



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



August 29-30, 2020

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“A young lady was waiting for her flight in the boarding room of a big airport. As she would need to wait many hours, she decided to buy a book to spend her time. She also bought a packet of cookies. She sat down in an armchair, in the VIP-room of the airport, to rest and read in peace.

Beside the armchair where the packet of cookies lay, a man sat down in the next seat, opened his magazine and started reading. When she took out the first cookie, the man took one also. She felt irritated but said nothing. She just thought: “What nerve! If I was in the mood, I would punch him for daring!”

For each cookie she took the man took one too. This was infuriating her but she didn’t want to cause a scene. When only one cookie remained, she thought, “ah, what this abusive man do now?”

Then, the man, taking the last cookie, divided it into half, giving her one half. Ah, that was too much! She was much too angry now! In a huff, she took her book, her things and stormed to the boarding place. When she sat down in her seat, inside the plane, she looked into her purse to take her eyeglasses, and, to her surprise, her packet of cookies was there, untouched, unopened!

She felt so ashamed! She realized that she was wrong... She had

forgotten that her cookies were kept in her purse. The man had divided his cookies with her, without feeling angered or bitter, while she was very angry, thinking that she was dividing her cookies with him. And now there was no chance to explain herself... nor to apologize.”

The moral of the story... There are four things that you cannot recover:

The stone after the throw,
The word after it’s said,
The occasion ... after the loss,
The time after it’s gone.

<https://stories4homilies.wordpress.com/2015/08/22/cant-recover/>

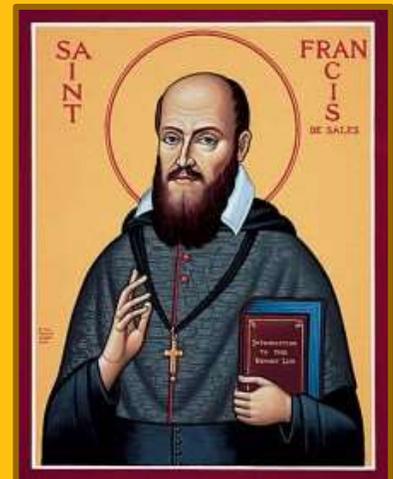
WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

It is my sad duty to inform you that George and Fadi Sarkis and Alla Ferris have passed away in Lebanon. This tragedy has caused much sadness to their family and we unite in prayer for their souls and the consolation of their family. George is the brother of Faouzi Sarkis and Fadi is his cousin. Alla Ferris is the cousin of Manal Sarkis. Our hearts and prayers go out to Faouzi and Manal Sarkis and their family as well as their families in Lebanon. May Almighty God welcome George, Fadi, and Alla into His kingdom and may their souls rest in peace. Allah yerhammon.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Recall yourself sometimes to the interior solitude of your heart, and there, removed from all creatures, treat of the affairs of your salvation and your perfection with God, as a friend would speak heart to heart with another.”

St. Francis of Sales



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

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 29, @ 5:00 PM, (Beheading of John the Baptist) liturgy is being offered for the soul of David Dickinson requested by Annemarie Espindola. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Adel Badawi requested by Ida Farhat. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, August 30, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Blessed Brother Estephan Ne'mee) Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Anthony H "Tommy" Thomas requested by Matthew and Cathy Thomas and family. May his soul rest in peace.

Monday, August 31, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of St. Abda and St. Zakhia)

Tuesday, September 1, at 9:00 AM, (Feast of St. Simon the Stylite) Liturgy is being offered for good health of Dr. Andria Farhat Church requested by Patty Farhat.

Wednesday, September 2, at 6:00 PM, (Feast of St. Mammias the Great) Liturgy is offered for good health of Tim Farhat requested by Patty Farhat.

Thursday, September 3, @ 9:00 AM, liturgy is being offered for the soul of David Ghannom requested by Ida Farhat. May his soul rest in peace.

Saturday, September 5, @ 5:00 PM, (Feast of St. Theresa of Calcutta) Liturgy is being offered for the soul of JoAnne Yozefek requested by her family. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of George and Mary Saba requested by their family. May their souls rest in peace (FM).

