



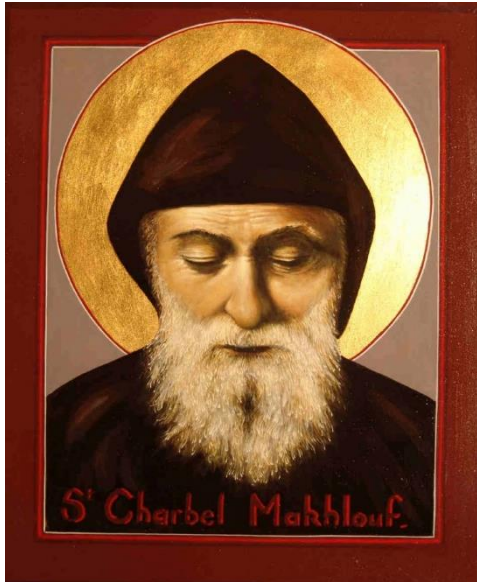
Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



July 18-19, 2020

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



SAINT SHARBEL

Although this saint never traveled far from the Lebanese village of Beka-Kafra, where he was born, his influence has spread widely. Joseph Zaroun Makluf was raised by an uncle because his father, a mule driver, died when Joseph was only three. At the age of 23, Joseph joined the Monastery of St. Maron at Annaya, Lebanon, and took the name Sharbel in honor of a second-century martyr. He professed his final vows in 1853 and was ordained six years later.

Following the example of the fifth-century St. Maron, Sharbel lived as a hermit from 1875 until his death. His reputation for holiness prompted people to seek him to receive a blessing and to be remembered in his

prayers. He followed a strict fast and was very devoted to the Blessed Sacrament. When his superiors occasionally asked him to administer the sacraments to nearby villages, Sharbel did so gladly.

He died in the late afternoon on Christmas Eve. Christians and non-Christians soon made his tomb a place of pilgrimage and of cures. Pope Paul VI beatified him in 1965 and canonized him 12 years later. Blessed John Paul II often said that the Church has two lungs (East and West) and it must learn to breathe using both of them. Remembering saints like Sharbel helps the Church to appreciate both the diversity and unity present in the Catholic Church. Like all the saints, Sharbel points us to God and invites us to cooperate generously with God's grace, no matter what our situation in life may be. As our prayer life becomes deeper and more honest, we become more ready to make that generous response.

FEAST OF SAINT SHARBEL

We will celebrate the Feast of Saint Sharbel on Wednesday evening, July 22, at 6:00 PM. Please join us in honoring our beloved Saint Sharbel. Through his intercession, may we draw closer to Jesus, especially during these very difficult times in

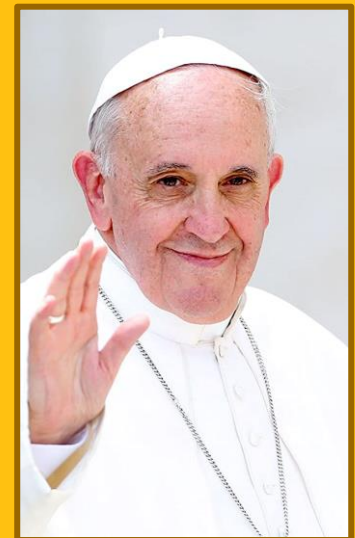
the world. Saint Sharbel---pray for us!

We will also celebrate **REMEMBER ME IN YOUR KINGDOM DIVINE LITURGY** for all the deceased members from our parish and your families. Allah yerhammo. May they rest in peace.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Around us there is the presence of evil. The devil is at work. But in a loud voice I say: GOD IS STRONGER.”

Pope Francis



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



THANK YOU ANTHONY ABI AWAD

This weekend, we say goodbye to our seminarian Anthony Abi Awad. You have been a joy and great help to me and to the parish of OLOP. As you continue in your discernment to the priesthood, we will continue to keep you in our prayers. Please know that you always have a home at Our Lady of Purgatory Church. May Almighty God continue to shower His love on you and walk with you on your journey. God bless you and stay well.

Dear Parishioners of OLOP:

We pray that you are healthy and staying safe in these trying times. God willing this will end as soon as possible and we can all safely assemble together again.

As you may know, for the last few months, we have been preparing to demolish the house on Pleasant Street. The cost of demolition has been quoted at between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

This year has been a difficult year for our church. We were unable to have our annual Hafli and now our summer festival has been postponed, and we may have to cancel it. For years we have relied on our fundraisers to help pay our monthly bills. Without them our savings get depleted.

