



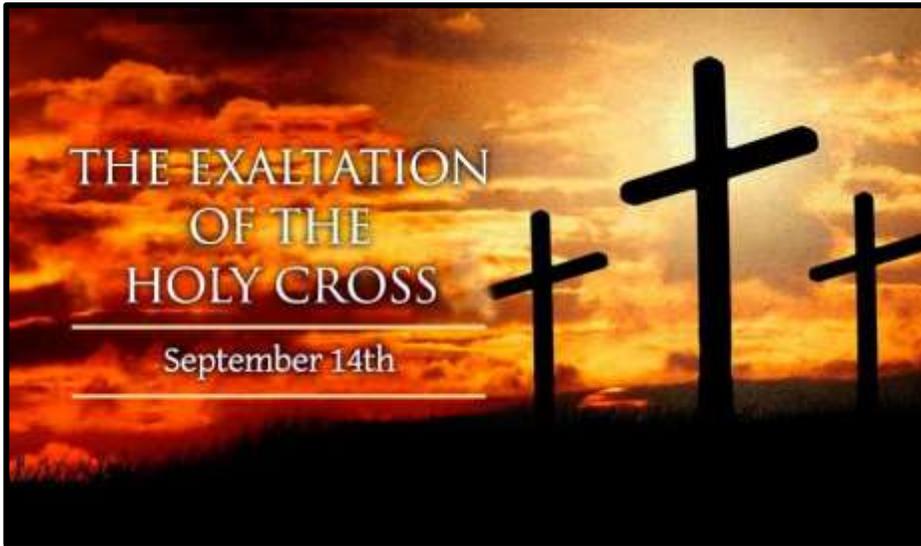
Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

September 12-13, 2020

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

This month of September, the wine and bread offerings are in memory of Joanne Sarkes Yozefek requested by her family. May her 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 April, 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.

FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS

Exaltation of the Holy Cross, also called Universal Exaltation of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross or Holy Cross Day, liturgical feast celebrated on September 14 to honor the cross on which Jesus Christ was crucified. In the Eastern churches the feast dates back to the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (the site of Christ's tomb) in Jerusalem circa 335. It was adopted by the Roman Catholic Church in the 7th century and is also observed in various Protestant traditions, including Lutheranism and Anglicanism. The universal symbol of the Christian faith, the cross represents Christ's victory over death. The feast celebrates the redemptive transformation of a

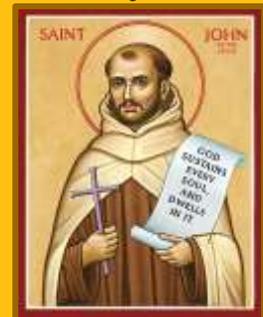
barbaric instrument of torture into a divine "tree of life" that brings hope to humankind. In some traditions, a cross is oriented to the cardinal directions to represent the universal nature of Christ's sacrifice and prayers are said for the salvation of all.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross also commemorates the discovery of the True Cross. Legend holds that the relic was found by St. Helena, mother of Constantine the Great, during her pilgrimage to the Holy Land about 326. The Chapel of St. Helena inside the Church of the Holy Sepulcher was built in her honor, and below it lies the Chapel of the Finding of the True Cross, in which the cross of Christ's crucifixion was reportedly discovered.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Whenever anything disagreeable or displeasing happens to you, remember Christ crucified and be silent."

St. John of the Cross



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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, September 12, @ 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. Liturgy is being offered in memory of Helen Pittsley, Amelia Bramwell, Bechara Thomas, and Emily Nemer requested by Subdeacon Joseph Abraham and Carol Ann Maslanka. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, September 13, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross) Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Jean d'arc El Khoury requested by Tony and Elaine Barbour. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is offered as a 40 Day memorial for the soul of Barbara David Bennett requested by her family. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is offered for the souls of George and Mary Saba by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Monday, September 14, @ 6:00 PM, liturgy is being offered for the living and deceased members of the Scott Tobey Family requested by Patty Farhat.

Tuesday, September 15, at 9:00 AM, (Feast of Sts. Shaina and Sassine) Liturgy is being offered for good health for Anthony Farhat requested by Patty Farhat.

Wednesday, September 16, at 6:00 PM, (Feast of St. Cyprian)

Thursday, September 17, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of St. Sophia and Her 3 Daughters)

Saturday, September 19, @ 5:00 PM, liturgy is being offered for the soul of Sandy Potoak requested by Joanne David. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the deceased members of the Hardin Family Society. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, September 20, @ 10:30 PM, Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Marlene Ayash requested by Matthew and Cathy Thomas. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the deceased members of the Thomas Family requested by Mrs. George J. Thomas (FM). May their souls rest in peace

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT AT OLOP

Dear Parishioners of OLOP: The Parish Council is sponsoring a family "Movie Night" at OLOP, on Saturday, September 19, following Divine Liturgy. This special event will take place on the lawn of the parking side of Church. A movie projector and screen will be made available for this evening.

We will have pizza, popcorn, soda's, hot chocolate, and other goodies for the kids and parents. Please bring a blanket to sit on the lawn or you may bring lawn chairs if you wish. God willing it will a beautiful evening outside. Social distancing will apply.

Below is the link for the sign-up sheet for the movie.

This link will open up on Sunday, September 6, after 12:00 NOON.

The movie will be announced in the near future but will be geared towards the kids. I hope you will be able to join us.

In Christ,

Fr. Vincent

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/OLOPMovieNight9_19

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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



CONGRATULATIONS TO ANNAYA CHEDID

Annaya will be receiving her First Communion on the Feast of the Holy Cross. She has been preparing for this special day for over a year and we are happy to be a part of this day. As we celebrate this beautiful sacrament with her family, we pray for her as she continues this journey bringing her closer to Jesus. May she be nourished by His everlasting Bread of Life. Mabrook!

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.

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!

IN OUR PRAYERS

Officer Vincent Peters, Peter Helmer, 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.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY AT OLOP

Beginning Monday, September 21, we will begin adult bible study in the rectory basement. This will begin immediately following Divine Liturgy which begins at 6:00 PM. If we have a large number of people attending, we will move to the Church in order to practice social distancing. There will be a sign-up link to follow this week. We ask you to please sign-up as you would for Divine Liturgy. I will send the link to you this week. I hope many of you will be able to join us.

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

EPARCHY OF SAINT MARON OF BROOKLYN BENEFIT EVENT

Please join us for a Virtual Event on Thursday, October 1, 2020, at 7:00PM ET. Your participation this year is so important. All friends and supporters of the Maronite Church are invited. You may register online at our website (www.stmaron.org), or obtain a printed invitation for the event by sending an email to saintmaron@yahoo.com, or by calling 718-237-9913. Please consider attending and supporting this important event for the Eparchy.

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>

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, NY 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.

+ Gregory John Mansour

www.stmaron.org/how-you-can-help

LECTORS FOR SEPTEMBER

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR

September 5-6, 2020

Sunday Collection \$ 2,209.00

Candles \$ 29.00

Lebanon \$ 100.00

Total: \$ 1,479.00

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.

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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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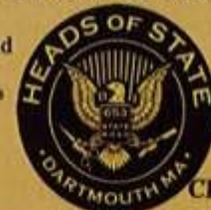
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