



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



June 13-14, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



WELCOME SEMINARIAN ANTHONY ABI AWAD

We are pleased to welcome our seminarian from Washington, DC, Anthony Abi Awad to OLOP. Anthony comes from Ehmej, Lebanon, an area very well known to this community. Please help me welcome Anthony to our community as he furthers his experience toward his priestly vocation. Anthony will begin his third year at Catholic University of America. May God continue to bless his vocation. Welcome to OLOP!

CORPUS CHRISTI

The first and the second coming of Christ are familiar concepts that we have heard off. We refer to His birth, incarnation, as the “first” coming and His return at the end of time as the “second” coming. However, Saint Bernard of Clairvaux speaks of a *third coming between these two in which Jesus comes in spirit and power for our rest and consolation.* In these past days, we might have felt an absence of God, a certain distance between us, or even that He has abandoned humanity.

The feast of Corpus Christi (the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ) is a great reminder of that "middle coming" where Jesus comes to us as "the food" (viaticum) to comfort us in our journey.

This year we are called to a unique celebration of this feast. This Sunday we are coming back to mass after a long time of separation to partake in the Body and Blood of Jesus. Let us prepare ourselves for this encounter by lifting to God all our desires and to experience this encounter. If you are unable to partake in the

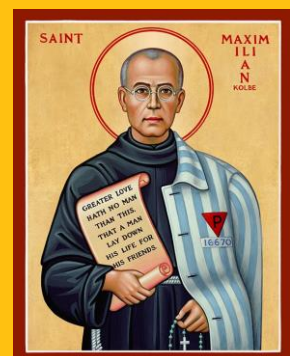
liturgy this weekend, I invite you to remember Jesus's promise: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." (John 14: 23) He draws close to those who draw near to Him. Don't search for Him elsewhere for He is near you, in your heart, and on your mind.

By Seminarian Anthony Abi Awad

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion."

St. Maximilian Kolbe



Fr. Vincent Farhat, Pastor | Rev. Mr. Jean Mattar, Deacon | Joseph Abraham, Sub-deacon

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

Welcome Mr. President

Former US President Richard Nixon is infamous for his place at the center of the Watergate scandal. He disgraced both the office of the President of the United States and the United States itself in the eyes of the world. When Hubert Humphrey, a former US vice-president died, Nixon attended his funeral. Dignitaries came from all over the country and the world, yet Nixon was made to feel decidedly unwelcome. People turned their eyes away and conversations ran dry around him. Nixon could feel the ostracism being ladled out to him. Then Jimmy Carter, the serving US President, walked into the room. Carter was from a different political party to Nixon and well known for his honesty and integrity. As he moved to his seat President Carter noticed Nixon standing all alone. Carter immediately changed course, walked over to Nixon, held out his hand, and, smiling genuinely and broadly embraced Nixon and said "Welcome home, Mr. President! Welcome home!" The incident was reported by Newsweek magazine, which wrote: "If there was a turning point in Nixon's long ordeal in the wilderness, it was that moment and that gesture of love and compassion." Carter gifted Nixon with love and compassion. Nixon certainly had done nothing to deserve it. It was an act of pure grace on Carter's part. When the bible speaks of God's blessing it speaks in exactly the same way. Blessing is never a reward for good behavior. It's a gift, a gift of pure, unadulterated grace.



WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

This past week, Rose John passed away in the loving arms of Jesus, surrounded by her sister Theresa and her nieces and nephew. Rose has left her imprint on many people's lives. Our condolences are extended to her sister Theresa, her many nieces and nephews, family and friends. May Almighty God welcome His good and faithful servant into His kingdom and may her soul rest in peace. Allah yerhamma.

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.

40/40 CLUB NEWS

Dear Parishioners and friends of OLOP 40/40 club:

The past few months have been a challenge for us to be together as a community of faith and to celebrate our traditional 40/40 club banquet. It has always been a great time to share laughter, tell stories, and having a good time.

As you are aware, this year we were not able to have the banquet due to the pandemic. Customarily, every year we have the banquet and we award prizes. To make up the difference for the meal and split the net revenue from this year, we decided to award thirty-two prizes instead of twelve. Therefore, we will draw one (\$500), one (\$250), two (\$100), four (50\$) and twenty-four (\$25). The thirty-two prizes will be drawn next week and all the winners will be notified.

Thank you for your continued support to Our Lady of Purgatory Church.

40/40 Club Committee

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.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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.

Monday, June 15, 6:00 PM, Special Intention

Tuesday, June 16, 12:00 Noon,

Wednesday, June 17, 6:00 PM,

Thursday, June 18, 12:00 Noon,

Saturday, June 20, @ 5:00 PM, liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joanne Yozefek requested by Rose David and family. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, June 21, @ 10:30 AM, Liturgy is offered for our fathers in honor of Father's Day. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Charles and Ann Lizotte by their family (FM). May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Tufeek P. David by his wife Mary and children. May his soul rest in peace (FM).

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

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. 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

IN OUR PRAYERS

Fernanda Thomas, Hiam Cheiab, Leo Roderick, 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.

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.

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

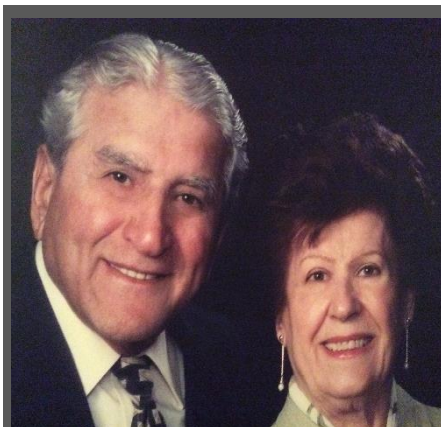
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/SaturdayMass>

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WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR June 6-7, 2020

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,574.00
Memorial Donations	\$ <u>390.00</u>
Total:	\$ 1,964.00

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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