While we consider ourselves a wealthy parish when it comes to our parishioners, you are all aware that we are not as monetarily wealthy as we would like.

We have money in both our building fund and our general fund but to withdraw the amount needed for the demolition will certainly leave us in a weakened position.

We understand that this is also a very difficult time for all of our parishioners, but we, as OLOP's Financial Council and an advisory board for Fr. Vincent, have an obligation to ask if you could find some donations to help offset the cost of the demolition.

Any amount you can donate will help us maintain our savings for emergencies.

We have recently implemented an on-line donation system, so in addition to the traditional ways to donate, you can now donate via the internet. Please visit the website at www.ourladyofpurgatory.org for instructions.

God bless you and stay safe and healthy.

In Christ,

The OLOP Financial Council and Fr. Vincent

WITH GRATITUDE AND THANKS

The pastor's bathroom is complete in the Church. Many thanks to Tim Tibbals for his generous donation of electrical work for this project. Thank you to Jimmy Kalife for his donations, supplies, and new vanity for the Sacarium in the sacristy. I also thank Salim Khalife for overseeing the project as well. God bless all of you and your families.

MANY THANKS

A new beginning has begun for the parish of OLOP. After many months of planning and obtaining permits, the property next to the Church was demolished on July 15. I am sure this moment is bittersweet, but this is an opportunity to evaluate and plan for the future of this community. I would like to thank Milad Maalouf and his staff for donating their time and resources in tearing down and removing this building. Your generosity and dedication to this project and the Church is very much appreciated by me and this community. May God bless you, your family, and the community of Our Lady of Purgatory.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 18, @ 5:00 PM, liturgy is being offered for the soul of Michael J. David by Robert Macedo (FM). May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Nacklie and Marie Nessralla requested by their children. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, July 19, @ 10:30 AM, Liturgy is being offered for the souls George and Mary Saba requested by their family (FM). May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Christine David requested by Michael and Joan Mello and family. May her soul rest in peace.

Monday, July 20, @ 6:00 PM,
Tuesday, July 21, at 12:00 Noon,
Wednesday, July 22, at 6:00 PM
(Feast of Saint Sharbel)
Remember Me In Your Kingdom
Thursday, July 23, @ 9:00 AM
(Feast of Saint Sharbel)

Saturday, July 25, @ 5:00 PM, Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Mike and Emily Nemer requested by their daughter Kathy Nemer. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Theresa Cordeiro requested by OLOP. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, July 26, @ 10:30 PM, liturgy is being offered for the soul of George F. Thomas requested by his family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered as a 40 Day memorial for the soul of David Dickinson requested by his family. May his soul rest in peace.

CONFESSION

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

LECTORS FOR JULY

Saturday, July 18

Smitty Cabral

Sunday, July 19

Joan Mello/Hiba Chedid

Saturday, July 25

Carol Ann Maslanka

Sunday, July 26

Mae Dickinson/Gaby Baroody

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>

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

This month of July, the wine and bread offerings are for Mariam David and the living and deceased members of the David and Daher Families.

Anyone who would like to give an offering in memory of a loved one or for a special intention for the month of January, 2021, 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.

LEASING OF THE LEBANESE CENTER

Effective August 1, 2020, the Lebanese Center will be leased to the Youth-Build Program of PACE, Inc. This opportunity presented itself a few months ago and a lease was approved by the Chancery and signed and approved by PACE this past week. Stated in the lease is the weekend use of the hall for our coffee hour events. This relationship with PACE will be a great opportunity for our parish in many ways.

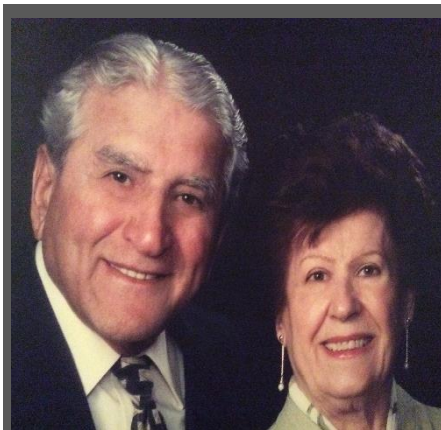
IN OUR PRAYERS

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.

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.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION
FOR
July 11-12, 2020**

Sunday Collection \$ 1,710.00
Demolition Donations \$ 1,150.00
Memorial Donations \$ 115.00
Altar Hosts/Wine Donation \$ 500.00
Candles \$ 195.00
Total: \$ 3,670.00



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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