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|   | <b>October 10th, 2010</b>  |

### **Abouna Dominique's Corner: Teaching Children to Pray**

As a child learn first to call upon daddy or mommy for their help and protection, so Christ taught us as children of the Father to first and foremost address his Father as "Abba". Although teaching children the faith of the Church is essential, faith is not complete without prayer, because it is through prayer that children form a personal relationship with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As little children learn to pray to the Father, even learning the Our Father, they experience the Father's love for them. Likewise, as children grow and mature, they are called to make their own personal act of faith in Jesus as their Lord and Savior. However, they can only do so if their relationship with Jesus has been nurtured in prayer during the course of their youth. Moreover, children are to learn to pray to the Holy Spirit for wisdom, guidance, holiness, and knowledge and for the power to overcome evil and to do what is right, good, and just. It is likewise within the context of prayer that children can learn to call upon Mary and all the angels and saints for help and protection. Children can foster special devotion to certain saints, such as their own patron saint or men and women saints to whom they are particularly attracted. Of course, this implies that parents teach them the lives of the saints and point out their specific saintly qualities. The angels can also be invoked, especially their guardian angel.

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| <b><i>DIVINE LITURGIES</i></b>   | <b><i>REQUESTED BY</i></b>                                       |
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| <b><u>Saturday, October 9, 2010</u></b>                                      | <b>Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 &amp; Matthew 24 : 45-51</b> |
| <b>5:00 PM Special Intentions</b>  |  |
| <b><u>Sunday, October 10, 2010</u></b>                                       | <b>Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 &amp; Matthew 24 : 45-51</b> |
| <b>9:00 AM Special Intentions</b>  |  |
| <b>11:00 AM Michel Abou Khalil</b>   | <b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Joseph Abou Khalil</b>                         |
| <b><u>Saturday, October 16, 2010</u></b>                                     | <b>Readings: Philippians 2: 12-18 &amp; Matthew 25:1-13</b>      |
| <b>5:00 PM Special Intentions</b>  |  |
| <b><u>Sunday, October 17, 2010</u></b>                                       | <b>Readings: Philippians 2: 12-18 &amp; Matthew 25:1-13</b>      |
| <b>9:00 AM Special Intentions</b>  |  |
| <b>11:00 AM Special Intentions</b>   |  |
| <b><u>THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS OFFERED BEFORE EACH LITURGY</u></b> |  |

## **Abouna Dominique's Corner: Parents Teaching the Faith**

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What is equally important as teaching children to pray is for parents to pray with their children. It is in praying together the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Glory Be, the Rosary, the Creed, the Act of Contrition, and other prayers that children realize that their own prayer is not simply something that children do, but that it is also a “grown-up” thing to do. It is particularly important that boys and girls witness and participate not only in the prayer of their mother but also in the prayer of their father.

Catholic fathers and mothers should ensure that they and their children are immersed in the life of the Church— particularly their parish. In so doing, parents will be instrumental in teaching their children to love the sacraments, especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. Parents can help their young children examine their consciences and, especially during the Season of Announcement (Christmas) and Lent, go as a family to their parish to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Above all, because it is Christ's presence within the family that truly makes it a domestic Church, their participation in the Eucharist, especially the Sunday Eucharist, is particularly important. In the Eucharist, parents and children join themselves to the one sacrifice of Jesus offered to the Father. Moreover, in receiving Jesus in Communion, the members of the family are most fully united to him and to one another. Parents teach their children to live out the Eucharist by fostering a love and care for those around them—to sacrifice themselves for the good of others. In so doing, parents, following the example of Joseph and Mary, are teaching their children to lay down their lives out of love for their heavenly Father and for the salvation of all.

### **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

**Parish General Meeting:** In preparing for our Centennial celebration in March, the Committee invites all parishioners to a meeting on October 17th after the 11:00 o'clock liturgy. A special appeal to those who attend the 9:00 o'clock to stay until the 11:00 o'clock liturgy is finished, so we could all meet together.

**MYO Meeting:** There will be an MYO meeting this Sunday immediately after the 11:00 Liturgy (NO STARBUCKS FIRST).

**Family Portraits for the Ad Book:** On November 14th, Mark Najjar at Atlanta Studios will be taking family portraits for the Ad Book of our Centennial. The photos will be shot at different locations around the church, both inside & outside. More information about the dates and sign-up sheet are to come

**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.

**The Sisters Need your Help:** The Maronite Servants of Christ the light congregation now has a home in Dartmouth, MA. Sister Marla Marie asks for your generosity to help them for the necessary renovations needed before they can move in by Christmas. Please see their website [maroniteservants.org](http://maroniteservants.org)

**Thanks from the MYA:** The MYA would like to thank all those who attended and participated in the Maronites Got Talent. This fund raising event would help them to take part in their yearly workshop in Miami.

