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*Father Dominique Hanna, Administrator*

January 3rd, 2010

## Sunday of Finding in the Temple

### Abouna Dominique's Corner: On Finding the Lord in the Temple

We know little about the childhood of our Lord except for the incident which is celebrated in the liturgy this Sunday. Jesus, as a boy, joined his parents in going up to Jerusalem and the Temple for the feast of Passover. After fulfilling the requirements of Jewish law, Joseph and Mary set out for home, presuming that Jesus was traveling with relatives. In reality, he had remained in Jerusalem where Mary and Joseph found him in the Temple listening to the teachers and asking them questions.

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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 January 8th**

#### *DIVINE LITURGIES FOR*

*Requested by*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 2010**

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

**5:00 PM** Special Intentions

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2010**

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

**9:00 AM** Naseeb Mickwee

Mr. & Mrs. Louie Abdou

**11:00 AM** Special Intentions

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2010**

Readings: 2 Corinthians 10: 1-11 & John 1: 29-34

**5:00 PM** Special Intentions

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2010**

Readings: 2 Corinthians 10: 1-11 & John 1: 29-34

**9:00 AM** Takla Chebib

Mr. & Mrs. Louie Abdou

**11:00 AM** Special Intentions

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

Luke's account of the incident ends with the note that Jesus was subject to his parents.

In this Sunday's feast two points become clear to us: Jesus fulfills the law of Moses in his own life, and he does so as one who has humbled himself to become like us in all things, but sin.

On the Feast of the Circumcision we were reminded that Jesus was subject to the requirements of the Mosaic law and today we are again reminded that Jesus fulfilled the spiritual responsibilities of a member of God's chosen people; for he prayed in the Temple and celebrated the Passover with his family, he who was both the true Temple and the Passover sacrificed for us. We are thus reminded that through our participation in the sacrifice of Christ's body we became living temples of the Lord.

Jesus listened to the teachers of the law and amazed them by his questions. He who was the teacher of Israel would establish a new law which would not be written on tablets of stone, but rather upon our hearts.

Christ our Passover and Teacher comes among us with the humility and simplicity of a child. He who was the eternal Son of God abandoned his prerogatives and taught us by his obedience to his parents that we are subject to our Father in heaven, the Father's will must be our will, the Father's care and concern must be manifested in our love for his children.

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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

**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 acquire your envelopes as soon as you can since the year has already started. Parishioners whose envelopes and names cannot be found please see Abouna.

**Feast of the Epiphany:** Wednesday, January 6, the Church celebrates the baptism of our Lord which is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Liturgy is on Wed. @ 7:00 pm

**Holy Hour:** Every First Friday of the month at 7:30 in the evening, there will be an hour of Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Mark your calendar for January 8th @ 7:30 pm to spend an hour with the Lord.

**Theology for the MYA:** The First MYA Theology discussion with Abouna will be Friday, January 8th 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.

**The Ladies Altar and Rosary Society Meeting:** The first ladies meeting for the year 2010 will be on Sunday January 10th after the 9 am liturgy. All ladies are encouraged to attend.

**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.

CONGRATULATIONS

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The family of St. Joseph would like to welcome into the Church Daniel Hayek & Leonardo Najm who were baptized on Saturday, December 26th and Sunday, December 27th respectively. Baby Daniel & Leonardo surrounded by family and friends received the sacraments of baptism and confirmation.

May the presence of Christ and the Holy Spirit in Daniel & Leonardo's lives enable them to lead an excellent Catholic life protecting them from all harm.

CONGRATULATIONS


**Celebrate  
Life**  
We as a  
Church fully  
believe in the  
sanctity of  
life from the  
moment of  
conception to  
natural death.

In memory of the 37th anniversary of the January 22, 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in America.

January 22 — A Day of Prayer and Penance for Life

In all the dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal preeminence of the right to life. *General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 371*

**Mass for the Unborn**  
Friday, January 22, 2010  
Shrine of the Immaculate Conception  
44 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr., NW, Atlanta  
MARTA — Five Points Station  
Parking — Underground Atlanta  
Archbishop Wilson D. Gregory, Principal Celebrant and Homilist  
Co-celebrated by Priests of the Archdiocese



Time	Activity	Location
9:30 a.m.	Rosary for Life	Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
10:00 a.m.	Mass for the Unborn	Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
11:15 a.m.	Break lunches available*	Shrine, lower level
12:00 p.m.	*Together for Life Memorial	State Capitol Steps
1:00 p.m.	Silent Memorial Walk	Begins and ends at Capitol Steps

Mass for the Unborn sponsored by Archbishop Respect Life Ministry • Together for Life sponsored by Georgia Right to Life  
\*To pre-order break lunches, please contact Respect Life Ministry.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**  
Archdiocese of Atlanta Respect Life Ministry  
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(404) 588-7821  
<http://www.archatl.com/massfortheunborn/>



- 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.