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January 31th, 2010

Sunday of the Righteous and Just

Abouna Dominique's Corner: on the Righteous and Just

This Sunday the Maronite Church celebrates the Sunday of the Righteous and the Just. This is actually the traditional Maronite feast in honor of all the saints. Whereas the Latin Church celebrates the feast of All Saints on November 1st, the Maronite Church, following its ancient tradition dedicates this Sunday to their memory.

This Sunday and during all next week, we call to mind all the men and women, children of the Church, who have followed the path of justice and righteousness. We remember the prophets, apostles, and martyrs, the hermits, ascetics,

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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 30, 2010

5:00 PM Special Intention

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2010

9:00 AM Fred Schmit

11:00 AM Michael Clarke

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

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John Paul Trapani

Robin Isaf

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2010

5:00 PM Special Intention

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2010

9:00 AM Marilyn Gensheimer

11:00 AM Toufica Eid

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 & Luke 16: 19-31

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The Family

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men and women religious, as well as all Christians who have led holy lives.

As our liturgy so often reminds us, they are just in the sight of God because they have patterned their lives on Jesus Christ, the Just One. The saints are our models; their prayers and fasting have taught us to fight against sin and temptation and so gain the reward of righteousness.

The saints are our intercessors; by their prayers we obtain the pardon of our sins and are strengthened in the Christian virtues.

They were the salt of the earth and light of the world, they call us to follow their path. Through their intercession may we one day merit eternal life with God.

Glory to you, Christ, our God, you chose the Just and made them the salt of the earth, the light of the world, the yeast in the bread and the seed in the earth. People witnessed their good works and glorified their Father in heaven. The Righteous and Just were the voice of God for the conscience of men and women. Rebuking the world for sin and calling people to holiness, they were the image of God in the world who calls all people to the spiritual life.

We ask you Christ, our God to grant us through their prayers pardon from our sins, sincere repentance and virtuous life. May your Spirit reign in you holy Church; may your peace come into every Church that they be free from strike and dissension. Give rest to the faithful departed who sleep in your hope and we will give you praise and glory now and forever. Amen

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.

Presentation of Christ in the Temple: Tuesday, February 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. The Liturgy will be celebrated at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM with the Rite of the Blessing of Candles.

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.

Saint Maron's Day Celebration: Everyone is invited to attend the St. Maron's Day Celebration on Sunday, Feb. 7th at 10:00 AM in the Social Hall. We will present a play honoring St. Maron and our other Maronite Saints. Light refreshments will also be served. You won't want to miss this special occasion.

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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Celebrating The Cedar Club of Atlanta's 100th Anniversary

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February 11 - 14, 2010
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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.