



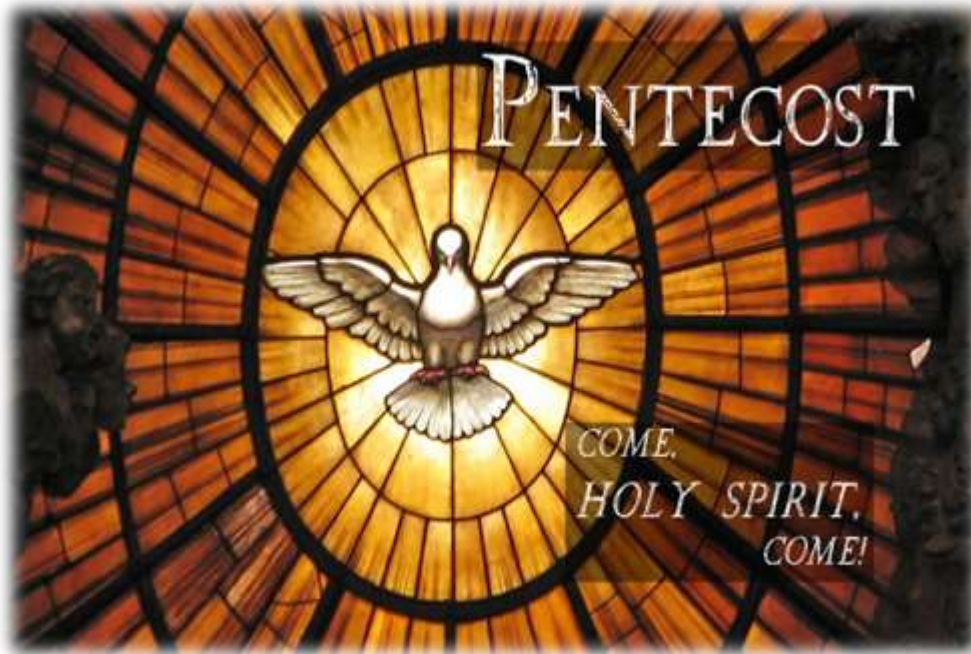
# Our Lady of Purgatory

## Maronite Catholic Church



May 22-23, 2021

### SEASON OF GLORIOUS PENTECOST



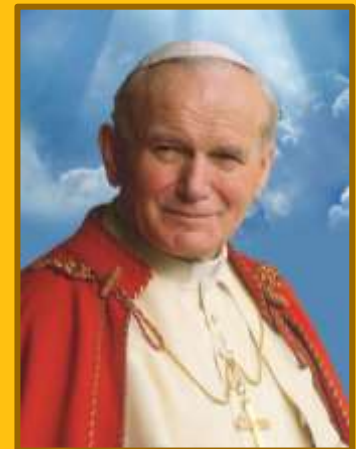
And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they began to speak with divers tongues, according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak.

[Acts 2:2-4] Christ had promised His Apostles that He

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“The Church of Christ is always, so to speak, in a situation of Pentecost: she is always gathered in the Upper Room in prayer, and at the same time, driven by the powerful wind of the Spirit, she is always on the streets preaching”*

*Saint John Paul II*



#### PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost Sunday is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church, celebrated early enough to be mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (20:16) and St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (16:8). It is the 50th day after Easter (if we count both Easter and Pentecost), and it supplants the Jewish feast of Pentecost, which took place 50 days after the Passover and celebrated the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount Sinai.

#### History

The Acts of the Apostles recounts the story of the original Pentecost (Acts 2). Jews from all over were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish feast. On that Sunday, ten days after the Ascension of Our Lord, the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary were gathered in the Upper Room, where they had seen Christ after His Resurrection:

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues as it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them:

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would sent His Holy Spirit, and, on Pentecost, they were granted the gifts of the Spirit. The Apostles began to preach the Gospel in all of the languages that the Jews who were gathered there spoke, and about 3,000 people were converted and baptized that day.

### **The Birthday of the Church**

That is why Pentecost is often called "the birthday of the Church." On this day, with the descent of the Holy Spirit, Christ's mission is completed, and the New Covenant is inaugurated. It's interesting to note that St. Peter, the first pope, was already the leader and spokesman for the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday (see Acts 2:14ff).

