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	<p>September 19th, 2010 First Sunday After Holy Cross</p>

Abouna Dominique's Corner: Marriage (Promoting the Dignity of the person)

An immediate challenge of our day, which questions the very core of marriage (and, hence, the family), is the proposal that persons of the same sex can legitimately marry. This issue brings with it much emotion and much confusion, even among Catholics. The Church is very clear about the intrinsic dignity of all people, including persons who experience same-sex attraction, and she continues to decry all forms of unjust discrimination. Still, some mistakenly see the Church's protection of the true nature of marriage as discriminatory or unjust. This makes catechesis all the more important.

When the nature of marriage is understood and the unique place of marriage and the family within society is grasped, then it becomes all the more clear how preserving marriage between one man and one woman is not a denial of rights, equality, or fairness to some, or a matter of discrimination. The path of chaste living and deep friendship ought to be in every person's life. The Church decries all forms of unjust discrimination against persons with homosexual attraction. However, standing for marriage between one man and one woman is a matter of justice, which is to be measured by truth and not by whim. Marriage is by its nature the permanent and exclusive union of one man and one woman, ordered toward specific goods essential for society and for the true development of the

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<i>DIVINE LITURGIES</i>	<i>REQUESTED BY</i>
<u>Saturday, September 18, 2010</u>	Readings: 2 Timothy 2: 1-10 & Mark 10: 35-45
5:00 PM Special Intentions	
<u>Sunday, September 19, 2010</u>	Readings: 2 Timothy 2: 1-10 & Mark 10: 35-45
9:00 AM John Haddad	Louie & Robin Isaf & family
11:00 AM Special Intentions	
<u>Saturday, September 25, 2010</u>	Readings: 1 Corinthians 15:19-34 & Matthew 24 : 1-14
5:00 PM Special Intentions	
<u>Sunday, September 26, 2010</u>	Readings: 1 Corinthians 15:19-34 & Matthew 24 : 1-14
9:00 AM Joseph & Jeannie Shamatta	The Shamatta Family
11:00 AM Forty Day Liturgy for Sadika Debes	Yolla Lutrell
<u>THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS OFFERED BEFORE EACH LITURGY</u>	

Abouna Dominique's Corner: Marriage (A Received Truth)

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human person. To treat different things differently is not unjust discrimination; it is a matter of justice. The law has a responsibility to uphold justice. For the state to arbitrarily redefine the unchangeable meaning of marriage would actually deny the rights of children and unfairly ignore the irreplaceable and vital roles and responsibilities of spouses and mothers and fathers. There are many ways to ensure the basic rights that flow from the intrinsic dignity of the human person; however, sacrificing the unique nature of marriage and the family should not be among them.

The various truths noted above form a beautiful tapestry, which reveals that the promotion and protection of marriage are not isolated concerns for some. Marriage is interlocked with the meaning of the human person, the family, community, and society. Witnessing to the truth, goodness, and beauty of marriage is a task for all, whether one is married, ordained, consecrated, or living within a committed or transitional single state of life.

Those who are married make a profound witness by living God's plan for marriage, saying yes to the other in freedom, and living a love that is total, faithful, and fruitful. The importance of prayer and regular recourse to the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation, is key here. For Catholic and mixed marriages, praying together with Scripture offers a great source for strength, and couples in interfaith marriages can also find appropriate ways to pray together.

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

Catechetical Sunday: This Sunday September 19th is Catechetical Sunday. All teachers after the Creed in both liturgies will come forward to receive blessing from Abouna Dominique. Thank you for your dedication

Lectors & Readers Meeting: Lectors, readers and all parishioners who would like to serve at the Divine Liturgy through the ministry of reading will meet on Sunday, September 19th @ 10:15 in the Church.

Talent Show Organized by the MYA: After the casting calls, contestants are getting ready and the Maronite Young Adults are working hard to put together a talent show that will keep you at the edge of your seat! Don't miss Maronites Got Talent on Saturday, September 25, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Hall followed immediately by a music and dance hafli. Tickets are available for only \$5 per person. Families with more than 5 individuals for \$25. Available to order Pizza, popcorn, drinks.

Open House: Open House for parents of MCF students is next Sunday, September 26. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher who will give you an overview of his or her program for the school year. You will also be able to ask any questions you may have. Please be sure to consult the Open House Schedule given to all MCF students today by their teacher.

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.

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

Congratulations

The parish family of St. Joseph would like to welcome into the Church Gabriel Charbel Nicolas who was baptized Sunday, September 12. Baby Gabriel surrounded by family received the sacraments of baptism and confirmation.

May the presence of Christ and the Holy Spirit in Gabriel's life enable him to lead an excellent Catholic life protecting him from all harm.

An Open Invitation

To: The All Women of Saint Joseph's Maronite Church

From: The Ladies Altar and Rosary Society

We cordially invite every adult woman of the parish to become a member of the St. Joseph's Altar and Rosary Society. We meet monthly to engage in fundraising and social events for the parish and to care for the altar throughout the liturgical year.

The Ladies Altar and Rosary Society is the perfect way to work and socialize with old friends and to make new ones while giving valuable service to the life of our parish.

Remember that 2011 is the 100th anniversary of our parish. Several special events are planned to commemorate this date and our society will be taking an active part in them.

Our next meeting will be held on September 26 at 10:00 AM in the parish hall. All the ladies of the parish are welcome to join us. For any questions or additional information please contact Victoria Chihane at 404-272-7046. We hope to see many more of you.

Join us for the 36th Annual
Mid-East Festival

at
**St. Elias
Antiochian Orthodox
Church**



Free Admission

Friday September 17th through Sunday September 19th

Friday 9/17 5-9pm

Saturday 9/18 11am-9pm

Sunday 9/19 12pm-6pm

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Food Delicacies & Desserts. Events to include
Church Tours, Dancing and many other cultural events

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www.steliasofatlanta.org

404-378-8191



- 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, Tony Rouhanan, Jeff Faded, Josphine Dahdah, Eva Green** We pray to the Lord.