



# Our Lady of Purgatory

## Maronite Catholic Church



May 30-31, 2020

# PENTECOST SUNDAY



## BLESSED PENTECOST SUNDAY

Welcome home and Blessed Pentecost Sunday to all of you. What a special day to welcome the family of OLOP home as we celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Disciples. Jesus promised us He would not abandon us so He sent His Holy Spirit to be with us, to guide us, and to help us in our journey on this earth. Isn't this a perfect moment to remember this gift from God! We are reminded today that Jesus has never and will never abandon us in our time of need. After all, look at what this gift of the Holy Spirit did for the disciples and for the world. They were able to go and preach the word of God to foreign lands. They

were able to establish Churches in the name of Jesus Christ where people could pray and come together as one. And they were able to be examples for generations to come, what it meant to follow Jesus for the kingdom of heaven.

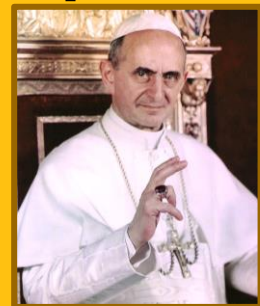
Oh, the power of the Holy Spirit. May this Pentecost Sunday remind us of this great power and that we are never orphaned or abandoned. If we allow the Holy Spirit to penetrate our lives and welcome Him, we will always feel God's presence in us, helping us on this road we walk. And to know that when we stumble or fall flat on our face, the graces God gives us is right in front of us. Ask the Holy Spirit for help and guidance and let Him lead you to our Lord. Only then will we realize that we are never alone.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“The command to the Twelve to go out and proclaim the Good News is also valid for all Christians, though in a different way... the Good News of the kingdom which is coming and which has begun is meant for all people of all times.*

*Those who have received the Good News and who have been gathered by it into the community of salvation can and must communicate and spread it.”*

**Pope Paul VI**



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## **FEAST OF POPE SAINT JOHN VI MAY 29**

The second child of Giorgio and Giuditta Alghisi, Giovanni Battista Montini was born in Concesio, Brescia, on September 26, 1897. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 19, 1920. He studied philosophy, civil law and canon law. In 1923 he was appointed attaché at the Apostolic Nunciature in Warsaw and a year later returned and began serving in the Secretariat of State in the Vatican. During his service to the Holy See — under the Pontificates of Pius xi and Pius XII — he also taught the history of papal diplomacy at the Lateran University, until December 13, 1937, when Pius XI appointed him Substitute of the Secretariat of State.

During World War II, he engaged in aiding refugees and Jews, also overseeing the Vatican Information Office. In November 1952, he was appointed Pro-Secretary of State for General Affairs and two years later he was appointed Archbishop of Milan. There, he employed new methods of evangelization in order to address the issues of immigration, materialism and Marxist ideology.

On 21 June 1963 he was elected pope and took the name of Paul VI. Amid numerous challenges, he brought three periods of the Second Vatican Council to a successful conclusion, always encouraging the Church to be open in the modern

world while respecting her tradition, always seeking communion among the Council Fathers.

Paul VI began the practice of Apostolic Journeys beginning with the Holy Land, where his historic meeting with Athenagoras took place. His first encyclical, *Ecclesiam Suam* (1964), gave rise to the method of “the dialogue of salvation”. His other writings, include *Populorum Progressio* on the development of peoples. He also provided masterful teaching on the question of peace, also instituting the World Day of Peace. From the very beginning of his ministry, he had particular concern for the young, sharing with them the joy of faith. After a brief illness, he died on August 6, 1978, in Castel Gandolfo.”

Pope Francis beatified him on 19 October 2014.

He was canonized on 14 October 2018 by Pope Francis.

### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

**O Divine Ocean of Mercy and Compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties.**

**Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the Life-Giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At this time, I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, but I choose to live in union with him and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. I offer my day, my daily life, my joys and sorrows to you, for those around me, and for the whole world. Be with us O life-giving Triune God, for we know that nothing in this world has power over us. O Lover of all people, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

## **OUR LADY OF PURGATORY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

This foundation was founded in 1993 to assist active members of our parish with their college education. **I am asking you and/or your child who is a High School senior or a Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior in college to please send me an email to obtain an application for this scholarship.** The deadline for submitting this application is June 14, 2020. There will be three scholarships awarded for this year in the amount of \$750.00 each.

Instructions are included in the application. You may submit these to my attention at [ourladyofpurgatory@verizon.net](mailto:ourladyofpurgatory@verizon.net) Please request the application as soon as possible so that you may submit it on time.

I was informed that an award was given out last year to Michael Mello. We will recognize him formally when the 2020 scholarships are awarded.

Fr. Vincent

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL LITURGIES WILL BE AVIALABLE THROUGH ZOOM. PLEASE SEE THE SCHEDULE BELOW. I WILL SEND AN INVITATION FOR EACH SERVICE. I WILL ALSO SEND THE TEXT FOR EACH LITURGY SO THAT YOU MAY PARTICIPATE AT HOME.**

**ALSO PLEASE BE SURE YOU PLACE YOUR PHONE OR COMPUTER ON MUTE ONCE YOU LOG INTO THE SERVICE.**

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, May 30, @ 5:00 PM,**  
**Sunday, May 31, @ 10:30 PM,**  
liturgy is being offered for the living and deceased members of the Joseph Semaan Dawood family. (FM)  
Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Ralph Farhat requested by his family. May his soul rest in peace.

