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May 2nd, 2010

## Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection

### Abouna Dominique's Corner: First Sunday of May, Our Lady of Lebanon

This Sunday we celebrate the memorial of our Virgin Mother under the title of "Our Lady of Lebanon." The Maronite Church has always had a special devotion to the Virgin, as is evidenced by the great number of churches which are dedicated to her both in Lebanon and in the United States. Mary, moreover, plays a special role in the Church's liturgy: there are numerous *hoosoyeh* (prayers of forgiveness) dedicated to her, *qoleh* (hymns) which extol her virtues, and constant petitions which beg her intercession. And yet Mary is always seen in the Maronite Liturgy as the Mother of the Lord, the Theotokos, in whose womb the Word took flesh:

Hail Mary! In your virginity, you became the mother of the mighty One who fills heaven and earth

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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 May 7**

### *DIVINE LITURGIES*

Saturday, May 1, 2010

5:00 PM

For the Intentions of the Children of the First Communion

Sunday, May 2, 2010

9:00 AM

For the Intentions of the Children of the First Communion

11:00 AM

For the Intentions of the Children of the First Communion

Saturday, May 8, 2010

5:00 PM

Special Intentions

Sunday, May 9, 2010

9:00 AM

Special Intentions

11:00 AM

Special Intentions

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-28 & Matthew 14: 22-32

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Readings: Romans 10: 1-11 & Luke 24: 36-48

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

## **Abouna Dominique's Corner**

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Hail Mary! In your Virginity, you became the mother  
of the Creator who formed Eve and gave her to Adam  
Blessed are you, Mary, in whose womb dwelled in holiness  
The only begotten Son who is one in nature and in splendor  
With the Father

It is because of Mary's unique position of Mother of the Lord that the Church  
knows that it can turn to her and seek her intercession with her son:

O Mother of the Life, petition your divine Son  
to keep away from us all the effects of evil,  
to preserve us from all animosity  
and to strengthen us on our way.

As we honor the Virgin Mother of the Lord under her title of "Our Lady of  
Lebanon," we pray for the land of our ancestors in the faith, for the whole Ma-  
ronite Church, and for those parishes which are dedicated under her patronage.  
May Our Lady of Lebanon assist us by her prayers. Amen

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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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**First Communion Celebration:** With great joy, our parish will celebrate the First Communion of Claire Murad, Samantha and Sebastian Khalil on May 1 @ 11:00 am.

**May Crowning:** The entire month of May is dedicated to Our Lady. As a result, we will have our May Crowning and the Blessing with the Icon on Sunday, May 2nd at the 11:00 o'clock Liturgy. We encourage all children to participate and wear their Sunday best. We also ask that you arrive a half hour earlier and meet with Mrs. Claudette Andrea in the Cry Room. A Procession, led by Father with the children, will then take place. You won't want to miss this happy and blessed occasion.

**Saint Joseph Festival:** The Annual Saint Joseph Festival will be held on May 16. Volunteers are needed to help serving the food and to set up. For more information please see David Nasser and Adel Abi Rached who are co-chairing this year's festival.

**New Committee:** Over the last eight months, informal discussions were taking place concerning moving the Church to another location or staying here and do a major renovation. For this purpose, a new committee will be formed to explore the different ideas and concepts. All those who are interested in such discussions and are willing to serve on this committee please see Abouna.

**MYA Picnic:** On May 22nd, the Maronite Young Adults of Saint Joseph will have a picnic in Stone Mountain. More details regarding the food, exact location and time to come as we get closer to the event.

**The Convention in Birmingham:** The MYA of St. Joseph will be sponsoring a Greyhound Bus to the NAM convention in Birmingham, Alabama, which will depart Friday, July 9th and return Sunday, July 11th. Seats are limited and open to all parishioners attending, so be sure to reserve your spot as soon as possible. Both MYA and MYO members have the chance to ride at no cost; further details will be sent by e-mail and discussed in meetings. For more information regarding registration, schedule, tickets or hotel, please check our parish's Facebook Group, visit [namnews.org](http://namnews.org) and talk to Tracy Doueir or Abouna Dominique.



*Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church  
hosts their annual*

# *Festival*

*Come out Sunday*

## May 16, 2010

### 12:00 - 5:00 PM

*for Lebanese food, fresh  
Saj Bread, Live Music,  
Dancing, Kid's games,  
Arguile (hookah), and  
more ...*









*Tickets for Main Course*

*Adult Platter: \$15*

*Kids Platter (ages 12 & under): \$10*



*Free parking and shuttle available at Corber Center*

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A word of thank should go to all those who helped at Saint Joseph's Booth in the Inman Park Festival.

The Maronite Youth Organization of Saint Joseph who have been sponsoring a tent for years did a wonderful job last weekend despite the rain on Saturday.

All those who tried the food were very happy of the quality of the different sandwiches and platters and especially of our hospitable service. May God bless you all and protect you through the intercession of Our Lady, the Virgin Mary.



- 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,**