



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



May 29-30, 2021

SUNDAY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

Today we celebrate Most Holy Trinity Sunday. This celebration, which is based on the fundamental teaching of our faith, honors the Blessed Trinity---the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God with three Divine Persons. Last Sunday we celebrated Pentecost Sunday which was the day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles so that they could begin their ministry of Jesus Christ to the world. Jesus promised that God would send down His Holy Spirit so that we would never be alone to combat sin and evil that invades our everyday life.

This dogma of the Holy Trinity is a very difficult teaching to comprehend, yet we believe this to be true because of Sacred Scriptures and the Word of God. However,

each of us profess this belief every Sunday when we recite the Creed and each of us experience the power of the Holy Trinity in our daily lives.

The reason for this particular celebration of Most Holy Trinity Sunday

is that each Divine Person, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, contributed and shared in the Plan of Salvation that God had intended. God the Father sent His only begotten Son to reveal to us who God is. Jesus became man for our sake and died for our salvation. He made us heirs of His inheritance. And as Jesus promised His disciples and followers, He sent His Holy Spirit after His ascension into heaven so that we would be guided in this world; reminded of Jesus' teachings; and lead us on the path to the heavenly kingdom. One God---three Divine Persons---predestined us, redeemed us, and sanctified us. Let us remember the words of our final blessing that are said every day in our liturgy: "May the Most Holy Trinity bless you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, to whom be glory forever. Amen."

SPECIAL THANK YOU

On behalf of the entire community of OLOP, we thank George Dib for offering his services for painting the inside of our Church. Your kindness and self-giving, especially after the past year, is certainly a great gift to us. May Almighty God reward you and your family for all you do for His Church. You did a beautiful job and we thank you for this project.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Those whose hearts are pure are temples of the Holy Spirit."

Saint Lucy



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HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY

As Americans, this Memorial Day we remember those who died serving our country. But as Catholic Americans, we should also reflect on the meaning of true freedom and thank God for the Church which proclaims the way to the fullness of that freedom. One reason we are willing to fight and die for freedom is because freedom is imprinted into our very nature.

We honor those who have paid the ultimate price for the freedom that we have enjoyed as Americans. However, I believe that some today have trivialized the meaning of freedom or distorted it beyond recognition. True freedom is much deeper than being able to do what we want. Freedom directs us toward truth and choosing the truth perfects our exercise of freedom.

Again, the Catholic Catechism is so very helpful for our understanding: "The more one does what is good, the freer one becomes. There is no true freedom except in the service of what is good and just. The choice to disobey and do evil is an abuse of freedom and leads to "the slavery of sin." Freedom makes man responsible for his acts to the extent that they are voluntary. Progress in virtue, knowledge of the

good, and asceticism enhance the mastery of the will over its acts." (See, CCC #1731-1734)

The Church teaches us that to really understand freedom, we need to consider both our nature and the very purpose of our humanity. "Through our physical bodies, we sum up the elements of the material world and bring them to their highest perfection and freely raise their voice in praise to the creator" (cf. *Gaudium et spes* 14). Thus, we know that we are more than the material world, for which we have the capacity to appreciate and give thanks.

Once we understand that we are a unity of body and soul, created in the image of God and endowed with reason and free will, we are ready to taste the Church's teaching on freedom. Paragraph 1730 found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church is short, but its breadth is enormous. It states that "God created man a rational being, conferring on him the dignity of a person who can initiate and control his own actions. God willed that man should be 'left in his own counsel,' so that he might, of his own accord, seek his Creator and freely attain his full and blessed perfection by cleaving to him."

Human beings, by virtue of their reason and free will, are unique

among all other created things, in that, they can freely choose to act in ways that are not in accord with their nature, that is, they can turn away from God and reject their own perfection, which is to become fully human and fully alive. However, turning away from God is not true freedom, it is an abuse of freedom. Instead of freeing us; it enslaves us. We need to understand this point because it is critical.

Saint John Paul II gives us a specific example in *The Gospel of Life*. He shows us that when freedom is no longer based on objective truth, it destroys itself. He says, since freedom is inherently relational, if the self is understood in terms of absolute autonomy, as it is in secular society, then people will eventually reject each other as each person seeks to have their interests prevail. Thus, society becomes a mass of competing individuals without mutual bonds. Such a society does not become freer; it becomes less free as vice, corruption, brutality, and oppression inevitably increase. Our Creator instilled this drive within us, so that we would seek Him, for He is truth. And having found truth, we are obligated to live it to the best of our ability. But we cannot satisfy this obligation unless we are free from coercion. Consequently, it is the obligation of the state to ensure that its citizens are free to exercise their religious freedom. However, if the state fails in its obligation, or is attacked by another state, then, at some point, human beings will rightly and necessarily fight and die for true freedom.

This Memorial Day Catholics rightly honor our fallen brothers and sisters, those who have died so that we may continue to choose freedom. But we should also remember our Church, who has defended the dignity and freedom of the human person for over two-thousand years.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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.

Monday, May 31, @ 6:00 PM, NO LITURGY

Tuesday, June 1, @ 9:00 AM, NO LITURGY

Wednesday, June 2, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of the Four Evangelists)

Thursday, June 3, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of St. Awtel) Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Laurie Schneider requested by Ida Farhat. May her soul rest in peace.

Saturday, June 5, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Conan and His Son) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Marylou Viveiros requested by Joann David. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the deceased members of the Daher family requested by their family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, June 6, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of St. Marcellin) liturgy is offered for the soul of George Madsen requested by OLOP. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Ann Tannous Sadde requested by her brothers and sisters. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Alfred Nassr and Afrefy Nassr requested by their family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

LECTORS FOR MAY/JUNE 2021

Saturday, May 29,
Carol Ann Maslanka
Sunday, May 30,
Jean Barbour/Hiba Chedid

Saturday, June 5,
Carol Ann Maslanka
Sunday, June 6,
Ann Dupre/Hiba Chedid

Saturday, June 12,
Smitty Cabral
Sunday, June 13,
Joan Mello/Jano Baroody

Saturday, June 19,
Mae Dickinson
Sunday, June 20,
Jean Barbour/Hiba Chedid

Saturday, June 26,
Rachael Higgins:
Intercessions: Anna Higgins
Sunday, June 27,
Mae Dickinson/Gaby Baroody

IN OUR PRAYERS

Octavia David, Kenza Sellami, 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.

CONFESSION

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

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR May 22-23, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,262.00
Second Collection	\$ 117.00
Candles	\$ 94.00
Total:	\$ 1,473.00

Light of Life (LoL) Bible Camp!

The Maronite Servants of Christ the Light invite children (ages 5-12) to join us for an in-person 5 day Bible Camp at St. Anthony of the Desert Church, Fall River, MA

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

REGISTER HERE

Contact the Sisters for more information 508-996-1753 sister@marniteservants.org

Please note: Covid Precautions will be taken

August 2-6 2021

9:30-2:30pm
Save the Date!

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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
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