



Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

October 24-25, 2020

SUNDAY OF CHRIST THE KING



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Christ the King Day

Instituted during in 1925 by Pope Pius XI, Christ the King Day is a holiday which falls on the final Sunday of the Liturgical Calendar, or on the last Sunday of October as celebrated by traditional Catholics. Although it was originally a Roman Catholic Holiday – known as the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – it has since been adopted by other Christian denominations as well. The purpose of this holiday is to acknowledge Jesus Christ as the “King of all kings” and it was originally intended as a way to bring God back into a secular world.

History of Christ the King Day

The history of this holiday can be traced back to 1925 when Pope Pius XI added the holiday in the Encyclical Quas Primas of Pius XI in

December of that year. He instituted the holiday as a balance against what he saw as an ever-growing secularism and to introduce Christ into the hearts of followers. From 1925 through the reform of the Roman Calendar in 1969, this holiday was celebrated

on the last Sunday of October and is still celebrated on that day by many traditional Catholics. Today, Christ the King Day is celebrated by many denominations on the Sunday that falls before the First Sunday of Advent.

Celebrating Christ the King Day

On this day, many Christian churches have masses that celebrate Christ. Most major Protestant and Anglican groups observe this holiday on the final Sunday of their liturgical years. This include the Episcopal Church, the Anglican Church in North America, the Church of England, the Evangelical Lutheran Church, the United Church of Christ and the United Methodist Church, among others.

Some people take the time out of their day to reread Pope Pius XI’s encyclical Quas primas; other people participate in many of the Christ the King processions that occur on this day; and some people recite the Act

of Dedication of the Human Race to Jesus Christ King.

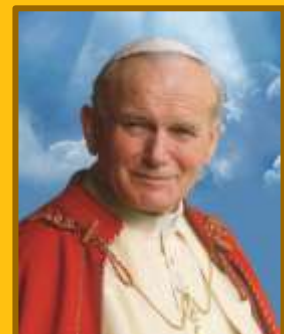
Many people celebrate Jesus Christ with a celebration that can feature food items such as crown cupcakes (a representation of Christ as king); cakes topped with icing thorns or King Cakes baked in the shape of a crown.

<http://www.holidayscalendar.com/event/christ-the-king/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Man must work out of regard for others, especially his own family, but also for the society he belongs to, the country of which he is a child, and the whole human family of which he is a member, since he is the heir to the work of generations and at the same time a sharer in building the future of those who will come after him in the succession of history.”

St. John Paul II



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

Catholic Prayer: Act of Dedication of the Human Race to Jesus Christ King (Iesu dulcissime, Redemptor)

Most sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us humbly prostrate before you. We are yours, and yours we wish to be; but to be more surely united with you, behold each one of us freely consecrates himself today to your Most Sacred Heart. Many indeed have never known you; many, too, despising your precepts, have rejected you. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to your Sacred Heart. Be King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken you, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned you; grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house, lest they die of wretchedness and hunger. Be King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbor of truth and the unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one Shepherd. Grant, O Lord, to your Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give tranquility of order to all nations; make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry: Praise to the divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to it be glory and honor for ever. Amen.

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/prayers/view.cfm?id=920>

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.



FALL BACK AND CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS

This is a friendly reminder to change your clocks back one hour on **Sunday, November 1**, at midnight. You will get an extra hour of sleep so we will see everyone on time at the Church.

FR. VINCENT OUT OF TOWN

Fr. Vincent will be on vacation from October 27-November 5. Fr. Patrick Armano will be covering for me on the weekend. Fr. Patrick is a friend of mine from Lawrence, MA who is Bi-ritual and will offer Divine Liturgy in the Maronite Rite. He also gives a wonderful homily. I know you will enjoy his mass and that you will welcome him in the true OLOP style. Deacon Michael will also be joining him as well from Lawrence, MA. For any emergencies, please contact Deacon Jean at 774-421-9232. Msgr. Jim Root will be on call for any emergencies during the week. Thank you.

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.

MINI CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

This is a friendly reminder that orders for the Christmas Bazaar are due on October 19. I ask all of you to please spread the word and to support our efforts in this fundraiser. I know during these unusual times that the Christmas Bazaar is different than years before but we are doing our best to offer the wonderful food, money raffles, and theme baskets that OLOP is accustomed to. The raffle will be held later on in November to give people time to see the beautiful baskets and to buy money raffle tickets. I thank you in advance for your support to this Church.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY AT OLOP

Monday, November 2, we will have adult bible study in the rectory basement. This will begin at 6:30 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>

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>

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 24, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of St. Hareth and Companions) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Julia MacAllister requested by Subdeacon Joseph Abraham and Carol Ann Maslanka. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul Steven Espindola requested by Annmarie Espindola. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, October 25, @ 10:30 AM, (Sunday of Christ the King) Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Jose DiSilva requested by Fatima DiSilva and family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joe and Tillie Thomas by their family. May their souls rest in peace.

Monday, October 26, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of St. Demetrius)

Tuesday, October 27, at 9:00 AM, NO LITURGY

Wednesday, October 28, at 6:00 PM, NO LITURGY

Thursday, October 29, @ 9:00 AM, NO LITURGY

Saturday, October 31, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Sts. Cosmas and Damian) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Nicholas Haddad requested by Ida Farhat. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, November 1, @ 10:30 PM, (Consecration of the Church/All Saints Day) liturgy is being offered for the soul of George M Thomas requested by Reggie Thomas and Family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Virginia Farhat requested by her children. May her soul rest in peace.

PLEASE NOTE THAT DAILY DIVINE LITURGIES WILL RESUME ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

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.

OCTOBER LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 24

Smitty Cabral

Sunday, October 25

Mae Dickinson/Gaby Baroody

Saturday, October 31

Carol Ann Maslanka

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.

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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR October 17-18, 2020

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,122.00
Donations	\$ 270.00
Candles	\$ 38.00
Total:	\$ 2,430.00

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.
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your voice, seeing your smile and
hearing your laugh. We Love you
and miss you even more with each
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