



# Our Lady of Purgatory

## Maronite Catholic Church



October 3-4, 2020

### THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

#### OLOP TAKE OUT SUNDAY BAZAAR

We are happy to announce that we will be having a Mini Christmas Bazaar Take Out Food Fest on Sunday, October 25th from 12 Noon to 5 PM! This special fundraiser is taking place of the summer festival and Christmas Bazaar due to Covid-19.

Due to the pandemic, this event will be carry-out only. The full menu of food and pastries will be available on our website at [ourladyofpurgatory@verizon.net](mailto:ourladyofpurgatory@verizon.net)

and will direct you to the link for pre-payment. All you will have to do is drive up and pick up your delicious food. We will also have forms available in the Church for your convenience.

All of you have been most generous, especially during these trying times of Covid-19. In an effort to continue providing for the expenses of the Church, we must find new ways to fundraise until we are able to once again gather as a community in person. I am confident that OLOP will rise to the new challenges we face right now.

In addition to the Take Our Food Fest on October 25, the Annual theme baskets and money raffle will continue. These drawings will be held on Sunday, November 22, immediately following Divine

Liturgy. The theme baskets will be shown via Zoom as well as advertised on our website.

I'd like to thank all of the Church councils and the Bazaar committee for preparing for this event. They have thought outside the box and have executed the details in a new way and for that I thank you.

I will send more information via email as well as announcements in the near future. May the intercession of Our Lady of Purgatory continue to bless this community and her families.

#### ADULT BIBLE STUDY AT OLOP

Monday, October 5, we will have 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>

#### DONATIONS AND SPONSORS FOR TAKE OUT BAZAAR

As we prepare for our Take Out Food Bazaar, we are asking for any donations that will help offset the cost of the food. This year we anticipate the expenses to be approximately \$1,100.00 dollars. If anyone is willing and able to assist with this, please see Fr. Vincent, Deacon Jean, or Smitty Cabral. As always, thank you in advance for your support.

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.”*

*Francis of Assisi*



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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, October 3, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of St. Mother Theodore Guerin)** liturgy is being offered in memory of Sarkees and Frousema Peters and deceased members of the Peters family requested by Joanne, Anthony, and Lorraine David. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joanne Sarkes Yozefek by Mrs. Marcela Steinmetz. May her soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, October 4 @ 10:30 PM, (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi)** liturgy is being offered as a 40 Day Memorial for the soul of Elham Harden requested by Matthew and Cathy Thomas. May her soul rest in peace.

**Monday, October 5, @ 6:00 PM, Tuesday, October 6, at 9:00 AM, (Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle) Wednesday, October 7, at 6:00 PM, (Feast of Sts. Sarkis and Bacchus) Thursday, October 8, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of St. Pelagia of Antioch)**

**Saturday, October 10, @ 4:30 PM,** liturgy is being offered for the soul of Barbara David Bennett requested by Rose David and family. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Diab and Mary Hardin requested by Subdeacon Josph Abraham and Carol Ann Maslanka. May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, October 11, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Pope St. John XXIII) ORDER OF SAINT SHARBEL SUNDAY.** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Rose John requested by Theresa John. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is offered for the Ladies Cedar Club of Lansing.

## IMPORTANCE OF SIGN UP FOR LITURGY

Dear Parishioners of OLOP:

I would like to take this time to thank you all for your continued sacrifices and love for this Church. For many of you who are not being able to attend because of health issues and concerns, I know this separation has been most difficult. Hopefully in the near future, this will be behind us.

In the meantime, I want to stress the importance of signing up for Divine Liturgy, if you plan to attend in person. It is my hope that many of you will join me live. That being said, the Commonwealth of MA mandated that we keep all names of attendees in the event of an outbreak of Covid 19. In an effort to show our good will in adhering to this policy, we have devised an easy sign up procedure on our website. I will also include the links in this email.

If there is anyone who is having an issue with signing up, I encourage you to reach out to me or Joe Barckett at 617-803-4087. Just a reminder that the cutoff times for Saturday evening Liturgy is at noon of that day, and on Sunday morning at 8:00 AM.

I do not want to make things more difficult for you to attend Divine Liturgy but I also want to make sure the Commonwealth knows we are doing everything possible to follow the guidelines. I pray you are all doing well and that you will join us in person.

In Christ,  
Fr. Vincent

Saturday 500 PM Liturgy  
Reservation Link:

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

Sunday 1030 AM Liturgy  
Reservation Link:

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



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Tuesday, October 6,** we will gather for Eucharistic Adoration at 6:00 PM. This is an opportunity to spend some time with Jesus. Mark your calendars and please join us for this beautiful time of prayer.

## THEME BASKETS RAFFLE DONATIONS

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar Theme Baskets will be available and the drawing will be held on November 22. These baskets will be seen via livestream as well as on our website. If anyone is interested in donating towards these theme baskets, please see or call Smitty Cabral at 508-961-8599, or Lorraine David at 508-965-8824.

## WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

*This month of October, the wine and bread offerings are in memory of the deceased members of the George J. Abraham family requested by Beatrice Long. May their souls rest in peace.*

*The sanctuary candle burns for the deceased members of the George J. Abraham family.*

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

## WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

On behalf of the entire community of OLOP, we extend our condolences to Sr. Therese Touma and her family on the passing of her Uncle Joseph Touma, who passed away peacefully in Australia. We are united in prayer for his soul and for consolation to his family. May Almighty God welcome him into His kingdom and may his soul rest in peace. Allah yerhammo.

## ORDER OF SAINT SHARBEL SUNDAY

October 11, 2020, is designated as "Order of St. Sharbel Sunday". This year we are blessed to have **six** seminarians studying for the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn. This order plays an important role in helping to pay for our seminarian expenses as well as retired priests in our Eparchy. We will discuss the importance of what this order does for the Eparchy of St. Maron in the near future. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact me at the office. Thank you for your consideration and commitment in this matter. God bless you.

## 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>

## 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.*

## ARABIC CLASSES

There has been much interest in offering Arabic classes for children and adults. I have two parishioners who have offered their services for these classes. I would like to know who would be interested in learning Arabic from both the children and the adults.

These classes would most likely be held on Saturday's late morning and will be held every week. There will be a nominal charge to cover materials and books for the program.

I am asking you to please send me the names and ages of those who are interested so that we may plan accordingly.

I believe this will be a wonderful addition to our programs here at OLOP and I thank those who have offered their time and talents to teach. You may email me at [ourladyofpurgatory@verizon.net](mailto:ourladyofpurgatory@verizon.net)

## THE OTHER SIDE OF LIFE

A sick man turned to his doctor, as he was leaving the room after paying a visit, and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side." Very quietly the doctor said, "I don't know." "You don't know?" the man said. "You, a Christian man, do not know what is on the other side?"

The doctor was holding the handle of the door, on the other side of which came a sound of scratching and whining. As he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness. Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear." "I know little of what is on the other side of death," the doctor continued, "but I do know one thing: I know my Master is there, and that is enough. And when the door opens, I shall pass through with no fear, but with gladness."

<https://stories4homilies.wordpress.com/2013/06/05/the-other-side-of-life/>

## CONFESSION

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

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Amal Assaf, 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.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR**  
**September 26-27, 2020**

Sunday Collection \$ 2,025.00  
 Candles \$ 23.00  
 Total: \$ 2,048.00

**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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