



# Our Lady of Purgatory



## Maronite Catholic Church

October 10-11, 2020

### FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS



**Saint John XXIII**  
**Saint of the Day for**  
**October 11**

#### Saint John XXIII's Story

Although few people had as great an impact on the 20th century as Pope John XXIII, he avoided the limelight as much as possible. Indeed, one writer has noted that his "ordinariness" seems one of his most remarkable qualities.

The firstborn son of a farming family in Sotto il Monte, near Bergamo in northern Italy, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was always proud of his down-to-earth roots. In Bergamo's diocesan seminary, he joined the Secular Franciscan Order.

After his ordination in 1904, Fr. Roncalli returned to Rome for canon law studies. He soon worked as his bishop's secretary, Church history teacher in the seminary, and as publisher of the diocesan paper.

His service as a stretcher-bearer for the Italian army during World War I gave him a firsthand knowledge of

war. In 1921, Fr. Roncalli was made national director in Italy of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. He also found time to teach patristics at a seminary in the Eternal City. In 1925, he became a papal diplomat, serving first in Bulgaria, then in Turkey, and finally in France. During World War II, he became well acquainted with Orthodox Church leaders. With the help of Germany's ambassador to Turkey, Archbishop Roncalli helped save an estimated 24,000 Jewish people.

Named a cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice in 1953, he was finally a residential bishop. A month short of entering his 78th year, Cardinal Roncalli was elected pope, taking the name John after his father and the two patrons of Rome's cathedral, St. John Lateran. Pope John took his work very seriously but not himself. His wit soon became proverbial, and he began meeting with political and religious leaders from around the world. In 1962, he was deeply involved in efforts to resolve the Cuban missile crisis.

His most famous encyclicals were *Mother and Teacher* (1961) and *Peace on Earth* (1963). Pope John XXIII enlarged the membership in the College of Cardinals and made it more international. At his address at the opening of the Second Vatican Council, he criticized the "prophets

of doom" who "in these modern times see nothing but prevarication and ruin." Pope John XXIII set a tone for the Council when he said, "The Church has always opposed... errors. Nowadays, however, the Spouse of Christ prefers to make use of the medicine of mercy rather than that of severity." On his deathbed, Pope John said: "It is not that the gospel has changed; it is that we have begun to understand it better. Those who have lived as long as I have...were enabled to compare different cultures and traditions, and know that the moment has come to discern the signs of the times, to seize the opportunity and to look far ahead." "Good Pope John" died on June 3, 1963. Saint John Paul II beatified him in 2000, and Pope Francis canonized him in 2014.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-john-xxiii/>

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do."*

*Pope John XXIII*

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## WELCOME SAYEDNA GREGORY

Welcome Sayedna Gregory to Our Lady of Purgatory. Although this is not an official visit, nonetheless, we are thrilled to have you with us and we look forward to having you here in the Spring to spend the weekend at our beloved and humble Church. As you prepare to depart for Lebanon this week, may Almighty God keep you safe and in His loving arms and may find Lebanon and her people filled with hope, peace, and new beginnings that they so desperately deserve.

## DONATIONS AND SPONSORS FOR TAKE OUT BAZAAR

I would like to thank Ibrahim Hanna and Cedars Mediterranean Foods for their generous donation to our Christmas Bazaar. Your kindness is felt throughout our parishes and I, along with all the parishioners of OLOP are very grateful.

I would also like to thank others who donated to the food expense and would like to remain anonymous. You have helped make this Bazaar a success already. God bless all of you.

## CONFESSION

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

## 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.

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY AT OLOP

Monday, October 19, 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>

## 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.

## 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.*

## 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."

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**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 Joseph 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.

**Monday, October 12, @ 6:00 PM**, NO LITURGY

**Tuesday, October 13, at 9:00 AM**,

**Wednesday, October 14, at 6:00 PM**, (Feast of St. Isaiah the Monk)

**Thursday, October 15, @ 9:00 AM**, (Feast of St. Theresa of Avila)

**Saturday, October 17, @ 4:30 PM**, (Feast of Sts. Cosmas and Damian) liturgy is being offered in memory of the Kenyon and Daher Families by their family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Peter and Mary David and Family requested by Mariam David and family. May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, October 18, @ 10:30 PM**, (Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist) liturgy is being offered in memory of Joseph Chedid requested by his family. May his soul rest in peace.

## October Lector Schedule:

**Saturday, October 10**

Mae Dickinson

**Sunday, October 11**

Jean Barbour/Gaby Baroody

**Saturday, October 1**

Rose David

**Sunday, October 18**

Joan Mello/Jano Baroody

**Saturday, October 24**

Smitty Cabral

**Sunday, October 25**

Mae Dickinson/Gaby Baroody

**Saturday, October 31**

Carol Ann Maslanka

## 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.

## 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.

## 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)

## 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>

## WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR October 3-4, 2020

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,342.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$ 34.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,376.00</b>

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

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