



# Our Lady of Purgatory

## Maronite Catholic Church



June 6-7, 2020

# SUNDAY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



### HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

Trinity Sunday, a moveable feast also known as Holy Trinity Sunday, is celebrated a week after Pentecost Sunday in honor of the most fundamental of Christian beliefs—belief in the Holy Trinity. We can never fully understand the mystery of the Trinity, but we can sum it up in the following formula: God is three Persons in one Nature. The three Persons of God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—are all equally God, and They cannot be divided.

#### History

As Fr. John Hardon points out in his *Modern Catholic Dictionary*, the origins of the celebration of Trinity Sunday go all the way back to the Arian heresy of the fourth century. Arius believed that Christ was a created being, and in denying

the divinity of Christ, he denied that there are three Persons in God. Arius' chief opponent, Athanasius, upheld the orthodox doctrine that there are three Persons in one God, and the orthodox view prevailed at the Council of Nicaea, from which we get the Nicene Creed, recited in most Christian churches every Sunday. (The Council of Nicaea also gives us a wonderful example of how a real bishop deals with a heretic; see my biography of Saint Nicholas of Myra for the whole story.)

To stress the doctrine of the Trinity, other Fathers of the Church, such as St. Ephrem the Syrian, composed prayers and hymns that were recited in the Church's liturgies and on Sundays as part of the Divine Office, the official prayer of the Church. Eventually, a special version of this office began to be celebrated on the Sunday after Pentecost, and the Church in England, at the request of St. Thomas à Becket (1118-1170), was granted permission to celebrate Trinity Sunday. The celebration of Trinity Sunday was made universal by Pope John XXII (1316-34).

For many centuries, the Athanasian Creed, traditionally ascribed to Saint Athanasius, was recited at Mass on Trinity Sunday. While seldom read today, this beautiful and theologically rich exposition of the doctrine of the Holy Trinity can be

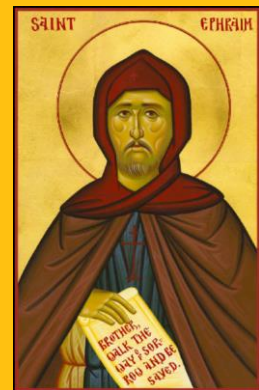
read privately or recited with your family to revive this ancient tradition.

[http://catholicism.about.com/od/holydaysandholidays/p/Trinity\\_Sunday.htm](http://catholicism.about.com/od/holydaysandholidays/p/Trinity_Sunday.htm)

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy. Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit, and raises man to Heaven.”*

*St. Ephraim*



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OFFICE HOURS: The Church office will be open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

## What does the Catholic Church think about Racism?

Everything in the world today is growing, ways of life are accelerating at a fast pace. Even though our world is ever changing, racism is still found everywhere. Ethnic violence is most likely increasing and the need to have a unique and superior identity to everyone else is more common. This issue is becoming more and more violent and can lead to barbarous acts. Apparently since 1988 in regards to racism, the situation has not improved and even has even got worse. The Holy See believes a world conference on racism would be very beneficial and important for peace throughout the world. South Africa is an example of increasing racial and ethnic issues in relation to its recent 'Ethnic Cleansing'.

Racism is a personal sin and social disorder that revolves around the belief that one race is superior to another. Religious, social, economic, political and historical power is required to make sure all races are equal and privileged. Racism exists within all people in all different kinds of forms, but any form of racism is unacceptable. The biggest example of racism is between the Black and White divisions. Addressing the long and complex injustice between these two races will help everybody understand more about racism. Racism can be personal, cultural or internal. Personal racism is when a person takes away the God given rights away from another because of his/her race. Cultural racism is when someone is sinful towards customs, languages and a type of life for a whole community. Internal racism is when a person lacks self-esteem because they belong to a particular race. Racism is a sin in all forms and it should not be placed upon any

human being no matter what race they are.

The Vatican believes that in the world, we need a permanent program of action to address racism. There needs to be new ways to plan for coexistence between all individuals and respect for each other. Pope John Paul II believes we need a culture "in which we recognize, in every man and woman, a brother and a sister with whom we can together walk the path of solidarity and peace". The world's population needs to remember that we as humans exist as one family and racism has no place among us. True religious belief has no relation with racist attitudes and practices and we cannot call upon God if we treat any person created in Gods image in a racist manner. Our world today exploits and corrupts religion in some places, creating false information and beliefs to influence a person against a certain race. Overall, religion can be a strong force against racism but can only do so much. An international program is definitely needed in the fight against racism around the world.

## CONFESSION

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

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL LITURGIES WILL BE AVIALABLE THROUGH ZOOM AND FACEBOOK. 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.**

## 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.*

## 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>

## REMEMBER ME IN YOUR KINGDOM DIVINE LITURGY

Please join us Wednesday evening at 6:00 PM, for the monthly Divine Liturgy, for all the deceased members from our parish and your families. Allah yerhammo. May they rest in peace.

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**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. Liturgy is being offered for the deceased members of the Daher Family requested by their family (FM). May their souls 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.

**Monday, June 8,**

**Tuesday, June 9,**

**Wednesday, June 10, 6:00 PM,** Remember Me In Your Kingdom Divine Liturgy

**Thursday, June 11,**

**Saturday, June 13, @ 5:00 PM,** liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Marie Kenyon requested by their family. May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, June 14, @ 10:30 PM, (Feast of the Body of Christ - Corpus Christi)** liturgy is being offered for the soul of David Dickinson requested by Rose David and family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Ralph Farhat requested by Ida Farhat. May his soul rest in peace.

## WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

*This month of June, the wine and bread offerings are in memory of John Thomas and Peter and Frozia Thomas requested by Hyatt Thomas and Family. May their souls 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.

## 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.

**Priscilla Jean Chedid-** Graduated from Bryant University, Summa Cum Laude in Business Administration.

**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.

## 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.

## FOR SALE

Subdeacon Joe has a fairly new Whirlpool washer and dryer for sale for \$300.00 as well as wicker Chest with drawers for \$55.00. If you are interested in any of these items, please contact Subdeacon Joe at 508-542-3472.

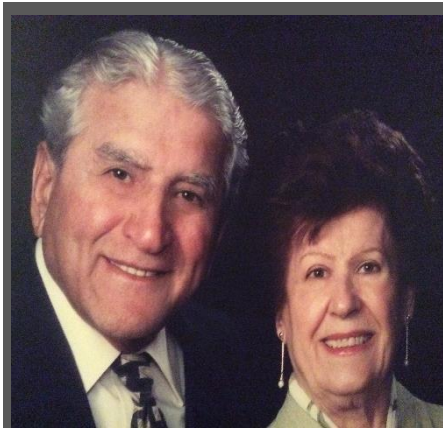
## WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR May 30-31, 2020

Sunday Collection	\$ 943.00
Donations	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Total:	\$ 993.00

**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.**

## 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.



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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