



Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

October 31 – November 1, 2020

CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH



ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints --that is those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church.

All Saints' Day is also commemorated by members of the Eastern Orthodox Church as well as some protestant churches, such as Lutheran and Anglican churches.

Generally, All Saints' Day is a Catholic Holy Day of Obligation, meaning all Catholics are required to attend Mass on

that day, unless they have an excellent excuse, such as serious illness.

Other countries have different rules according to their national bishop's conferences. The bishops of each conference have the authority to amend the rules surrounding the obligation of the day.

All Saints' Day was formally started by Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs on May 13 in 609 AD. Boniface IV also established All Souls' Day, which follows All Saints.

The choice of the day may have been intended to co-opt the pagan holiday "Feast of the Lamures," a day which pagans used to placate the restless spirits of the dead.

The holy day was eventually established on November 1 by Pope Gregory III in the mid-eighth century as a day dedicated to the saints and their relics. The May 13 celebration was subsequently abandoned.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is He who provoked you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your heart your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle. It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be ground down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal."

Pope John Paul II



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In Ireland, the Church celebrated All Saints' Day on April 20, to avoid associating the day with the traditional harvest festivals and pagan feasts associated with Samhain, celebrated at the same time.

Following the establishment of the Frankish Empire, and following the reign of Charlemagne, the holy day, which was already celebrated on November 1, became a holy day of obligation by decree of Pope Gregory IV and Louis the Pious, who was king over a portion of Charlemagne's former empire.

Following the Protestant Reformation, many Protestants retained the holy day, although they dismissed the need to pray for the dead. Instead, the day has been used to commemorate those who have recently died, usually in the past year, and to remember the examples of those who lived holy lives.

The Catholic practice however, celebrates all those who have entered heaven, including saints who are recognized by the Church and those who are not.

Holy day customs vary around the world. In the United States, the day before is Halloween and is usually celebrated by dressing in costumes with themes of death commonly associated. Children go door-to-door in costume, trick-or-treating, that is soliciting candy from their neighbors. The holiday has lost much of its connection to its religious origins.

Although nearly everyone celebrates Halloween for the fun of the secular holiday, the following religious solemnity, is not widely practiced or acknowledged by most Americans unless they are Catholic.

In other countries, such as Portugal, Spain and Mexico, traditional practices include performance of the play, "Don Juan Tenorio" and offerings made to the dead. All Saints' Day occurs on the same day as the Mexican "Díe los Inocentes" a day dedicated to deceased children.

Across much of Europe, the day is commemorated with offerings of flowers left on the graves of the dead. In Eastern Europe, candles are lit on graves instead of offerings of flowers.

In some places, such as the Philippines, graves can be painted and repaired by family members. Many of these practices blur the distinction between All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

These celebrations often blur the distinction between All Saints' Day, which is properly dedicated to those who are in heaven, and All Souls' Day, on which prayers are offered for all those who have died, but have not yet reached heaven.

In Mexico, the Day of the Dead holy days extend from October 31 through November 2.

It is important to remember these basic facts:

Halloween is a secular holiday that comes the night before All Saints' Day.

All Saints' Day is on November 1, and it is a Holy Day of Obligation.

All Souls' Day is on November 2, and it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Day of the Dead is a Mexican holiday that has spread in popularity into parts of the United States and across Latin America. It is celebrated from October 31 through November 2, to coincide with both the American tradition and the Catholic holy days. Those three days are dedicated to all of the dead.

<https://www.catholic.org/saints/allsaints/>

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.

WELCOME FR. PATRICK ARMANO AND DEACON MICHAEL CHARCHAFLIAN

I would like to welcome to Our Lady of Purgatory Church Fr. Patrick Armano and Deacon Michael Charchaflian from Methuen, MA. Fr. Patrick has been a friend of the Maronites in Lawrence, MA, for many years and has recently become Bi-ritual for the Maronite Church.

Deacon Michael has also been serving Saint Anthony in Lawrence, MA, for the past 2 years. Thank you for caring for this flock while I am away. You are always welcome.

MANY THANKS TO YOU

I would like to thank all of the workers, sponsors, and those who donated to make our Mini Bazaar a success. This community has demonstrated that nothing will stop us from caring for the Church and each other, especially during these trying times. Much love and hard work went into making this event a success and I thank each of you. May God bless this community and Church.

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. In addition to the theme baskets, we are selling our money raffles which will be drawn on November 22 as well. If you have any questions please see or call Smitty Cabral at 508-961-8599, or Lorraine David at 508-965-8824.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Amal Assaf, Officer Vincent Peters, Peter Helmer, Denise Magaletta, Fernanda Thomas, Hiam Cheiab, Leo and Ida 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.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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.

Monday, November 2, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of St. Demetrius)

Tuesday, November 3, at 9:00 AM, NO LITURGY

Wednesday, November 4, at 6:00 PM, NO LITURGY

Thursday, November 5, @ 9:00 AM, NO LITURGY

Saturday, November 7, @ 4:30 PM, Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Steven Ladoulis by Naja and Ida MouJabber and family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Raymond Janet Charron requested by Subdeacon Joseph Abraham and Carol Ann Maslanka. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, November 8, @ 10:30 AM, Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Hanna and Mariam Barbour requested by Hyatt Thomas and family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Toufic Hanna Abi Ramia by Marianne Zeedy. May his soul rest in peace.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday, November 17, 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.

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

This month of November, the wine and bread offerings are in memory of John, Malvina, and Joseph David requested by their family. May their souls 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 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.

SECOND COLLECTION

As per the directive of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, there will be a second collection November 7 and 8, for the Maronite Patriarchal Charities. This money is collected and sent to the Patriarch to help those who are in most need. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

NOVEMBER LECTORS

Sunday, November 1
Ann Dupre/Jano Baroody

Saturday, November 7
Rose David

Sunday November 8
Joan Mello/Gaby Baroody

Saturday, November 14
Carol Ann Maslanka
Sunday November 15
Jean Barbour/Jano Baroody

Saturday, November 21
Mae Dickinson

Sunday, November 22
Ann Dupre/Jano Baroody

Saturday, November 28
Smitty Cabral
Sunday, November 29
Mae Dickinson/Gaby Baroody

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/Bibl eStudy>

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 24-25, 2020

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,193.00
Candles	\$ 22.00
Total:	\$ 1,215.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY BY SENDING IN YOUR WEELY 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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