Sunday, September 6, @ 10:30 PM, (Feast of St. Michael the Archangel) liturgy is being offered for the souls of Kaffa and Isaac Abraham requested by their family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the Police, Firefighters, First Responders and Armed Forces on this feast of St. Michael.

CCD CLASSES TO BEGIN IN THE FALL

Dear Parents and CCD Students of OLOP:

After meeting with the Deacon Jean and all of the religious education teachers, we are happy to inform you that we will begin formal classes once again in the fall. The format will be in person following all the guidelines for social distancing and protective wear. Because of the special circumstances with the Covid 19, we will begin our meetings once a month on Saturday afternoons from 1:00 – 4:00 PM. This seems to be the best format at the present time until we have put Covid 19 to rest once and for all. Details will be following in the near future and you can expect the meeting times to begin at the end of September. I will be making a schedule available in the near future so that you and your children can plan ahead. I am hoping that this will be a great start to bring our children back, learning about our faith, and rejoining them each other in the hopes that they can feel normalcy slowly coming back into their lives. Registration forms will be emailed in the next week. I ask you to please send those back to the Church office as soon as possible. I want to assure you, along with all of the volunteers, that every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety of your child/children. Welcome home children!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

LEBANESE AMERICAN WOMAN ASSOCIATION

The Lebanese American WO-MAN Association was founded in 2018 in the United States, and the mission of this Non-Government Organization is to help people who are of Lebanese decent or who are residing in Lebanon and have been afflicted by abuse or neglect, including those who might suffer from any traumatic experience. The Lebanese American WO-MAN Association raises funds through various ways (Direct donations, special events and Gala Benefits) and their membership is made up of many Lebanese Americans, first generation, second generation and friends and families of Lebanese Americans. When there is a need identified to help someone, this done by assisting in providing food or food vouchers, payment assistance for shelter or medical expenses. The beneficiaries are not given a cash payment, but rather a service or benefit is funded directly by the NGO. All money that is raised by the Lebanese American WO-MAN association is used to help fund these benefits. All their members including the board, volunteer their time and all donations are directly put towards the need with no portion held back for any other expenses. We ask you to please donate to the Lebanese American WO-MAN Association go fund me account, these funds will be used to help those who were impacted by the Explosion in Lebanon. "Beirut is bleeding" make a difference. This is a time the people of Lebanon need our help. Any donation will make a difference and we thank you for help and generosity.

Beirut is Bleeding Read more here https://www.gofundme.com/f/23lianfm9c?utm_source=whatsapp-visit&utm_medium=chat&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet

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.

HELPING OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN LEBANON

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, So many have asked, and I know many of you are already extended beyond your usual means to helping others, but for those who can practice an even greater charity these days in almsgiving, we ask for donations to Caritas Lebanon, and Lebanon's Saint Vincent de Paul Society both can be made by way of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn with a check payable to the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, 109 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201 or by our website www.stmaron.org. For those who have interest in other Catholic charities in Lebanon, there is a list of them on this media. Any help is greatly appreciated. Sincerely yours in Christ, + Gregory John Mansour
www.stmaron.org/how-you-can-help



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday, September 1, we will gather for Eucharistic Adoration at 6:00 PM. This is an opportunity to spend some time with Jesus and ask for His help. Mark your calendars and please join us for this beautiful 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>

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

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

This month of August, the wine and bread offerings are in memory of 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 March, 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.

LECTORS FOR SEPTEMBER

Saturday, August 29

Rose David

Sunday, August 30

Ann Dupre/Jano Baroody

Saturday, September 5

Carol Ann Maslanka

Sunday, September 6

Jean Barbour/Jano Baroody

Saturday, September 12

Smitty Cabral

Sunday, September 13

Mae Dickinson/Gaby Baroody

Saturday, September 19

Rose David

Sunday, September 20

Ann Dupre/Rena Choubah

Saturday, September 26

Mae Dickinson

Sunday, September 27

Joan Mello/Jano Baroody

OUR PRAYERS

Denise Magaletta, 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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR

August 22-23, 2020

Sunday Collection	\$ 816.00
Candles	\$ 16.00
Lebanon Aid	\$ 125.00
Total:	\$ 957.00

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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