



March 28th, 2010

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**Hosanna Sunday (Palm Sunday)**

*They took palm branches and went out to meet him*

*John 12: 13*

***DIVINE LITURGIES***

Saturday, March 27, 2010 Readings: 1 Philemon 1: 1-13 & John 12: 12-22 Palm Sunday

5:00 PM For the Intentions of the Children of Saint Joseph

Sunday, March 28, 2010 Readings: 1 Philemon 1: 1-13 & John 12: 12-22 Palm Sunday

9:00 AM For the Intentions of the Children of Saint Joseph

11:00 AM For the Intentions of the Children of Saint Joseph

***HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE***

Monday of the Passion Week, March 29, 2010

7:30 PM Liturgy and Rite of the Coming to the Harbor

Tuesday of the Passion Week, March 30, 2010

7:30 PM Liturgy and Rite of the Coming to the Harbor

Wednesday of the Passion Week, March 31, 2010

7:30 PM Liturgy and Rite of the Lamp

Thursday of the Mysteries, April 1, 2010

7:30 PM Liturgy and Rite of the Washing of the Feet

Good Friday, April 2, 2010

11:00 AM Liturgy and Anaphora of the Signing of the Chalice

7:30 PM Liturgy and Rite of the Adoration of the Cross

Saturday of light, April 3, 2010

11:00 AM Prayer of Forgiveness

5:00 PM Vigil Easter Liturgy

12:00 Midnight Easter Liturgy and the Rite of Peace

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010

There will be NO 9:00 o'clock Liturgy

11:00 AM Easter Liturgy and the Rite of Peace

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS OFFERED BEFORE EACH SERVICE**

## **Abouna Dominique's Corner: Patriarchal Letter**

### **On the Occasion of the 1600<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of the Passing of Saint Maron (6)**

This pact among Lebanese communities is in essence an act of *will* and an act of *freedom* at the same time. It is the incarnation of spiritual interactive values. It is a matter of development and promotion of the Lebanese/Arab/Eastern person, not merely a bilateral settlement as some people imagine! It is Lebanon the experiment, the risk, the bet, not only with regard to its land, but also and especially with regard to the human mission that our distinctive existence poses and which has no similar venture has taken place in the world. "Lebanon is not a pact between Muslims and Christians but a pact among civilized minorities revitalized in human communities."

The Pact is an act of confidence in the Lebanese mission, drafted and adopted by the Lebanese communities when they fled here, led by the Maronite community who lost everything except for its spiritual patrimony which was always safeguarded. Since their settlement in Lebanon, these communities realized that they came to protect this patrimony. In this way the Pact became part of their inner consciousness, so that every minority coming to this land agreed to it before it was shaped in a written agreement or even in a non-written way during the independence phase. Because it is an expression of faith, truth, and honor, "such a pact should not be written, because its sole guarantee is belief in God and the trust in the human person." This mission represents the greatest challenge to all totalitarian, racial, fundamentalist, and radical autocratic regimes of the region; this challenge drove such ideologues to declare their hostility to our mission and our existence as a people, entity, state, and a political regime.

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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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***Bishop's Appeal 2010:*** A second collection will be taken every Sunday during the Season of the Great Lent until 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. Until now we have collected \$ 1918.00, so we still need \$ 1082.00. We thank you for generosity and financial support.

***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.

***Easter Egg Hunt:*** Saint Joseph Maronite Church will hold it is annual Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday April 4th after the 11:00 am liturgy. We are in need of bags of candies to fill up more than 2000 plastic eggs. For donations please see Dany Dagher or Father Dominique.

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### Abouna Dominique's Corner: Patriarchal Letter

The hostility continues! This challenge places on all of us a historical responsibility to protect and save the pact of communal life among all Lebanese communities, so that it remains as it began, an act of will and of freedom at the same time.

#### Conclusion

Saint Maron gave to our Church, our people, and our nation one main component and justification not only to have a mission but to be an integral part of this mission as Lebanese. It may be sufficient to point out that it is a human, cultural, and theological mission materialized in the pact among the Lebanese, and became, in its diversity, richness and scope, "the greatest human initiative known in the world." The pact among the Lebanese has three faces: the first looks at the human being, the second into history, and the third toward God. In this way, the pact has transformed Lebanon from a refuge into a stronghold, and from a composite of exiles into a country, since she became a country of minorities as persons and a country of majorities as civilizations. Lebanon became the best of the East and the elder heir of the eastern fortune.

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