



Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

May 02-03, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON



We were very proud, we thought that everything we have, everything we possess, was the result of our hard work.

We have forgotten that it was always Your grace and mercy that made us who we are.

We're running in circles looking for some cure to this disease, when in fact we need to humble ourselves and ask You for guidance and wisdom.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"You are My Mother, the Mother of Mercy, and the consolation of the souls in Purgatory."

Saint Bridget to our Lady



REMEMBER,

O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Eternal Father, You made the whole World stop spinning for a while.

You silenced the noise that we all have created.

You made us bend our knees again and ask for a Miracle.

You closed Your Churches so we will realize how dark our World is without You in it.

You humbled the proud and powerful.

The economy is crashing, businesses are closing.

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

We've been living our lives like we will be here on Earth forever, like there's no Heaven.

Maybe these trials are Your mercy in disguise.

Maybe this virus is actually Your way of purifying us, & cleansing our soul, bringing us back to YOU.

Today as these words travel the internet, may all who see them join their hearts and hands together in prayer! Asking for forgiveness & asking for healing & protection from this virus... GOD just wipe it from the Earth! Father, You have been patiently waiting for us. We're so sorry for ignoring Your voice... and in our selfish ways, we've sometimes forgotten that YOU are GOD! You only need to say the words and our souls shall all be healed. We ask these things in Jesus name! Amen

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL LITURGIES WILL BE AVIALABLE THROUGH ZOOM. 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.



FEAST OF SAINT MONICA (May 4)

St. Monica was married by arrangement to a pagan official in North Africa, who was much older than she, and although generous, was also violent tempered. His mother Lived with them and was equally difficult, which proved a constant challenge to St. Monica. She had three children; Augustine, Navigius, and Perpetua. Through her patience and prayers, she was able to convert her husband and his mother to the Catholic faith in 370. He died a year later. Perpetua and Navigius entered the religious Life. St. Augustine was much more difficult, as she had to pray for him for 17 years, begging the prayers of priests who, for a while, tried to avoid her because of her persistence at this seemingly hopeless endeavor. One priest did console her by saying, "it is not possible that the son of so many tears should perish." This thought, coupled with a vision that she had received strengthened her. St. Augustine was baptized by St. Ambrose in 387. St. Monica died later that same year, on the way back to Africa from Rome in the Italian town of Ostia.

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.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday, May 5, 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.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 2, @ 5:00 PM, liturgy is being offered for the souls of Roufael Shoushlia Gabriel and the deceased members of their family requested by Joann, Anthony, and Lorraine David. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, May 3, @ 10:30 PM, (Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon) Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Tommy and Josie Thomas requested by their family. May their souls rest in peace.

Liturgy is being offered as a 40 Day memorial for the soul of Georgette Sawaya requested by Zakhia and Hiba Chedid and family. May her soul rest in peace.

Monday, May 4, (Feast of St. Monica) liturgy is being offered for the soul of JoAnne Yozefek requested by Mike and Diane LeBlanc. May her soul rest in peace.

Tuesday, May 5, liturgy is being offered for those who lost their lives to the Coronavirus. May their souls rest in peace.

Wednesday, May 6, liturgy is being offered for the First Responders, Medical Staff, Grocery Employees, Truck Drivers, and all those who have sacrificed themselves providing for us.

Thursday, May 7, liturgy is being offered for our elderly and shut-ins for their well-being and good health.

Saturday, May 9, @ 5:00 PM, (Feast of Isaiah the Prophet) liturgy is being offered for the deceased members of the Kenyon and Daher families requested by their family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, May 10, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of St. Simon the Zealot) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Mary Madsen requested by Annemarie Espindola. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of JoAnne Yozefek requested by her family. May her soul rest in peace.

ANNUAL BISHOPS CHARITY APPEAL

Each year the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn appeals to each parish for the annual Bishops Charity Appeal. The money is divided as follows: 30% for priests' retirement, 25% go towards the seminarian's education and boarding, 15% goes toward our endowment fund, 15% goes to Patriarchal liturgical commission and texts, and 15% goes to Lebanon. Each parish in the eparchy is asked to send an amount based on the size of the parish and the ability to raise this money for these much-needed programs. OLOP Church must raise \$3,500.00 from February 24-April 10, 2020. All of you have been very generous in the past and I am confident we will raise the amount requested. Thus far we have collected \$1,163.00 toward that amount. I thank you for your continued generosity for this worthy cause.

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

This month of May, the wine and bread offerings are in memory of Joseph M. Thomas, requested by Thomas Hitchings Family. May his 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 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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

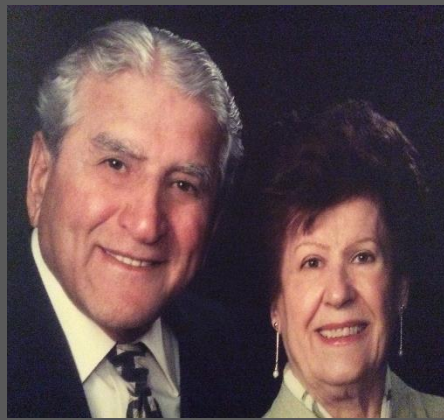
Please know that confession is available before liturgies. You may also call to set up an appointment.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Fernanda Thomas, Hiam Cheiab, Leo Roderick, Anthony (Tommy) Thomas, Rose John, Theresa John, Laurette BouRamia, Annie Peter, Jeannie Francis, Mariam David, Norma Thomas, Zita Drouin, Lucienne Rodrigues, Ed DaRocha, Edmond Salameh, and Alice Daher. If anyone is missing from this list please contact the Church office.

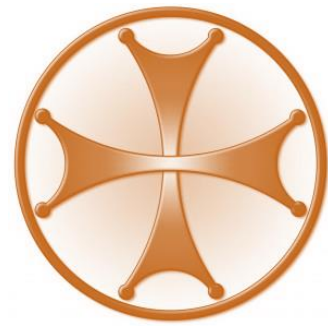
WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR April 25-26, 2020

Sunday Collection	\$ 775.00
Donations for Others	\$ 50.00
Total:	\$ 825.00



*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.
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your voice, seeing your smile and
hearing your laugh. We Love you
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