



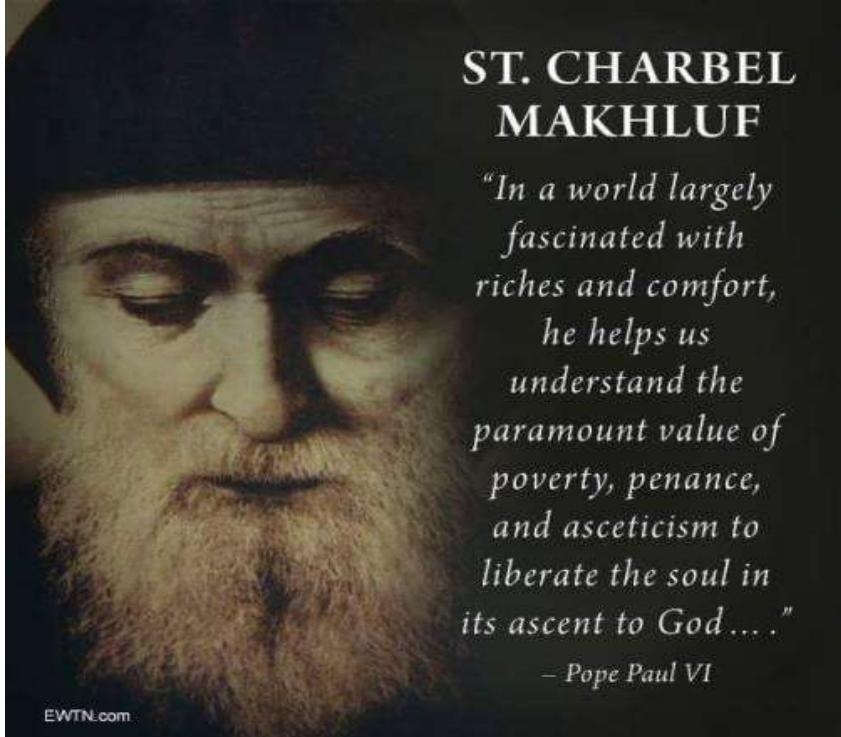
# Our Lady of Purgatory

## Maronite Catholic Church



July 17-18, 2021

## NINTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



### FEAST OF SAINT SHARBEL

Although this saint never traveled far from the Lebanese village of Bekaa-Kafra, where he was born, his influence has spread widely.

Joseph Zaroun Makluf was raised by an uncle because his father, a mule driver, died when Joseph was only three. At the age of 23, Joseph joined the Monastery of St. Maron at Annaya, Lebanon, and took the name Sharbel in honor of a second-century martyr. He professed his final vows in 1853 and was ordained six years later.

Following the example of the fifth-century St. Maron, Sharbel lived as a

hermit from 1875 until his death. His reputation for holiness prompted people to seek him to receive a blessing and to be remembered in his prayers. He followed a strict fast and was very devoted to the Blessed Sacrament. When his superiors occasionally asked him to administer the sacraments to nearby villages, Sharbel did so gladly.

He died in the late afternoon on Christmas Eve. Christians and non-Christians soon made his tomb a place of pilgrimage and of cures. Pope Paul VI beatified him in 1965 and canonized him 12 years later. Blessed John Paul II often said that the Church has two lungs (East and

West) and it must learn to breathe using both of them. Remembering saints like Sharbel helps the Church to appreciate both the diversity and unity present in the Catholic Church. Like all the saints, Sharbel points us to God and invites us to cooperate generously with God's grace, no matter what our situation in life may be. As our prayer life becomes deeper and more honest, we become more ready to make that generous response.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"A man who prays lives out the mystery of existence, and a man who does not pray scarcely exists."*

*Saint Sharbel Makhlouf*



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# ST. MARY MAGDALENE

July 22nd



## FEAST OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

St. Mary Magdalene is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. The precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but we do know she was present with Christ during his public ministry, death and resurrection. She is mentioned at least a dozen times in the Gospels. Mary Magdalene has long been regarded as a prostitute or sexually immoral in western Christianity, but this is not supported in the scriptures. It is believed she was a Jewish woman who lived among Gentiles, living as they did.

The Gospels agree that Mary was originally a great sinner. Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her. After this, she told several women she associated with and these women also became followers. There is also debate over if Mary Magdalene is the same unnamed woman, a sinner, who weeps and washes Jesus' feet with her hair in the Gospel of John. Scholars are skeptical this is the same person.

