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|   | <p>October 24th, 2010 <span style="float: right;"><b>Sixth Sunday After Holy Cross</b></span></p>  |

**Abouna Dominique's Corner: The Six Eastern Catholic Churches of the Middle East**

In his briefing at the beginning of the synod, Archbishop Nikola Eterović, the secretary-general of the Synod of Bishops for the Middle East, recalled that in addition to the Latin Church, there are six autonomous Eastern Catholic Churches in the Middle East, each with its own patriarch, father and head of the Church. Here, we look back on the ancient stories of these six Eastern Churches that eventually brought these men together to pray and ponder and propose solutions to the problems faced by their flock back home.

**Armenian Church**

The country of Armenia was evangelized by Apostles Bartholomew and Thaddeus, and was the first to make Christianity its official religion in 301 under the governorship of St. Gregory the Illuminator. The Armenian Church broke away after the Second Council of Constantinople in 554, as did some the Eastern Catholic churches now referred to as "uniate." After several attempts at reunification with Rome by members of the Armenian Orthodox Church over the centuries, Pope Benedict XIV ultimately announced the establishment of the Armenian Catholic Church in 1742. Its patriarchate (currently led by Patriarch Nerses Bedros XIX Tarmouni) is located in Bzoummar, Lebanon, and its communities are found in Egypt, Syria, Turkey, Israel, Iran, Iraq, and Palestine, as well as in the global diasporas, particularly in the United States. There are an estimated 540,000 Catholic Armenians around the world.

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| <i><b>DIVINE LITURGIES</b></i>   | <i><b>REQUESTED BY</b></i>                      |
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| <u>Saturday, October 23, 2010</u>  | Readings: Galatians 6:1-10 & Matthew 25 : 14-30 |
| 5:00 PM For the wellbeing of Peter Shamatta                                  | Shamatta Family                                 |
| <u>Sunday, October 24, 2010</u>  | Readings: Galatians 6:1-10 & Matthew 25 : 14-30 |
| 9:00 AM Special Intentions   |   |
| 11:00 AM Special Intentions  |   |
| <u>Saturday, October 30, 2010</u>  | Readings: Romans 12: 9-21 & Matthew 25:31-46    |
| 5:00 PM For the wellbeing of Peter Shamatta                                  | Shamatta Family                                 |
| <u>Sunday, October 31, 2010</u>  | Readings: Romans 12: 9-21 & Matthew 25:31-46    |
| 9:00 AM For the Intention of Louise Najjar on her 80th birthday              | Shamatta Family                                 |
| 11:00 AM Special Intentions  |   |
| <u><b>THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS OFFERED BEFORE EACH LITURGY</b></u> |   |

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**Chaldean Church**

The Catholic Chaldean Church originated in Edessa (in modern day Turkey) with the Apostle Thomas. Today its patriarchate is located in Baghdad, Iraq, headed by Patriarch Emanuel III Delly, and its members number approximately 419,000. In 2007, Patriarch Delly became the first Chaldean Catholic elevated to the rank of a cardinal.

The line of patriarchs in communion with Rome dates back to 1553, though this line was broken on several occasions and rival patriarchs created their own lines of succession. In 1830, only one patriarch remained and Pope Pius VIII granted him the title of Patriarch of Babylon of the Chaldeans. The history of the Chaldean Church has been marked by waves of persecution through the centuries in Iraq, nearly decimating their number and scattering their population, yet the Church to this day maintains a firm presence and vibrant community.

**Catholic Coptic Church**

The roots of this Church are found in the conversion of an Orthodox Coptic bishop, Amba Athanasius, to Catholicism in 1741, along with 2,000 others. Athanasius was appointed apostolic vicar to this new flock but later returned to the Orthodox Church. He left behind a line of Catholic vicars, however, and in 1824 the Holy See created a Patriarchate for the Copts, re-established in 1895 by Pope Leo XIII, who appointed the first patriarch.

The current Coptic Catholic Patriarch of Alexandria, who heads a Church of 163,000 in Egypt, is Archbishop Antonios Naguib, the general relator of the Mideast synod.

Next week, we will reflect on the three other Eastern Catholic Churches as were described by the Synod in Rome.

**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

***Ladies Altar and Rosary Society:*** The monthly meeting for the Ladies Altar and Rosary Society will be held on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00 o'clock liturgy.

***Second Collection:*** This Sunday, there will be a second collection for the World Mission Sunday. 91% of this collection goes to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and 9% to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

***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.

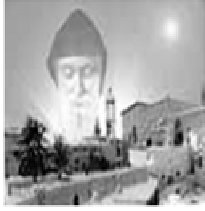
***Family Portraits for the Ad Book:*** On November 14th, Mark Najjar at Atlanta Studios will be taking family portraits for the Ad Book of our Centennial. The photos will be shot at different locations around the church, both inside & outside. More information about the dates and sign-up sheet are to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

***New Year's Eve Party:*** Since many of the parishioners expressed for the second year the desire to hold a New Year's Eve Party, Saint Joseph will host a Hafli on Friday, December 31st, 2010. More information is yet 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.

***Choir Practice:*** The Choir of Saint Joseph has been rehearsing every Thursday @ 7:30 in the Church. Do not hesitate to take part and be a member of the Choir. The Commitment is high but the reward is phenomenal.

***Ex Officio Members for the Pastoral Council:*** The president of the Altar and Rosary Society and of the MYA and a representative of the MCF will be joining the pastoral council. Out of their office, these three members will attend and participate in the meetings.



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



**Exposition and Benediction  
of the Blessed Sacrament  
Every First Friday of the Month  
@ 7:30 in the Evening  
Mark your Calendar & Join us on  
November 5th to Spend an Hour  
of Adoration with our Lord.**



- 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 **Almas & Joseph Tanory, Francois Khalil, Amine Hermes, Josphine Dahdah, Eva Green** We pray to the Lord.