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	October 3rd, 2010

Third Sunday After Holy Cross

Abouna Dominique's Corner: Parents Teaching the Faith

Fathers and mothers have the primary responsibility for teaching their children the Catholic faith, even from their earliest years. Although others, such as priests and catechists, may contribute to this education, God has commissioned parents, precisely because they are fathers and mothers, to be principally accountable for the faith of the children whom they have begotten in love. Evangelization can simply begin with teaching young children the Sign of the Cross, because all of what they will learn later centers on the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. For example, parents can teach their children that God the Father is the maker of all things—trees, animals, and the stars. In learning this, children not only become secure in the love of their parents, but they also become secure in someone (the Father) whom their parents profess is even greater, more powerful, and more loving than they are. Moreover, parents can teach their children about the mighty works of God in the Old Testament, especially the story of the Exodus. Similarly, fathers can tell their sons the stories of the great boys and men in the Old Testament—Joseph, Moses, David, Daniel, and Tobias. Mothers can tell their daughters of the faithful and heroic girls and women of the Old Testament—Deborah, Ruth, Esther, Judith, and the valiant mother and her seven sons in the Second Book of Maccabees who were martyred for their faith.

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<i>DIVINE LITURGIES</i>	<i>REQUESTED BY</i>
<u>Saturday, October 2, 2010</u>	Readings: Philippians 3: 17-4: 1 & Matthew 24:23-31
5:00 PM Special Intentions	
<u>Sunday, October 3, 2010</u>	Readings: Philippians 3: 17-4: 1 & Matthew 24:23-31
9:00 AM Special Intentions	
11:00 AM Laure Hermes	The Ragy Family
<u>Saturday, October 9, 2010</u>	Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 & Matthew 24 : 45-51
5:00 PM Special Intentions	
<u>Sunday, October 10, 2010</u>	Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 & Matthew 24 : 45-51
9:00 AM Special Intentions	
11:00 AM Special Intentions	
<u>THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS OFFERED BEFORE EACH LITURGY</u>	

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In all these stories, children learn who God is and how they are to live virtuous and noble lives. Young children should also learn who Jesus is—that he is the eternal Son of the Father who became man. The Gospels are full with stories from Jesus' life, from his birth to his Ascension, that will touch the hearts and catch the imagination of children—his healings and miracles, his love for sinners and the poor, his care for children. Children can be led to faith in Jesus as the one who forgives their wrongs, watches over them with care, and promises them fullness of happiness and joy in heaven. As they mature, children can advance in an understanding of Jesus' Crucifixion and death, the importance of his Resurrection, and the hope of his coming in glory at the end of time.

Children can also learn of all the works of the Holy Spirit—that he transforms them into the likeness of Jesus and so makes them children of the Father. He is the one who makes them holy and good, because he dwells within them, making them temples of the Holy Spirit. Older children can learn that the Holy Spirit is the source of all virtue. Cooperating together, with the help of the Holy Spirit, mothers and fathers foster virtue within each of their children— charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (see Gal 5:22 -23).

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.

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

Councils Election: On Sunday, October 3rd, parishioners will have the opportunity to elect members of the pastoral and stewardship committees. Louis Ragy and Al Suman were appointed as election committee to facilitate this process. Please anyone who is interested to serve the Church on one of these councils see Abouna or the election committee.

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

Candidates for Pastoral and Stewardship Councils

For Pastoral Council:

Nadim Teeny
Habib Osta
Corinne Moussa
Louis Ragy
Habib Abi Sarkis
Sleiman Endraos

For the Stewardship Council:

Albert Ashkouti
Louis Isaf
Simon Dagher
Michael Hiffa

Centennial Celebration Planning

The year 2011 is a blessed and significant year for our Church. In 1911, our parish was established having Saint Joseph as its patron. A Saint who guarded the Virgin and our Lord and never stopped protecting them from dangers. One hundred years are now behind us; we look at them with a sense of gratitude and satisfaction renewing our covenant with the Lord and his Church. We are celebrating all who founded our parish. Those whose sacrifices made our place of worship a reality. We pray during this coming year that our celebrations be worthy of the grandeur of this historical milestone. For this reason a committee has been appointed to help organizing this event: Mr. & Mrs. Mike Hiffa are chairing the event with the help of Mr. & Mrs. Georges Moussa, Mr. & Mrs. Louie Abdou, Mr. & Mrs. Pierre Maalouf and Ms. Gina Thomas. As your Abouna, I appeal to all of you to assist the committee members in their efforts. Thank you in advance.



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Could you believe that Habitat for Humanity has an office in Lebanon? Two months ago, I was surprised when Nathan Kongthum, the Global Engagement Officer of Habitat for Humanity International called me to let me know that Dani Tayar, the National Director Habitat for Humanity Lebanon will be visiting Atlanta. Nathan and Dani expressed the desire to come to Church to meet with the parishioners. On Sunday October 10th Dani Tayar, the National Director of Habitat for Humanity will be visiting our Church to speak for 2-3 minutes about the mission and the work that Habitat for Humanity does in Lebanon. We welcome Dani and his group.

Beatification of John Henry Newman.

On Sunday, September 19, Pope Benedict XVI with great joy beatified the Venerable John Henry Newman in Birmingham, England. The Pope states: "This truly great Englishman lived an exemplary priestly life and through his extensive writings made a lasting contribution to church and society both in his native land and in many other parts of the world. It is my hope and prayer that more and more people will benefit from his gentle wisdom and be inspired by his example of integrity and holiness of life."