In years past, Pentecost was celebrated with greater solemnity than it is today. In fact, the entire period between Easter and Pentecost Sunday was known as Pentecost (and it still is called Pentecost in the Eastern churches, both Catholic and Orthodox). During those 50 days, both fasting and kneeling were strictly forbidden, because this period was supposed to give us a foretaste of the life of Heaven. In more recent times, parishes celebrated the approach of Pentecost with the public recitation of the Novena to the Holy Ghost.

While most parishes no longer publicly recite this novena, many individual Catholics do. You can take part in the novena by signing up for a free e-mail reminder for the Novena to the Holy Ghost.

<http://catholicism.about.com/od/holydaysandholidays/p/Pentecost.htm>



### **FEAST OF SAINT RITA OF CASCIA**

Augustiniannun, also called Margarita. She was born in Roccaporena, near Spoleto, Italy, in 1381, and expressed from an early age the desire to become a nun. Her elderly parents insisted that she be married at the age of twelve to a man described in accounts of her life as cruel and harsh. She spent eighteen extremely unhappy years, had two sons, and was finally widowed when her husband was killed in a brawl. Both sons also died, and Rita, still anxious to become a nun, tried unsuccessfully to enter the Augustinians in their convent at Cascia. She was refused because she was a widow and because of the requirement that all sisters should be virgins. Finally, in 1413, the order gave her entry, and she earned fame for her austerity, devotion to prayer, and charity.

In the midst of chronic illnesses, she received visions and wounds

on her forehead which resembled the crown of thorns. She died on May 22 at Cascia, and many miracles were reported instantly. Canonized in 1900, she is honored in Spain as La Santa de los Impossibles and elsewhere as a patron saint of hopeless causes.

### **SECOND COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAGIN**

As per the directive of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, there will be a second collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign. Proceeds for this collection go to Catholic television, radio, and other media, as well as The Maronite Voice and other communications for our Eparchy. Thank you for your generosity and help.

### **WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS**

The altar bread and wine for the month of May are in loving memory of Anthony H. and Margaret Thomas 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, 2022, 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.

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, May 22, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Rita of Cascia)** liturgy is being offered for the souls of Olivia and Harold Smith requested by Smitty and Lou Cabral. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Josephine Asack requested by Matthew and Cathy Thomas and family. May her soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, May 23, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Isaiah the Prophet)** liturgy is offered for the souls of Anthony and Margaret Abraham Thomas requested by their family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Jean Stovold requested by Christine Peters, Sokratis, Sharon, and Corrine. May her soul rest in peace.

**Monday, May 24, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Simon the Stylite)** NO DAILY LITURGY

**Tuesday, May 25, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Basilla)** NO DAILY LITURGY

**Wednesday, May 26, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Carpus)** NO DAILY LITURGY

**Thursday, May 27, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Sts. Theodora and Didymus)** NO DAILY LITURGY

**Saturday, May 29, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Pope Saint Paul VI)** liturgy is being offered for the souls of Mike and Emily Nemer requested by Kathy Nemer. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Theresa Cordeiro

requested by OLOP. May her soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, May 30, @ 10:30 PM, (Feast of Pope Saint Felix I)** liturgy is being offered for the soul of Abouna Boutros Nasr requested by his family. May his soul rest in peace.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Michael Ellis, Kenza Sellami, Tommy Hatem, Jacob Rego, Amal Assaf, 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.

## LECTORS FOR MAY 2021

**Saturday, May 22,**  
Smitty Cabral

**Sunday, May 23,**  
Joan Mello/Jano Baroody

**Saturday, May 29,**  
Carol Ann Maslanka

**Sunday, May 30,**  
Jean Barbour/Hiba Chedid

## SAINT CANDLES FOR SALE

We are offering Saint candles which will be sold after Divine Liturgies and on the website. The candles we are offering are the picture of Our Lady of Purgatory stained glass that is in the sanctuary, Saint Joseph, Saint Maron, Saint Charbel, Saint Rafka, Saint Rita, and Our Lady of Fatima. These candles come in red or amber. The inserts are removable after they are finished and may be replaced with another insert. As the candle burns down, the pictures are illuminated. These beautiful candles may be viewed in the Church or on the website. The cost of the candles is \$8.00 each. This includes the glass and the candle insert. You may also purchase the insert candles for \$3.00 each or 4 for \$10.00. Please take a look at the different candles we offer by visiting our website at [www.ourladyofpurgatory.org](http://www.ourladyofpurgatory.org) or by visiting the table at the back of the Church.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR

May 15-16, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,452.00
Memorials	\$ 125.00
Second Collection	\$ 126.00
Candles	\$ <u>68.00</u>
Total:	\$ 1,771.00

**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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