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May 9th, 2010

Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection

Abouna Dominique's Corner:

Praying Rosary

During the month of May which is dedicated to honor and praise Mary, the Mother of God, we thought it is very appropriate to remind parishioners of the Rosary and the way in which we pray to God and his Son through Mary.

There are five Mysteries that summarize the life of Christ with Mary being presence in his life as mother. The Joyful Mysteries are marked by the joy radiating from the event of the Incarnation. This is clear from the very First Mystery, the Annunciation where Gabriel's greeting to the Virgin of Nazareth is linked to an invitation to messianic joy: "Rejoice, Mary." the whole of salvation ... had led up to this greeting. This Mystery is prayed on Mondays and Saturdays and optional on Sundays during the Announcement Season.

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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

REQUESTED BY

Saturday, May 8, 2010

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

5:00 PM Special Intentions

Sunday, May 9, 2010

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

9:00 AM Special Intentions

11:00 AM Special Intentions

Saturday, May 15, 2010

Readings: Ephesians 1: 15-23 & John 13: 31-35

5:00 PM Special Intentions

Sunday, May 16, 2010

Readings: Ephesians 1: 15-23 & John 13: 31-35

9:00 AM Special Intentions

11:00 AM Sami Chahrouri

Eileen Chahrouri

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS OFFERED BEFORE EACH LITURGY

Abouna Dominique's Corner

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The Luminous Mysteries bring us from the infancy of Christ in Nazareth to his public life. Those mysteries may be called in a special way “mysteries of light.” Certainly, the whole mystery of Christ is a mystery of light. He is the light of the world (John 8:12). Yet this truth emerges in a special way during the years of his public life. These Mysteries are prayed on Thursdays.

The Sorrowful Mysteries are given great prominence in the Gospels. From the beginning, Christian piety, especially during the Lenten devotion of the Way of the Cross, has focused on the individual moments of the Passion, realizing that here is found the culmination of the revelation of God's love and the source of our salvation. These Mysteries are prayed on Tuesdays and Fridays and optional on Sundays during Lent.

The Glorious Mysteries are reflections on the resurrection of the Lord. The contemplation of Christ's face cannot stop at the image of the Crucified One. He is the Risen One! The Rosary has always expressed this knowledge born of faith and invited the believer to pass beyond the darkness of the Passion in order to gaze upon Christ's glory in the Resurrection and Ascension. Mary herself would be raised to the same glory in the Assumption. These Mysteries are prayed on Wednesdays and Sundays.

With this summary on the Mysteries of the Rosary we have covered what constituted the most important prayer recited to Mary by millions and millions. Next week, we will write on how the Rosary is prayed and place of this Mysteries in it.

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

Ascension Thursday: Thursday, May 13th is the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord which is a day of precepts. The Liturgy is celebrated at 7:30 pm on Thursday

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 and talk to Tracy Doueiry or Abouna Dominique.

MCF End-of-Year Party: Parents, friends and family of all MCF students are cordially invited to attend the end-of-the year party to be given at 10:00 am to 10:50 am in the upper part of the Social Hall on Sunday May 9th. Teachers will present certificates to those students who have successfully completed their course of study. Let us all show our pride in our young people by attending this festive occasion. Let us also thank our dedicated teachers who give so generously of their time not only to impart knowledge, but, also to instill in our children a deeper love for Jesus and our Maronite Catholic faith.

MYO Retreat: Applications for this year's Maronite Youth Conference on **July 19-24** at St. Vincent College in Latrobe, PA are due **Friday May 28th** with a deposit of \$150.00 per member. For a copy of the application see Al Suman or visit www.maroniteyouth.com Contact Al Suman or Abouna with any questions

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 Center Center

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Thank You:

The MYO would like to thank all of the parents that helped with the festival. The moms and dads did a great job preparing the food especially the Chicken Kabobs and the Kafta.

A special thank you to Tony Shebib for donating 150 pounds of Atlanta's best hummus.

We would also like to extend our warmest thanks to Tony and Samira Charaf whose generous donation is very much appreciated. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Charaf.

In spite of the rain all day on Saturday, we raised over \$6,000.00!



- 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, Eva Green** We pray to the Lord.