

Miscellaneous Events & Announcements

The Weekend of May 14th & 15th: On Saturday and Sunday, May 14 & 15, the MYA and MYO will have a lock-in at the Church. Sunday, May 15th, the MCF will have their end of the year party. That same Sunday, the Men's Club of St. Joseph will organize a Breakfast.

MYO National Workshop: The 2011 National Maronite Youth Workshop will be held at St. Vincent College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania from Monday, June 27th through Saturday, July 2nd. Please keep these dates in mind when planning your summer vacations.



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Father Dominique Hanna, Pastor

April 17th, 2011

Hosanna Sunday (Palm Sunday)

BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

John 12: 13

Visit the Lebanon Booth at the 75th Annual Dogwood Festival - the South East Best fine-arts festival - from April 15-17 at Piedmont Park, in Atlanta.

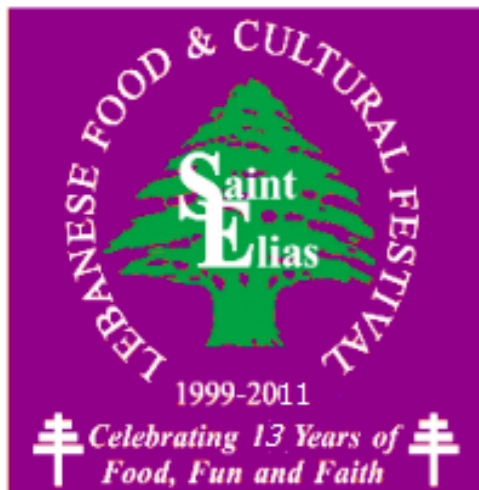
Sign the petition to the US Postmaster for a Commemorative Stamp on Gibran Kahlil Gibran.

For more information please check www.cedarclubatl.com

Enjoy a beautiful performance on the International Stage by Christine Zaarour – formerly of Caracalla. More than 200,000 visitors attended the three-day event last.

Visit www.dogwood.org for general information.

Wish to volunteer? Please contact LebanonCedars@ymail.com



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836 Eighth Street South

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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL Lebanese Food & Cultural Festival

FRIDAY, APRIL 29th

SATURDAY, APRIL 30th, 2011

10:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.

DIVINE LITURGIES

REQUESTED BY

Saturday, April 16, 2011 (Palm Sunday)

Readings: Philippians 1: 1-13 & John 12: 12-22

5:00 PM Special Intentions

Sunday, April 17, 2011 (Palm Sunday)

Readings: Philippians 1: 1-13 & John 12: 12-22

9:00 AM Special Intentions

11:00 AM Special Intentions

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday of the Passion Week, April 18, 2010

Readings: Hebrews 6:1-9 & Matthew 21: 17-27

7:30 PM Liturgy and Rite of the Coming to the Harbor

Tuesday of the Passion Week, April 19, 2010

Readings: 1 Thessal. 2: 13-17 & Luke 13: 22-30

7:30 PM Liturgy and Rite of the Coming to the Harbor

Wednesday of the Passion Week, April 20, 2010

Readings: Hebrews 2: 5-12 & John 11: 47-54

7:30 PM Liturgy and Rite of the Lamp (Blessing & Imposition of Oil)

Thursday of the Mysteries, April 21, 2010

Readings: 1 Corinth. 11: 23-32 & Luke 22: 1-23

7:30 PM Liturgy and Rite of the Washing of the Feet

Great Friday of the Crucifixion, April 22, 2010

Readings: Hebrews 12: 12-21 & John 19: 31-37

11:00 AM Liturgy and Anaphora of the Signing of the Chalice

7:30 PM Liturgy and Rite of the Adoration of the Cross

Great Saturday of light, April 23, 2010

Readings: Romans 5: 1-11 & Matthew 27: 62-66

11:00 AM Prayer of Forgiveness

5:00 PM Easter Vigil Liturgy (For Alexander Whipple req. by Robin & Louie Isaf

12:00 Midnight Easter Liturgy and the Rite of Peace

Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection, April 24, 2010

Readings: Philipp. 2: 1-11 & Matthew 28: 1-10

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11:00 AM Easter Liturgy and the Rite of Peace

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS OFFERED BEFORE EACH LITURGY

Abouna Dominique's Corner: The Pope Addresses The New Patriarch

Benedict XVI is affirming his communion with the new patriarch of the Maronite Church, and praising the rich tradition of Antioch, where the faithful were first given the name Christians. The Pope had a private audience on April 15 with Patriarch Béchara Boutros Raï, 71. Last month, the patriarch succeeded Cardinal Nasrallah Pierre Sfeir, becoming the 77th patriarch of Antioch of the Maronites. Cardinal Sfeir resigned at age 90. The Holy Father said Patriarch Raï's visit was a privilege for the universal Church. "I rejoice to receive you here, with the Maronite bishops, the priests, the consecrated persons and the faithful, to solemnize the 'Ecclesia Communio,' which I made known to you by letter last March 24."

