



Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

November 7-8, 2020

RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH

TO BEGIN ANEW

This past week the Church began its' new liturgical year with the Consecration and Renewal of the Church. To begin anew is what we embrace as we begin to prepare for the Season of the Glorious Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. What does this mean for us as Maronite Catholics?

Every New Year's Eve many of us make a New Year's resolution in an attempt to better our lives whether it is physically, mentally, or emotionally. We make a promise to ourselves so that we may become better people for the New Year. Some of us succeed and many of us do not, however; we understand the need for change and this is usually the most opportune time to try.

The Renewal of the Church should also be a time for us to make a change for ourselves spiritually. Every day we are in need to better ourselves as Catholics, to make changes to live more like Jesus Christ, and to recognize our weaknesses and shortcomings. This is the time that we once again recount our faith and her teachings beginning with the Announcement of Jesus' Birth, His baptism, His ministry and His passion and resurrection. We remember the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and how they preached to

word of God to all people. In short we are reminded of the life of Jesus Christ and how He expects us to live our lives according to the will of God.

If we have failed in some way or another over the past year this is the time to commit ourselves to do better. If we weren't paying attention, now is the time to listen carefully to the word of God and put it into practice. Now is the time to renew ourselves in our Catholic faith.

Saint Augustine has said "You have made us for yourself O Lord; and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." Our hearts find Jesus in His church. Jesus instituted the church so that we do not have to wonder where He is. He is present to us in the Eucharist and it is here that we find rest and solace. Jesus doesn't want us to wonder where we can find Him because He wants us to know and to love Him. The Church is where we get to know Him and to find Him.

May this Sunday of Consecration and Renewal of the Church be a constant reminder of our Lord's presence and may our hearts be at rest in His presence of the altar. I wish each of us a blessed new liturgical year filled with the love of Jesus Christ and the love of each other.

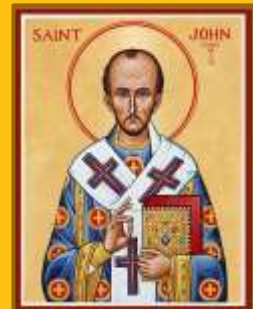
WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

I, along with the parishioners of OLOP, extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of George MouJabber, who passed away in Lebanon. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his children, Jospeh, Naja, Nambi, Najib, Nawal, and Najat, along with his grandchildren and family here and in Lebanon. May Almighty God welcome George into His kingdom and may his soul rest in peace. Allah yerhammo.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"When we teach our children to be good, to be gentle, to be forgiving (all these are attributes of God), to be generous, to love their fellow men, to regard this present age as nothing, we instill virtue in their souls, and reveal the image of God within them."

Saint John Chrysostom



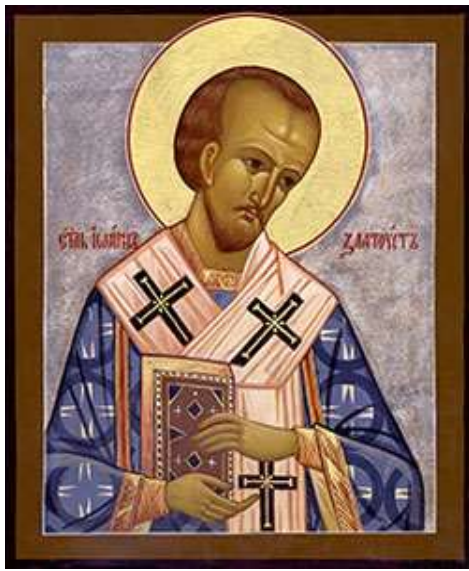
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OFFICE HOURS: The Church office will be open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.



SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

St. John, named Chrysostom (golden-mouthed) on account of his eloquence, came into the world of Christian parents, about the year 344, in the city of Antioch. His mother, at the age of 20, was a model of virtue. He studied rhetoric under Libanius, a pagan, the most famous orator of the age.

In 374, he began to lead the life of an anchorite in the mountains near Antioch, but in 386 the poor state of his health forced him to return to Antioch, where he was ordained a priest.

In 398, he was elevated to the See of Constantinople and became one of the greatest lights of the Church. But he had enemies in high places and some were ecclesiastics, not the least being Theophilus, Patriarch of Alexandria, who repented of this before he died. His most powerful enemy, however, was the empress Eudoxia, who was offended by the apostolic freedom of his discourses. Several accusations were brought against him in a pseudo-council, and he was sent into exile.

In the midst of his sufferings, like the apostle, St. Paul, whom he so greatly admired, he found the greatest peace and happiness. He had the consolation of knowing that the Pope remained his friend, and did for

him what lay in his power. His enemies were not satisfied with the sufferings he had already endured, and they banished him still further, to Pythius, at the very extremity of the Empire. He died on his way there on September 14, 407.

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.

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.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY AT OLOP

Monday, November 16, 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>

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.

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, 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 and 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 peace.

Monday, November 9, @ 6:00 PM, NO LITURGY

Tuesday, November 10, at 9:00 AM, NO LITURGY

Wednesday, November 11, at 6:00 PM, (Feast of St. Mennas) WELCOME ME INTO YOUR KINGDOM

Thursday, November 12, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of St. John Chrysostom) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Tommy Farhat requested by Ida Farhat. May his soul rest in peace.

Saturday, October 14, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of St. Philip the Apostle) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Nicholas Haddad requested by Bob and JoAnne Mansour. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, November 15, @ 10:30 PM, (Announcement to Zechariah) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Boutros and Joseph BouRamia requested by his family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the deceased members of the Pinto Family requested by Fatima DaSilva and family. May their souls rest in peace.



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.

NOVEMBER LECTORS

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

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.

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR October 31- November 1, 2020

Sunday Collection	\$ 850.00
Candles	\$ 52.00
Total:	\$ 902.00

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
passing day*

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