts, the Church, in faithful solidarity with mankind, repeats with the shepherds: 'Let us go to Bethlehem,' for there we shall find our hope."

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

Saint Joseph Christmas Party: Our Parish Christmas Party will take place on Sunday December 19th after the 11:00 o'clock liturgy. After the Liturgy, Spaghetti Lunch will be served, Santa and other surprises will follow.

Thank you from Sister Rita: Sister Rita Al Haddad who visited our parish this past Sunday would like to thank all those who donated for her cause. Sister is in the process of building a house for the elderly in Lebanon (Kfar-Kidded, Batroun). During this season of giving, may God bless those who like Sister work hard in the Lord vineyard.

Maronite Catholic Formation Classes: There will Sunday School on Sunday, December 19th @ 10:00.

Letter to All the Parishioners: On Friday December 10, a letter with two enclosed documents was sent out to all the parishioners of Saint Joseph. The Letter explains the Centennial Celebration with an Ad application for the commemorative book and the survey. Within the next two weeks, those who do not receive the letter need to update their home address with Abouna.

100th Anniversary Ad/ Commemorative 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. For more information please see Louie Abdou contact info in the bulletin.

St Joseph's 100 years in Pictures: You are needed to help compose a memorable pictorial digital documentary of 100 years of St Joseph in Atlanta. Kindly email your carefully chosen pictures of major events at St Joseph to LebanonCedars@Ymail.com. Please send one (1) picture per email. Put in subject: the year & event description (*ex: 1998 – First Communion*) Put in email body the names of parishioners and /or relevant

**O Christ our God, Make us worthy to rejoice
On this festive day
Of your birth from the
Pure Virgin Mary
May we cry out with the
Angels and say :
Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace and good hope to all**

(Maronite Prayer for Christmas Day)



Christmas Novena

The Christmas Novena starts on Wednesday, December 15th and continues until Thursday, December 23th, every evening at 7:30 pm. The Christmas Novena is a great way to get prepared to welcome God among us. Please join us.

Thank you

Words of thank and gratitude go to all those who help decoration the outside and inside of the Church for Christmas. May their lives be decorated with virtues of faith, hope and love.

NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL 2011

Friday December 31, 2010 (8 PM to 3 AM)

TICKET PRICE (Donation)

Adults: \$75

Child: \$30 (5 yrs - 14 yrs)



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Chadi Hachem
with DJ Johnnie

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