After a Maronite patriarch is elected, the Bishop of Rome extends his official expression of communion. He continued: "Your election, which occurred a few days after the closure of the Holy Year promulgated to celebrate the 1,600th anniversary of the death of St. Maron, seems the most eminent fruit of numerous graces that he obtained for his Church."

Noting the Divine Liturgy that was to be celebrated, the Holy Father said that there "the plenitude of communion is manifested between the Successor of the Prince of the Apostles and the 77th Successor of St. Maron, Father and Head of the Church of Antioch of the Maronites, that very prestigious Apostolic See where the faithful of Christ received for the first time the name of 'Christians!' Your Patriarchal Church, her rich spiritual, liturgical and theological tradition, the tradition of Antioch, always adorns the entire Church with that treasure." The Maronite Church has always been in communion with Rome, even while maintaining its own liturgy and calendar. The liturgy is celebrated in different languages depending on where the Maronite faithful reside, except in ancient songs and ancestral prayers of the Eucharist, for which Aramaic and Arabic is used. The Church was established by St. Maron, who lived between the 4th and 5th centuries as a hermit on Mount Tauro, an ancient city of northern Syria. The patriarchate is based in Lebanon.

Benedict XVI spoke to Patriarch Raï about concrete tasks awaiting him as patriarch, namely the situation of the Middle East and the importance of education. "This region of the world that the patriarchs, the prophets, the apostles and Christ himself blessed by their presence and by their preaching, aspires to this durable peace that the Word of Truth, received and lived, has the capacity to establish," he said.

"Transmit to young people all my esteem and affection while reminding them that the Church and society have need of their enthusiasm and their hope," he said. And he concluded inviting the patriarch to "intensify the formation of priests and of numerous young people that the Lord is calling in your eparchies and in your religious congregations. That by their teaching and by their life, they may be genuine witnesses of the Word of God to help the faithful to root their life and their mission in Christ!"

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Stations and Benediction of the Cross: Every Friday of Lent beginning Friday, March 11th @ 7:30 pm, Saint Joseph Parish will pray the Stations of the Cross. The service will be followed by a Lenten Supper.

Good Friday Supper: For a better coordination of the Lenten Dinner on Good Friday, there will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hall. Please sign-up your name next to the item that you would like to bring.

Bishop's Appeal 2011: A second collection will be taken every Sunday during the Season of the Great Lent that begins Monday, March 7th and ends Sunday, April 24th. This Collection is for the Eparchial Charities Appeal which is divided as follows: 30% priests' retirement fund, 25% seminary, 15% endowment fund, 15% Patriarchal liturgical commission & texts, 15% Lebanon. Our goal is to raise \$3,500.00. Until now, we have raised \$1,734.00, we are still need \$1,766.00. We thank you for generosity and financial support.

Easter Lilies: Parishioners who would like to donate Easter Lilies in memory of their beloved ones, please see Abouna.

Easter Egg Hunt: Saint Joseph Maronite Church will hold its annual Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday April 24th after the 11:00 am liturgy. We are in need of bags of candies to fill up more than 2000 plastic eggs. For donations please see John Doueiry or Maria Moussa.

Spring Bake Sale: Please mark your calendars for the Ladies Altar and Rosary Society's spring bake sale that will be held on Palm Sunday April 17th after both liturgies. The ladies encourage you to pre order your Easter maamool and Kaak early by contacting Victoria Chihane or Mireille Teeny personally or by writing to either of them at nteeny@bellsouth.net or victoria.chihane@gmail.com. They hope that you will share your baked goods by donating to and getting delicacies from their table.

Inman Park Festival: The Inman Park Festival will be held the weekend of April 29th, 30th and May 1st (the weekend after Easter). The MYO will selling Falafel, Kafta and Grilled Chicken. MYO parents will again be asked to prepare 10 lbs of chicken or Kafta AND to help prepare for and staff the fundraiser event. Last year's event raised \$6,204.57 in profit. A signup sheet will be posted next Sunday.

Candles for the Palm Sunday & Easter Basket: The MYA will be providing and decorating candles for our Palm Sunday Celebration for the children of our parish. They will make Easter Basket as well. Please support our MYA.

Commemorate the Centennial by Wearing a T-shirt: The MYA will be selling centennial t-shirts throughout this centennial year. Please support the MYA and get a piece of our church's history.