**Habitat for Humanity Lebanon:** It was promised that Dani Tayar, the National Director Habitat for Humanity Lebanon, will be visiting Saint Joseph this Sunday. Due to a schedule conflict, he will not be able to be with us.

### The Results of Pastoral and Stewardship Councils Election

#### For Pastoral Council:

Louis Ragy  
Habib Abi Sarkis  
Corinne Moussa  
Habib Osta

#### For the Stewardship Council:

Albert Ashkouti  
Simon Dagher  
Louis Isaf  
Michael Hiffa

A word of thank you for members of the two council who volunteered to help the parish and Abouna Dominique in providing counsel and encouragement to the apostolic and spiritual development of the entire parish.



ORDER OF ST. SHARBEL FALL RETREAT  
 DRURY PLAZA HOTEL  
 ST. LOUIS, MO

WHEN: OCTOBER 29-31, 2010  
 COME EARLY OR STAY AN EXTRA DAY OR TWO  
 SAME LOW ROOM RATE

WHERE: DRURY PLAZA HOTEL-ST. LOUIS, MO  
 4<sup>TH</sup> & MARKET ST.  
 314-231-3003

MENTION: ORDER OF ST. SHARBEL RETREAT  
 ROOM RATE: \$99 PER NIGHT SINGLE-QUAD  
 INCLUDES: HOT BREAKFAST,  
 THREE COMPLIMENTARY DRINKS, FROM 5:30-  
 7:00PM EVERY EVENING  
 FREE IN ROOM INTERNET, PLUS WIRELESS  
 EPARCHY OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON  
 314-231-1021



*National Apostolate of Maronites*

*Proudly announces*

*Scholarships for a semester in Lebanon*

**USEK**

*University of the Holy Spirit*

*Katlik - Lebanon*

*1 Semester Semester*

*2011 Scholarship*

*includes:*

- ◆ Full Tuition
- ◆ Dormitory
- ◆ \$1000 per semester

**NDU**

*Notre Dame University*

*Lourde - Lebanon*

*1 Fall Semester 2011 Scholarship*

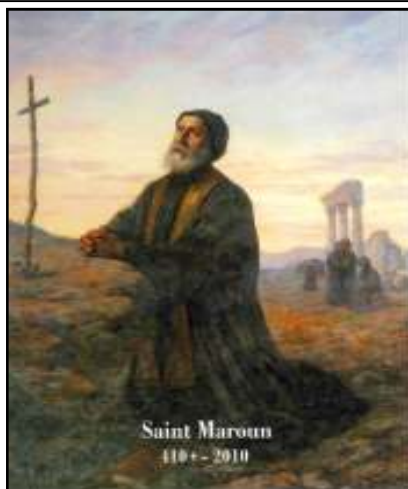
*1 Summer Semester 2011 Scholarship*

*includes:*

- ◆ Full Tuition
- ◆ Dormitory
- ◆ \$1000 per semester

*For more information and applications contact your pastor,  
 delegates, or line: [WWW.NAMINSTITUTES.COM](http://WWW.NAMINSTITUTES.COM), email: [nam@naminstitutes.com](mailto:nam@naminstitutes.com), or  
 call NAM at 914-964-3070*

*Application Deadline: October 20, 2010*



**Lord God,**

you called your chosen one, Saint Maroun,  
 to the monastic life,  
 perfected him in divine virtues,  
 and guided him along the difficult road  
 to the heavenly kingdom.  
 During this jubilee year, commemorating 1600 years  
 since the death of your chosen one, Saint Maroun,  
 when he was called  
 to the house of your heavenly Father;  
 We ask you, through his intercession,  
 to immerse us in your love that we may  
 walk in your path,  
 heed your commandments,  
 and follow in his footsteps.  
 May his holy example resonate throughout our lives.  
 With your love, may we achieve that final destination  
 reached by our father, Saint Maroun,  
 and carry your Gospel throughout the world.  
 Through his intercession, may we attain  
 the glory of the resurrection and everlasting life in you.  
 Glory and thanks are due to you, to your blessed Father,  
 and to your living Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.