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	<b>September 5th, 2010</b>

**16th Sunday of Pentecost**

**Abouna Dominique's Corner: Matrimony (Sacrament of Enduring love) 4**

After we have reflected on the images and concepts of marriage in the New and Old Testament, let us highlight now how the Church applies these ideas into its teachings. The Second Vatican Council addressed the question of marriage in chapter 1 of its document *Gaudium et Spes (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World)*. The institution of marriage is part of God's plan in creation itself (Gn 1:26-31 and 2:18-24), and Christ gave it special sanctity by making it a sacrament of God's love. In both Genesis and Jesus' teaching, marriage is a covenant of irrevocable consent between two people. The attraction of the man and woman for one another will not guarantee that love will last lifelong, for love also needs God and his covenant grace as a partner. For followers of Jesus, this covenant fidelity of the Sacrament of Matrimony is revealed by the love of Christ for his Church. No marriage becomes a full unity of two hearts and minds without recognizing that if God is love, then the deepest and truest love can only be achieved by living in unity with God's will. It requires replacing self-love and indulgence with love for the other through service, gentle affection, generosity of spirit, active deeds, and mutual help. For the Christian, marriage is a process of growing and deepening in love, nurtured by the Spirit of Christ that daily permeates and suffuses the lives of a couple with faith, hope, and love.

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<b><i>DIVINE LITURGIES</i></b>	<b><i>REQUESTED BY</i></b>
<b><u>Saturday, September 4, 2010</u></b>	<b>Readings: Romans 8: 18-27 &amp; Luke 18 : 9-14</b>
<b>5:00 PM For the Intentions of Bob Hartle</b>	<b>Ann Hartle</b>
<b><u>Sunday, September 5, 2010</u></b>	<b>Readings: Romans 8: 18-27 &amp; Luke 18 : 9-14</b>
<b>9:00 AM Special Intentions</b>	
<b>11:00 AM Sobhi Azzi</b>	<b>Azzi Family</b>
<b><u>Saturday, September 11, 2010</u></b>	<b>Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 &amp; John 12 : 20-32</b>
<b>5:00 PM Special Intentions</b>	
<b><u>Sunday, September 12, 2010</u></b>	<b>Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 &amp; John 12 : 20-32</b>
<b>9:00 AM Special Intentions</b>	
<b>11:00 AM Jacques Abou Jaoude</b>	<b>The Abou Jaoude Family</b>
<b><u>THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS OFFERED BEFORE EACH LITURGY</u></b>	

## **Abouna Dominique's Corner: Matrimony (Sacrament of Enduring love) 3**

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Being active in prayer and the life of the Church as witness to Christ helps marriages grow and deepen and forms a supportive context for the education and formation of children to become mature and responsible adults. Paul constantly reminds his converts that they must live "in Christ." One cannot serve two masters, both the values of the world and the values of God (Mt 6:24; Lk 16:13). To live in Christ is a permanent commitment to imitating Christ in accord with his teaching. Marriage as life in Christ is a three-way covenant of two persons with Christ and is intimately connected with the presence of Christ and his Holy Spirit in the Church as a community living in and proclaiming divine love. The Church reflects this with a wide selection of biblical readings offered for the Sacrament of Matrimony and the Rite of Crowning. The readings reflect two major focal points. For some, marriage is compared to the divine covenant: For others, emphasis is given to living married life as an expression of God's love: Since the Second Vatican Council, the Church's emphasis on marriage has been expressed much more in the spiritual categories of salvation, grace, and divine promise than in the language of legal contracts. By choosing the language of the Scriptures rather than canon law to redefine marriage, the Church avoids the appearance of stressing the need to merely hold on through the problems of married life and instead positively encourages couples to develop their relationship with Christ in order to turn difficulties into opportunities of loving concern and reject any indulgent self-love as the basis of their union. Through prayer, they may be assured that their marriage can survive and flourish, because it participates in the saving power of the covenant bond between God and Israel, Christ and the Church.

### **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

**Maronite Catholic Formation Registration :** The MCF classes will not start until Sunday, September 12th @ 9:50 am. The Eparchy has not finished printing the new books. We apologize for the inconvenience. For Registration please Abouna or Ms. Marie DiPaola to fill out a form or for more information.

**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 hafl. Tickets are available for only \$5 per person. Families with more than 5 individuals for \$25. Available to order Pizza, popcorn, drinks.

**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.

**100th Anniversary Ad 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 listed below. For more information please see or contact Louie Abdou @ 770-368-1297 or through email: [louieabdou@comcast.net](mailto:louieabdou@comcast.net)

**MYO Meeting:** The MYO will have their first meeting of the year on Sunday, September 12th after the 11 O'clock Liturgy.

**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.

### 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.

**The Cedar Club of Atlanta**  
presents  
**Labor Day 2010**



September 5th-6th  
Doubletree Roswell/Atlanta  
[www.cedardubatl.com](http://www.cedardubatl.com)

**Saturday, Sept 4**

5:00 PM	7:00 PM	Registration
6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Cash Bar
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Testimonial Dinner - Optional
9:00 PM	12:00 AM	Dancing with Live Band

**Sunday, Sept 5**

11:00AM	2:00 PM	Registration
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Brunch
1:00 PM	5:30 PM	Optional Tours
3:00 PM	4:30 PM	Bingo
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Kids Function
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Cultural Event
6:00 PM	9:00 PM	Dinner on your own
8:00 PM	12:30 AM	Registration
8:30 PM	12:30 AM	Child Care - Optional
9:00 PM	1:00 AM	Hall / Scholarships & Prizes
12:00 AM	1:00 AM	Skunk & Farket

**Monday, Sept. 6**

8:30 AM	11:00AM	Farewell Breakfast
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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

Come enjoy Mid-Eastern  
Food Delicacies & Desserts. Events to include  
Church Tours, Dancing and many other cultural events

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[www.steliasofatlanta.org](http://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.