Despite the scholarly dispute over her background, what she did in her subsequent life, after meeting Jesus, is much more significant. She was certainly a sinner whom Jesus saved, giving us an example of how no

person is beyond the saving grace of God.

During Jesus' ministry, it is believed that Mary Magdalene followed him, part of a semi-permanent entourage who served Jesus and his Disciples. Mary likely watched the crucifixion from a distance along with the other women who followed Christ during His ministry. Mary was present when Christ rose from the dead, visiting his tomb to anoint his body only to find the stone rolled away and Christ, very much alive, sitting at the place they laid Him. She was the first witness to His resurrection. After the death of Christ, a legend states that she remained among the early Christians. After fourteen years, she was allegedly put into a boat by Jews, along with several other saints of the early Church, and set adrift without sails or oars. The boat landed in southern France, where she spent the remaining years of her life living in solitude, in a cave.

St. Mary Magdalene's feast day is July 22. She is the patroness of converts, repentant sinners, sexual temptation, pharmacists, tanners and women, and many other places and causes.

[https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=83](https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=83)

## SAVE THE DATE SUMMER FESTIVAL

I am very happy to announce that we will be having our summer festival this year. As you know, last year we were planning to have a three-day celebration but Covid had other plans for us. Because we did not know what to expect this year, we will begin our festival journey with a one-day festival to be held on Saturday, **September 18**. We will have live entertainment, great food, dancing, and games for the children, all under the BIG TENT.

If you are interested in helping us with this fundraising effort for the Church, I welcome and encourage you to let me know. I look forward to extending the days in 2022 but this will be a great start for our Church. More details will be forthcoming. In the meantime, I hope you will mark your calendars and tell your friends to join us on Saturday, **September 18**, here on the Church grounds. Thank you and God bless you and the parish of OLOP.

## FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we prepare for our Summer Festival on Saturday, September 18, we would you to help in any capacity with our Church's major fundraiser. Please notify any of the following people how you can help us prepare food, and to serve during the day of the festival. Everyone's help is greatly appreciated. I pray that this, my first major fundraiser since my arrival, will not only strengthen our financial needs, but also strengthen the unity of our community. Please let us know if you can help. God bless you and Our Lady of Purgatory Church.

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## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, July 17, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Marina, Nun of Qannoubine)** liturgy is being offered for the soul of Anthony Cabral requested by Lou and Smitty Cabral. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Christine David requested by Nicole Uwanagho and family. May her soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, July 18, @ 10:30 AM, (Celebration of Saint Sharbel)** liturgy is offered in memory of George F. Thomas requested by his family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is offered as a 40 Day Memorial for the soul of Ramya Abi Younes requested by Beatrice Long and family. May her soul rest in peace.

**Monday, July 19, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Margaret of Antioch)**

**Tuesday, July 20, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Elias the Prophet)**

**Wednesday, July 21, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of St. Simeon Salus and His Friend John)**

**Thursday, July 22, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene)**

**Saturday, July 24, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Christine of Tyre)** liturgy is being offered for the souls of Adeline and Andrew Riley requested by Nicole Uwanagho and family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of George and Mary C. Saba by their family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, July 25, @ 10:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Ann, Mother of Our Lady the Virgin Mary)** liturgy is being offered as a 40 Day Memorial for the soul of Hiam Chaib requested by her Amal and Gaby Baroody and her family. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of HC Ibrahim Hanna requested by the parishioners of OLOP. May his soul rest in peace.

## MANY THANKS

OLOP purchased a video camera and sound system to enhance our livestream broadcast. Of course, this is for the purpose of the elderly and those who live outside our area so that they may join us each week.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Joe Barckett who researched and installed this system last week. This was not an easy task but one that was done to benefit OLOP. Thank you Joe.

## WELCOME ME INTO YOUR KINGDOM DIVINE LITURGY

As we celebrate one year of celebrating for the souls of our faithful departed in the book of life, we will have a special Divine Liturgy of Welcome Me Into Your Kingdom on Wednesday, July 28, at 6:00 PM. Our friends from the New England area will join us for this Liturgy which will be followed by a dinner in the rectory basement. Please join us for this special anniversary celebration for our faithful departed. Please notify the office if you plan to attend to ensure we prepare the enough food all. Thank you.

## 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.

Save the Date  
Thursday, October 7, 2021  
Join us for the  
Twelfth Annual Benefit Event for  
The Eparchy of Saint Maron  
Details to follow

## LECTORS FOR JULY 2021

**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)**

## CONFESSON

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

## 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.

## WEEK OF JULY 10-11, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 957.00
Candles	\$ 43.00
Total	\$ 1,000.00

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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