**Monday, June 1,**  
**Tuesday, June 2,**  
**Wednesday, June 3,**  
**Thursday, June 4,**

**Saturday, June 6, @ 5:00 PM,**  
liturgy is being offered for the soul of Marylou Viveiros requested by Joann David. May her soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, June 7, @ 10:30 AM,**  
liturgy is being offered for the souls of Alfred Nassr and his mother Afrify Nassr by their family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Please know that confession is available before liturgies. You may also call to set up an appointment.

## RESERVATIONS FOR DIVINE LITURGIES

As foreign as this may be to all of us, it is imperative, in order to keep within the guidelines of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to go to the following links to reserve your seat for Divine Liturgy. We are allowed to have 75 people for each liturgy. You have all received the guidelines and procedures that need to be taken during the Phase One opening

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/SaturdayMass>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/SundayMass>

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2020 GRADUATES

On behalf of the entire community of Our Lady of Purgatory Church, I would like to congratulate our 2020 graduates. I know the celebratory circumstances this year have been cancelled due to the Covid-19 virus. Nonetheless, each of you have made this community and your families very proud. We celebrate with you for your achievements. We ask Almighty God to bless you on your next journey and we assure you of our prayers and good wishes.

God bless the following graduates:

**Jeremy Chedid-** Graduate of Dartmouth High School and attending UMass in the fall.

**Natalya Chedid-** Graduate of Dartmouth High School and continuing her education for Aerospace/Aeronautical Engineering.

**Jesselyn David-** Graduate of New Bedford High School and continuing her education at UMass Boston for nursing.

**Eileen Barakat-** Graduate of Cape Cod Technical High School and continuing her education at UMass Amherst majoring in Horticulture and minor in Photography.

**Samantha Hakeem-** Graduating from The Catholic University of America with a BA in Politics and a double minor in Spanish and History.

**Lily Reynolds-** Graduate of UMass Dartmouth with a degree in nursing.

**Marissa Ann Pontes-** Graduate of Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Services and continuing for a Master's degree.

**Samuel D. Thomas JD-** Graduate of Boston College Law School, Cum Laude. Served as Editor of the Boston College Law Review. He received the Recipient of the Cornelius J. Moynihan Award for Outstanding Editorial Work on a Law School Publication.

## ANNUAL BISHOPS CHARITY APPEAL

Each year the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn appeals to each parish for the annual Bishops Charity Appeal. The money is divided as follows: 30% for priests' retirement, 25% go towards the seminarian's education and boarding, 15% goes toward our endowment fund, 15% goes to Patriarchal liturgical commission and texts, and 15% goes to Lebanon. Each parish in the eparchy is asked to send an amount based on the size of the parish and the ability to raise this money for these much-needed programs. OLOP Church must raise \$3,500.00. All of you have been very generous in the past and I am confident we will raise the amount requested. Thus far we have collected \$1,478.00 toward that amount. I thank you for your continued generosity for this worthy cause.

## WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

*This month of May, the wine and bread offerings are in memory of Joseph M. Thomas, requested by Thomas Hitchings Family. May his soul rest in peace.*

Anyone who would like to give an offering in memory of a loved one or for a special intention for the month of October, please see Fr. Vincent. The cost for the month is \$75.00, which covers the cost of the communion bread and wine. Thank you and God bless.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

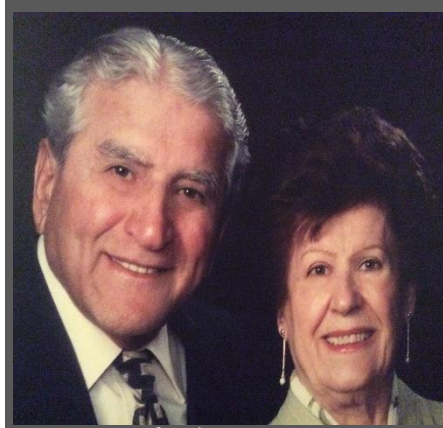
Fernanda Thomas, Hiam Cheiab, Leo Roderick, Rose John, Theresa John, Laurette BouRamia, Annie Peter, Jeannie Francis, Mariam David, Norma Thomas, Zita Drouin, Lucienne Rodrigues, Ed Da Rocha, Edmond Salameh, and Alice Daher. If anyone is missing from this list please contact the Church office.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR**

**May 23-24, 2020**

**Sunday Collection \$ 1,425.00**  
**Memorial Donations \$ 900.00**  
**Total: \$ 2,325.00**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY BY SENDING IN YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS VIA MAIL. THIS HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL FOR THE CHURCH. GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.**



*Joseph & Marie Kenyon*

*How empty life is without you. Your Love and Patience has made us into who we are today. Your Guidance has set our path in life. We Miss seeing your face, hearing your voice, seeing your smile and hearing your laugh. We Love you and miss you even more with each passing day*

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