

Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



July 04-05, 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



Independence Day Prayer

Lord, we stand today as our forefathers have stood before You in times gone by,

Celebrating our history and reveling in all the great things that our country has achieved. On this day we rejoice in the favor You have graciously given us.

We thank You for the blessings of liberty, for this generation and for the generations to come.

We thank You for our independence, peace and for all those who have bravely given their lives in the defense of freedom and justice.

We thank You that Your gracious and provident hand has given us so much. Yet as a nation and people we have not always chosen the right wav. We ask You to forgive us for these times. On this day we commit ourselves to wholeheartedly honoring and serving You. With everything that we are, we lay our lives before You. Make us a generous people, A holy nation, A people set aside to love You forever. For the sake of the land of the brave and free, And the peoples and nations of this world.

Today, we do not presume Your grace for our country. Our land is in need of You, Our people are in need of You, Our industry and business is in need of You. May we look only to You This Independence Day, dependent on You. Please come now by Your glorious Holy Spirit,

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It ought to be commemorated as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with shews, games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more."

John Adams

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As the waters cover the sea. We ask all this in the wonderful

name of Jesus, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit.

One God, now and for all eternity. Amen

Read more: <u>http://www.lords-</u> prayerwords.com/times/independence_day prayer.html#ixzz4CPMWsu4N



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday, July 14, 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Genevieve and Jackson Davis welcomed their new born son Mac, on June 16, 2020. We congratulate then and their grandparents Michael and Ann Dupre Robotham and to all the Dupre and Davis families. May Almighty God protect Mac and keep him in His loving arms. Mabrook!

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. We have finally obtained all the permits, passed all the necessary inspections and have disconnected all the utilities. We are now able to knock the building down.

The cost of demolition has been quoted at between \$10,000 and \$15,000 and we have hired a company to begin in the next week or so.

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 <u>www.ourladyofpurgatory.org</u> for instructions.

God bless you and stay safe and healthy.

In Christ,

The OLOP Financial Council and Fr. Vincent

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 lifegiving 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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 4, @ 5:00 PM, liturgy is being offered for the soul of Anthony "Tommy" Thomas requested by Rose David and family. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, July 5, @ 10:30 AM, Liturgy is offered for our fathers in honor of Father's Day. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Saba Mike Barckett, Joseph and May requested by their family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Florence Dyer by her family (FM). May her soul rest in peace.

NO WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Saturday, July 11, @ 5:00 PM, liturgy is being offered for the souls of Radha David and her father Peter David by their family (FM). May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Ruth David by Anne Costa (FM). May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, July 12, @ 10:30 PM, liturgy is being offered as a 40 Day Memorial for the soul of Anthony "Tommy" Thomas requested by his family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Richard Smith. May his soul rest in peace.

NO DAILY LITURGIES

Fr. Vincent will be away for a week during the July 4th holiday. Therefore, week day liturgies will resume on Monday, July 13. I am always available for any emergencies via cell phone or you may contact Deacon Jean. Thank you and have a blessed 4th of July.

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 You have all each liturgy. received the guidelines and procedures that need to be taken during the Phase One opening https://www.signupgenius.com/g o/SaturdavMass https://www.signupgenius.com/g o/SundayMass

40 CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the 40 Club raffle winners. We will look forward to having our banquet in 2021.

Steve Correa \$500.00, George Saba \$250.00, Beverly Rousseau and Carol Roy \$100.00, Elie, Tommy Thomas. Robert Macedo, Lou Cabral \$50.00. Charbel Farah. Steven Saba, Evamarie Fernandes, Peter Thomas, Hiam Cheiab, Cathy Jacqueline Feener. Thomas. Joseph Garcia, Adman Sabeh, Bob Fernanades, Msgr. Michael, Sousou Maalouf, Maria Baptista, Sarah Hitchings, Joe Abraham, Nigel Hitchings, Halim Choubah, Helena Tavares, Vicky Thomas, Lorraine David, Jody Almerda, Daniella Khalife, Kenneth Oliver, and Richard Medeiros \$25.00.

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 Family. 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.

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR

June 27-28, 2020 Sunday Collection \$ 1,526.00 Memorial Donations <u>\$ 275.00</u> Total: \$ 1,801.00

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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.



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

Your Loving Children

