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	<p>November 28th, 2010 Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth</p>

Abouna Dominique's Corner: The Cross As Critical Point of Faith

Benedict XVI is affirming the need to live according to God's logic rather than man's, noting that the cross is a critical point of faith.

The Pope stated this past Sunday at a Mass for the Solemnity of Christ the King, which he concelebrated in St. Peter's Basilica with the 24 cardinals newly created in Saturday's consistory. In his homily, the Pontiff said, "We know from the Gospels that the cross was the critical point of the faith of Simon Peter and of the other Apostles." It is clear and it could not be otherwise," he added. "They were men and they thought as men: They could not tolerate the idea of a crucified Messiah." The Holy Father noted that "Peter's conversion was realized fully when he gave up trying to 'save' Jesus and accepted being saved by him." He gave up wanting to save Jesus from the cross and accepted being saved by his cross," he explained. Benedict XVI affirmed, "Peter's ministry consists altogether in his faith, a faith that Jesus recognizes immediately, from the beginning, as genuine, as a gift from the heavenly Father; but a faith that must go through the scandal of the cross, to become authentic, truly 'Christian,' to become 'rock' on which Jesus can build his Church."

He noted that "participation in Jesus' lordship is verified concretely only in sharing in his abasement, with the Cross." The Pope continued: "My ministry also, Dear Brothers, and, consequently, also yours, consists altogether in faith.

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<i>DIVINE LITURGIES</i>	<i>REQUESTED BY</i>
<u>Saturday, November 27, 2010</u>	Readings: Ephesians 1:1-14 & Luke 1: 39-45
5:00 PM Special Intentions	
<u>Sunday, November 28, 2010</u>	Readings: Ephesians 1:1-14 & Luke 1: 39-45
9:00 AM For the Intentions of Louise Najjar	Gina Thomas
11:00 AM For Nabil Hawa	Suzie & Philip Griffith
<u>Saturday, December 4, 2010</u>	Readings: Galatians 4:21-5:1 & Luke 1: 57-66
5:00 PM Special Intentions	
<u>Sunday, December 5, 2010</u>	Readings: Galatians 4:21-5:1 & Luke 1: 57-66
9:00 AM For Francis Shiner	David & Liza Nasser & Family
11:00 AM Special Intentions	
<u>THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS OFFERED BEFORE EACH LITURGY</u>	

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"Jesus can build his Church on us the more he finds in us that true, paschal faith, that faith that does not want to make Jesus come down from the Cross, but entrusts itself to him on the Cross." He affirmed that "the authentic place of the Vicar of Christ is the Cross, to persist in the obedience of the Cross." This ministry is difficult," the Pontiff acknowledged "because it is not aligned with the way of men's thinking -- with that natural logic which, moreover, remains always active also in ourselves." But this is and remains always our first service, the service of faith," he added, "which transforms the whole of life: to believe that Jesus is God, that he is the King precisely because he went to that point, because he loved us to the end." And this paradoxical royalty, we must witness and proclaim as he did, the King," the Holy Father urged, "namely, following his same path and forcing ourselves to adopt his same logic, the logic of humility and service, of the grain of wheat that dies to bear fruit."

He stated, "The Pope and the cardinals are called to be profoundly united first of all in this: All together, under the guidance of the Successor of Peter, they must remain in the lordship of Christ, thinking and operating according to the logic of the Cross -- and this is never easy or to be taken for granted."

"In this we must be close," the Pope said, "and we are so because we are not united by an idea, a strategy, but we are united by the love of Christ, and his Holy Spirit." He added that "the efficacy of our service to the Church, Bride of Christ, depends essentially on this, on our fidelity to the divine royalty of crucified Love."

RELIGIOUS CLASSES	On Sunday @ 9:50 am starting August 29th, 2010.
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

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 December 3rd @ 7:30 pm to spend an hour with the Lord.

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Toy or Gift Drive: We are having a parish-wide toy or gift drive for patients at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston. Toys or gifts must be **brand new** and **unwrapped**. Please no balloons, guns or items that suggest violence or fighting. Gifts must be safe, sturdy and non-toxic. The drive starts Sunday, Oct. 24th and continues through Sunday, Dec. 5th. The age range of patients at Egleston's is from infancy up to 21 years old. Please leave your gifts in the receptacle provided for this purpose in the downstairs hallway. Let us all try to make a hospitalized girl or boy happier this Christmas season. For further info, please contact Reem Ragy or Marie DiPaola.

100th Anniversary Ad/ Commemorative book: On the occasion of its centennial celebration, our parish is putting together an Ad book. Families as well as businesses could acquire a form at the entrance of the Church or from the members of the Centennial Committee. For more information please see Louie Abdou contact info in the bulletin.

Junior Choir: There will be a junior choir rehearsal for children between 7 - 18 every Sunday after the 11:00 o'clock liturgy. George Moussa and Cecilia Romero will be in charge of the Choir. Please encourage the children to take part in this activity.

NAM Awareness Sunday: Shehade Chihane, Louis Ragy and Tracy Doueiry are the delegates for NAM (National Apostolate for Maronites) representing Saint Joseph Parish. On Sunday, December 5th, they will be giving an awareness session explaining to the community the importance of the NAM on the parish and eparchial (diocesan) level.

Soccer Game: A soccer game between the men's of the golden age and the youth of our parish will be held on December 12th @ 2:00. If you are not afraid to wear shorts and chase the ball, please come and join the Golden Age group. For more information please see Raymond Sassine

Saint Joseph Christmas Party: Our Parish Christmas Party will take place on Sunday December 19th after the 11:00 o'clock liturgy. The Liturgy on that Sunday will be served by the Junior Choir. Spaghetti Lunch, Santa and other surprises will follow the liturgy.



*The Ladies Altar Society of St. Joseph's Maronite Catholic Church
 Invites all ladies 12 years and up to attend the
 5:00 mass and Christmas Banquet
 To be held at
 St. Joseph's Maronite Catholic Church
 On Saturday, the fourth of December
 Festive Attire*

*Per Person Fee \$25.00
 RSVP by Sunday, November 28th*

Christmas Menu

*Assorted Hors d'oeuvres
 Spring Mix Salad with Roasted Pecans
 Rosemary Roast of Beef Tenderloin
 Grilled Wild Alaskan Salmon
 Roasted Potatoes
 Gourmet Green beans
 Roasted Asparagus
 Dinner Rolls
 Assorted Holiday Desserts*

White Elephant Gift Exchange

If you would like to participate in a White Elephant Gift Exchange, please bring a gift (up to \$15.00 value) to share.

Number of Attendee(s): _____ Contact number: _____
 Name(s) of attendee: _____

****Please submit RSVP and payment by Sunday, November 28th. RSVP and payment may be given to Mary Ann Fennell or Lisa Nassar or placed in the drop box located in the downstairs hall.*

NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL 2011

Friday December 31, 2010 (8 PM to 3 AM)

TICKET PRICE (Donation)

Adults: \$75

Child: \$30 (3 yrs - 14yrs)



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