



# Our Lady of Purgatory

## Maronite Catholic Church



July 3-4, 2021

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST BLESSED FOURTH OF JULY



### Prayer for Independence Day

Lord, we stand today as our forefathers have stood before You in times gone by, Celebrating our history and reveling in all the great things that our country has achieved. On this day we rejoice in the favor You have graciously given us. We thank You for the blessings of liberty, for this generation and for the generations to come. We thank You for our independence, peace and for all those who have bravely given their lives in the defense of freedom and justice. We thank You that Your gracious and provident hand has given us so much.

Yet as a nation and people we have not always chosen the right way. We ask You to forgive us for these times. On this day we commit ourselves to wholeheartedly honoring and serving You. With everything that we are, we lay our lives before You. Make us a generous people, A holy nation, A people set aside to love You forever, For the sake of the land of the brave and free, And the peoples and nations of this world. Today, we do not presume Your grace for our country. Our land is in need of You, Our people are in need of You, Our industry and business is in need of You.

May we look only to You  
This Independence Day, dependent on You.  
Please come now by Your glorious Holy Spirit,  
Breathe new life into the sinews of this nation.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“Take pains to refrain from sharp words. Pardon one another so that later on you will not remember the injury. The recollection of an injury is itself wrong. It adds to our anger, nurtures our sins and hates what is good. It is a rusty arrow and poison for the soul. It puts all virtue to flight.”*

*Saint Francis of Paola*



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

May justice flow like rivers,  
 And righteousness like a never-  
 failing stream,  
 Until the whole of our country is  
 covered with Your glory,  
 As the waters cover the sea.  
 We ask all this in the wonderful  
 name of Jesus,  
 Who lives and reigns with You and  
 the Holy Spirit.  
 One God, now and for all eternity.  
 Amen

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### **ALLAH YERHAMMO**

Honorary Counselor Ibrahim (Abe)  
 B. Hanna

*“Greatness is not to live forever,  
 but to create things that will.”*

Ibrahim B. Hanna, 87, of Salem, NH, passed away on June 18, 2021, at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, MA. He was born in Karkha, Jezzine (Lebanon) on December 5, 1934, the son of Bechara and Nazira Hanna. He is survived by his spouse, Layla Tannous, and his two sons, George and Charlie, and their spouses, Ann and Tania. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Ryan, Layal, Ibrahim, and Taline. Ibrahim was a dedicated, respected, and loved figure in his tenure in Lebanon’s Ministry of Justice and Notary Public. He served the government and the people equally. His success

and dedication earned him the respect and friendship of those who knew him including presidents, parliament speakers, prime ministers, and centers of the political and diplomatic powers and religious leaders.

At the start of the civil war in 1975, he moved with his family to the United States where he advanced his diplomatic and entrepreneurial skills to unprecedented levels. He ventured in the business of introducing the Lebanese traditional foods to the American consumer by founding the nationally recognized Cedar’s Foods. He made the Cedar’s symbol a common household name and expanded it outside the US borders, creating equal opportunity employment to both new emigrants and U.S. citizens alike. Recognizing the need for a consulate in the New England area, he used his abilities to establish a new Honorary Consulate for Lebanon. In 2005, he was appointed by the Lebanese President to become the first Honorary Consul of Lebanon for the New England states. He personally financed the consulate to serve the Lebanese American community and provide them with all their legal and administrative needs. He also promoted essential and vital causes including the right to citizenship for Lebanese emigrants and their descendants, the right to vote abroad, and the necessity for integrating the Lebanese community into the American society. For Ibrahim, charity had no borders. He continued with his charitable efforts by offering financial help to the needy in the U.S. and Lebanon both directly or through charitable and religious organizations. This financial aid was supported by his personal trust and his family’s funds. He may be gone, but his memory will not fade and his legacy will be there forever. In lieu of flowers, the Hanna Family suggests charitable

donations be made to the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association.

