



March 14th, 2010

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Sunday of the Healing of the Paralytic

Abouna Dominique's Corner: Patriarchal Letter

On the Occasion of the 1600th Jubilee of the Passing of Saint Maron (4)

The Maronite finds his or her true meaning in Maronite identity. The second chapter of the Maronite Patriarchal Assembly (2006) treats the topic "The identity of the Maronite Church, its vocation and mission." We see in it: 1) "a Syriac Antiochene Church with a special liturgical patrimony; 2) A Chalcedonian Church; 3) a Patriarchal Church with an ascetic and monastic characteristic; 4) a Church in communion with the Apostolic See of Rome; 5) a Church incarnated in its Lebanese and eastern environment; and 6) a Church existing in countries of expansion."

In addition to these elements of belonging, the impact of the Maronite Church has been revealed in the facts that: 1) its founder was a man, Saint Maron; 2) it was not founded on ethnic, racial, geographic, or on an autocratic basis; 3) its particularity comes from its capacity to move from its beginnings in a monastery to the establishment of a nation; 4) and also from contemplating God inside the monastery and on a pillar, to contemplating Him on the mountain top, and in its ability to join the limited (monastery of Maron and the stylite asceticism) to the universal (the world and the horizontal line) and this is due to its Catholic faith, its expansion all over the world, and its cultural expressions in the various languages of the world.

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DIVINE LITURGIES FOR

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SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2010

5:00 PM Special Intention

Readings: 1 Timothy 5: 24-6: 5 & Mark 2: 1-12

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2010

9:00 AM Ofelia Guillain

11:00 AM Chorbishops Joseph Eid & Joseph Saidi

Readings: 1 Timothy 5: 24-6: 5 & Mark 2: 1-12

The Shamatta Family

Myrle & Joseph Shediack

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2010

5:00 PM Special Intention

Readings: 2 Corinthians 10: 1-7 & Mark 10: 46-52

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2010

9:00 AM Elizabeth Rumanes

11:00 AM Malake Bulbekian

Readings: 2 Corinthians 10: 1-7 & Mark 10: 46-52

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Chebib & Family

Remy Bulbekian

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Thereafter, thanks to the combination of the six elements of belonging of the Maronite Church and the four elements of her identity, it is evident that the Maronite community has reached a distinctive stage of self fulfilment, a cultural and historical identity that has its own life, components, and characteristics, a matter which allowed the Maronite Church to have its pioneering and central role in bringing to the forefront the Lebanese mission and in shaping the Pact that materialized the mission.

Maronite identity is not the same as Lebanese identity. It is a principal component of the latter, but Lebanese identity is made up of several identities, namely those of the different religious communities. Lebanon is the synthesis of various and diverse identities living harmoniously by a Pact of a common life, granting Lebanon its particularity and making her an exception in the Arab world with her democratic liberal system which allows for personal and collective freedom, adopts democracy, and respects human dignity. Thus, the Lebanese are fortunate that neither totalitarian nor ideological forces, nor national or religious fundamentalists have arrived to govern Lebanon. It is the duty of every conscious Lebanese to struggle against such a tragedy from happening to their country.

Third: Maronite identity, the Land and Lebanon: The Pact

Maronite prosperity, represented by the worldwide expansion, and in the diverse cultural fields throughout the continents, could have disintegrated the Maronite personality itself “if there were not a center of gravity prepared to secure the unity and tenacity of the Maronites, this center is Lebanon.”

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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

Miscellaneous Events & Announcements

The Feast of Saint Joseph: Friday 19th is the Feast of Saint Joseph, The patron of our parish. The Liturgy will be celebrated @ 7:30 PM followed by the Benediction of the Cross.

Promoting Vocation to the Priesthood: Next Weekend starting Friday 19th, Deacon Vincent Farhat of Our Lady of Lebanon Seminary will be with us. He will preach on Friday and Sunday on his journey of discernment that led him to enter the seminary.

Altar Servers Holy Week and Easter Training: On Saturday March 20th, the altar servers will meet at the Church at 11:00 am in preparation for Holy Week celebration. All boys who have received their First Communion are welcome to attend.

Stations of and Benediction with the Cross: Every Friday of Lent @ 7:30 pm, Saint Joseph will pray the Stations of the Cross with the Benediction. The service will be followed by a Lenten Supper.

MYO Church Cleaning-up Day: The MYO will be having a church clean up day on Saturday, March 20th starting at 9:00 AM. All MYO members are expected to participate for service hours. Participation also counts towards eligibility for going to the MYO Retreat. Each member needs to bring a yard tool (rake, broom, etc.) and work gloves. Wheel barrows are also needed. Parents are also encouraged to participate by supervising and helping with some of the chores. Let's all help to get our church ready for Palm Sunday and Easter by working together. Lunch will be provided.

Bishop's Appeal 2010: A second collection will be taken every Sunday during the Season of the Great Lent that began Monday, February 15th and will end Sunday, April 4th. This Collection is for the Eparchial Charities Appeal which is divided as follows: 30% priests' retirement fund, 25% seminary, 15% endowment fund, 15% Patriarchal liturgical commission & texts, 15% Lebanon. Our goal is to raise \$ 3000.00. We thank you for generosity and financial support.

Helping Haiti: The Maronite Youth Organization decide to organize a clothing drive to assist the children of Haiti: Please Remember to look into your closets and bring any clothing for children ages 1 to 19. Bring them to Church by March 20th.

Bake Sale: The Ladies Altar and Rosary Society of St Joseph will hold their spring bake sale on Palm Sunday March 28th from 10 am to 2 pm. Please plan on getting your traditional Easter goodies like pistachios, walnuts and date maamool, and much more other wonderful delights prepared by our own folks. There will also be zaatar and meat pies available to be purchased for breakfast on that day. This is the ladies first fundraiser of the year, please be supportive for the benefit of St Joseph Church.

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Actually, the historical aim of Maronite Patriarchs in moving their See all over Lebanon, from Kfarhay to Yanouh to Elige to Kannoubin to Bkerki, in addition to all the security requirements, was to consolidate and bless this indissoluble marriage based on love between the Maronites and the land of Lebanon.”

Yes, Maronites wrote their first real history, not in books of paper, but in the book of its land making of it a land of giving, adoration, and defending one's self. “This is the main expression of the independence of the Maronites and the sole horizon for their life. The land of Lebanon became the horizon and the departing point for Maronites, which means there is a coherent association between the land of Lebanon and the history of the Maronites.

BISHOP'S APPEAL	
COLLECTIONS:	
February 21	\$ 459.00
February 28	\$ 494.00
March 7	\$ 487.00
March 14	
March 21	
March 28	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1440.00
OUR GOAL	(\$ 3000.00)

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.
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