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## Second Sunday after Epiphany

### Abouna Dominique's Corner:

### Praises of John the Baptizer

After the celebration of a great feast, the author of that feast is celebrated or congratulated. After the Feast of the Birth of our Lord, the Church celebrated the praises of the Mother of God. After the Feast of the Birth of Mary, the Church commemorates Anne and Joachim, her parents. Now, after the Feast of the Epiphany, the Church calls to memory John the Baptizer, the one who fulfilled the will of the Father and who witnessed the manifestation of the divinity of Jesus. This feast is celebrated in all of the Churches of the East.

John witnessed to the Lord; he pointed him out, saying, "There is the Lamb of God!" Afterwards, he was put in jail because of his criticisms of the lifestyle of the king. Even though he was in jail, John's interest did not leave Jesus. Like the other Jews of his time, John was expecting Jesus to conquer the world for his people. However, Jesus was to be another kind of king. He heard of his miracles, his preaching and sent his disciples to inquire of Jesus whether he was indeed the awaited Messiah. Jesus told the disciples of John about the miracles he was performing and how he was fulfilling the predictions of the prophets.

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### *DIVINE LITURGIES FOR*

### *Requested by*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2010**

**Readings: 2 Corinthians 4: 5-15 & John 1: 35-42**

**5:00 PM Evelyn & Joseph Askouti**

**the Family**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2010**

**Readings: 2 Corinthians 4: 5-15 & John 1: 35-42**

**9:00 AM Takla Chebib**

**Mr. & Mrs. Kam Nassar**

**11:00 AM Special Intentions**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2010**

**Readings: 1 Timothy 4: 6-16 & Luke 12: 42-48**

**5:00 PM Peter Lane**

**Ann & Bob Hartle**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2010**

**Readings: 1 Timothy 4: 6-16 & Luke 12: 42-48**

**9:00 AM Naseeb Mickwee**

**The Shamatta Family**

**11:00 AM Moura Yousif**

**Salem Yousif**

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### **Abouna Dominique's Corner**

After John's disciples had departed, Jesus himself began to praise John the Baptist. (Perhaps John never heard of these praises). He did this by asking three questions: "what did you go out into the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?" Jesus was telling everyone that John was not in jail because his teachings and exhortations were false, but rather because he would not bend in the face of the powerful or evil. John was a strong reed and courageous martyr.

The second question: "A man dressed in luxurious clothing?" John is not like those people who are found in royal palaces ( the ones who cast him into prison). Instead, he is a man of asceticism and holiness. He is a light pointing the way to the kingdom of God. He is calling us to conversion by doing penance himself. The third question: "A prophet?" Yes, John has all of the characteristics of a prophet and is indeed a prophet, but much more. The prophets preached in the name of the Lord; John is announcing the imminent coming of the Lord. John is the link between Old and New Covenants. Jesus closes his praise with the declaration . "I assure you, there is no man born of woman greater than John, Yet the least born into the kingdom of God is greater than he." The Lord is assuring us that if we personally believe in him and commit ourselves to the kingdom of God, we can be even greater than his holy man of the desert, John. God our strength and our hope, grant us the courage of John the Baptist, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake.

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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

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## Miscellaneous Events & Announcements

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**Maronite Calendar:** The Maronite Calendar can be acquired from Abouna's office. This calendar is special because it features the Maronite liturgical year with the holy day of obligations and the Maronite Saints. Donation is \$ 5.00

**Offering Envelopes:** The offering envelopes for the weekly donations are available at the Church. Please try to obtain your envelopes as soon as you can since the year has already started. Parishioners whose envelopes and names cannot be found please see Abouna.

**Councils Meetings:** The building, pastoral and finance councils will meet next week on Tuesday 19, Wednesday 20, and Thursday 21, respectively. An email will be sent to the members of the different committees with the agendas.

**Choir Practice:** There will be a choir practice Friday, January 22nd @ 8:00 pm in the Church.

**Altar Servers:** Deacon Bob is holding the first meeting for the Altar servers of Saint Joseph Church on Saturday, January 23rd @ 11:00. Pizza lunch will be served.

**Farewell for Tresa Van Heusen:** On January 24th, the MYA invites the parish community for a farewell lunch for Tresa Van Heusen who is entering religious life. On February 2, Tresa will be joining the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light in Boston. Join us as we thank Tresa for her life dedication to the Maronite Church in general and to the Saint Joseph in particular.

**Theology for the MYA:** The First MYA Theology discussion with Abouna will be Friday, February 5th right after Holy Hour. MYA members will be studying and discussing the First Encyclical of Pope Benedict entitled, "Deus Caritas Est/God is love." The document can be found on the Vatican website, [http://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/benedict\\_xvi/encyclicals/index\\_en.htm](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/encyclicals/index_en.htm). Please remember to read the first part of the document before coming to the discussion. All are welcome.

**Ladies Altar & Rosary Society Meeting:** The next ladies meeting will be on January 31st at its usual time between the two masses. Please mark your calendars and make a special effort to attend.



## Financial Standing

INCOME	DECEMBER	2009
<b>COLLECTIONS:</b>		
December 6		\$ 1,678.00
December 13		\$ 1,640.00
December 20		\$ 2,721.00
December 25		\$ 5,406.00
December 27		\$ 3,769.00
<b>INCOME FROM ACTIVITES:</b>		
Altar & Rosary Society Christmas Party		\$ 930.00
New Years Party		\$ 13,125.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>		<b>\$ 29,269.00</b>

**EXPENSES:** Utilities, Salary, Xerox Machine & Printing, Janitorial Maintenance, Fence Repair, Priest's Insurance, Church, Office & Hall Supplies, Security System, Christmas Parties, MYA Activity, New Year's Party, Miscellaneous

**TOTAL EXPENSES:** \$ 14,678.00

**NET INCOME:** \$ 14,591.00

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.