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January 24th, 2010

Sunday of the Priests

Abouna Dominique's Corner: on the Priests

This Sunday, the Maronite Church begins a series of three Sundays dedicated to prayer for the dead. This first Sunday is set aside as a commemoration of all the deceased priests of the Church.

Christ has established the priesthood for his Church and entrusted it with great responsibilities. The priest is given the task of caring for the spiritual needs of the people of his parish. The bishop, however, is responsible for not only all the people of the diocese, but also for his priest and other ministers.

The more the Lord gives to the Church, the more he asks from it.

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Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Every First Friday of the Month

7:30 in the Evening

Join us on Feb. 5th

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR

Requested by

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2010

5:00 PM Peter Lane

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2010

9:00 AM Naseeb Mickwee

11:00 AM Moura Yousif

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

Ann & Bob Hartle

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The Shamatta Family

Salem Yousif

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2010

5:00 PM Special Intention

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2010

9:00 AM Fred Schmit

11:00 AM Michael Clarke

Readings: Heb. 12: 18-24 & Matthew 25: 31-46

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John Paul Trapani

Robin Isaf

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The gift of the priesthood calls the people of God, the Church, to pray for those who were entrusted with the divine mysteries and carried on the salvific work of Christ. The bishop and priest are called to be the salt of the earth and the light in the world by being configured to Christ. All these responsibilities have been given to men who possess human weakness and frailty.

The gospel of this Sunday speaks about the "faithful servant" which is, of course, the role of priests. They are to be like the wise virgins always ready to serve the Lord and like the faithful servant, eager to multiply the talents God has given them.

Because priests have been given so much responsibility over the Church of God, they must know, not only God's will, but must also constantly strive to be examples of fidelity and prudent action. The Church's ministers always must seek to be strong in virtue persevering in willingness and humble and constant in action, if not they may delay the Master's coming.

Because of the dangers and temptation that assail the bishop and priest, we must pray for them. This is our Christian duty and it arises out of our gratitude for the service they have rendered God in his Church. We pray that all God's priests may enter into the house of the Lord and reap the rewards of the faithful servant, May the Lord entrust them with even greater things.

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

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.

Choir Practice: There will be a choir practice Friday, January 29nd @ 8:00 pm in the Church.

Farewell for Tresa Van Heusen: This Sunday, 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. 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.

Cedar Club Valentine's Day Hafli: The Cedar Club of Atlanta extends the invitation to all the parishioners of Saint Joseph to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Club in a Romantic Evening on Valentine's Day. Join the Cedar Club at the Westin Buckhead for the Centennial Grand Banquet and Hafli on Saturday, February 13th. Dance to the reknowned music of Amin Sultan Band from New York. Tickets are \$75 for Banquet (reservations required) and Hafli. Hafli-Only tickets are \$50. Ticket information can be found in the registration material. Please contact David Nasser (404-875-2740) or Charlene Hiffa (770-418-1675) for further information or to order tickets.



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Atlanta, GA
February 11 - 14, 2010
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- Cultural Celebration
- Texas Hold'em Tournament
- Southern Dinner and Cabaret Show
- Bobby "T" Late Night Disco Party



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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**, We pray to the Lord.