*On behalf of the community of Our Lady of Purgatory and its pastor Rev. Vincent Farhat, we extend our condolences to Ibrahim’s wife Layla, his sons George and Charlie and their families, and to his family in Lbeanon. Ibrahim was a gentleman and faithful Catholic, who shared his kindness and generosity to churches, foundations, and charities. He truly believed that unless you give back to the community in which you live, nothing else matters. His kindness to this parish and so many throughout the Eparchy will be remembered forever. We will remember Ibrahim in the Book of Life at Our Lady of Purgatory. May Almighty God welcome His good and faithful servant into the kingdom of heaven and may his soul rest in peace. Allah yerhammo.*

### **FR. VINCENT OUT OF TOWN**

Please note that I will be away from June 30-July 12, 2021. Abouna Georges Arrouk will be covering for me during that time. Abouna Georges will celebrate daily Liturgies as well as weekend Liturgies as regularly scheduled. Thank you for your understanding and thank you Abouna for taking care of the parish in my absence.

### **WELCOME ABOUNA GEORGES ARROUK**

We welcome Abouna Georges to Our Lady of Purgatory. We thank you for being with us while Fr. Vincent is away. We hope you will enjoy your time with the parishioners as well as visiting New England. Welcome to OLOP and to the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn.

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, July 3, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Jerome)** liturgy is being offered for the soul of Nazerra Saba requested by Subdeacon Joseph Abraham and Carol Ann Maslanka. May his soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, July 4, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Andrew the Hymnographer)** liturgy is offered in memory of Saba Mike Barckett, Joseph and Mary by their family (FM). May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is offered for the souls of Sam Akeekie and Najeeb Kazam by their family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

**Monday, July 5, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Macarius of the Cross)** liturgy is being offered for the soul of Florence M. Dyer requested by her family (FM). May her soul rest in peace.

**Tuesday, July 6, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Maria Goretti)**

**Wednesday, July 7, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Thomas the Hermit)**

**Thursday, July 8, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of St. Procopius)**

**Saturday, July 10, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Blessed Massabki Brothers)** liturgy is being offered for the soul of Michael J. Macedo requested by Robert Macedo (FM). May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Victor Medeiros requested by the Kenyon Family. May his soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, July 11, @ 10:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Benedict, Abbot)** liturgy is being offered for the soul of Michael David requested by his wife Ann (FM). May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the deceased members of the Victoria Lahood family requested by their family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

## SAINT JOSEPH SODALITY NEWS

Periodically we will be publishing news and coming events from the St. Joseph Sodality. The Sodality is the oldest organization in the Parish, having been founded in 1918. Through their devotion to St. Joseph, Sodality Members seek to emulate the life and faith of St. Joseph, and by doing so, hope to achieve eternal happiness as he did. The Sodality encourages you to consider becoming a member.

On Sunday, June 20, 2021, the Sodality will be sponsoring coffee and pastries for Father's Day after the 10:30 AM Liturgy.

Please save the date and join the Sodality on Saturday, October 16, 2021 for the St. JosephFest.

If you would like more information about the St. Joseph Sodality, or are interested in becoming a member please contact Fr. Vince, or Matt Thomas.

## WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine for the month of July are in memory of the deceased members of the David and Daher families requested by Mariam David and 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 July, 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.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

## LECTORS FOR JUNE 2021

**Saturday, June 26,**

Smitty Cabral

**Sunday, June 27,**

Mae Dickinson/Gaby Baroody

## LECTORS FOR JULY 2021

**Saturday, July 3,**

Carol Ann Maslanka

**Sunday, July 4,**

Ann Dupre/Jano Baroody

**Saturday, July 10,**

Rachael Higgins/ Intercessions-  
Anna Higgins

**Sunday, July 11,**

Mae Dickinson/Gaby Baroody

**Saturday, July 17,**

Smitty Cabral/ Intercession-  
Mariam Uwanogho

**Sunday, July 18,**

Joan Mello/Gaby Baroody

**Saturday, July 24,**

Mae Dickinson

**Sunday, July 25,**

Jean Barbour/Jano Baroody

**Saturday, July 31,**

Carol Ann Maslanka

**(If you are not able to read on your given day, please contact Mae Dickinson)**

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Octavia David, Kenza Sellami, Jacob Rego, Amal Assaf, Peter Helmer, Denise Magaletta, Fernanda Thomas, 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.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR June 27-28, 2021

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 763.00</b>
<b>2nd Collection P&amp;P</b>	<b>\$ 94.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$ 31.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 888.00</b>

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.  
We Miss seeing your face, hearing  
your voice, seeing your smile and  
hearing your laugh. We Love you  
and miss you even more with each  
passing day*

*Your Loving Children*

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