



# Our Lady of Purgatory



## Maronite Catholic Church

July 31 – August 1, 2021

### ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Food, Bar, Live Music, Saja, Hochar, Raffles, Dancing

**Our Lady Of Purgatory Church**  
**Summer Lebanese Festival**  
**Saturday, September 18, 2021**  
**12:00PM – 11:00PM**

Live Entertainment  
**George Maalouf**  
**and Sand**

**Money Raffles Prizes**  
**\$1,000 - \$500 - \$200**  
**Drawing**  
**Saturday, September 18, 2021**  
**10:30PM**

11 Franklin Street, New Bedford, MA 02740

#### 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 SPONSORSHIPS AND VOLUNTEERS

As we prepare for our festival, you will be receiving in the mail sponsorship forms as well as raffle tickets. Sponsors for the festival help the Church to pay for the many items needed such as food, liquor, publicity, tents, live band, and many other incidentals that will help make this event a successful and enjoyable fundraiser.

We will also be having a cash raffle that will be drawn on Saturday evening. Prizes will be \$1000.00, \$500.00, and \$200.00. Tickets are 1 for \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00. You will receive a book of five tickets in your mailing. If you have any leftover tickets, perhaps you can help sell them to your friends. If you need additional tickets to sell, please contact Smitty Cabral or Lorraine David and they will make sure you get additional tickets.

We are also looking for volunteers before and during the festival. I am appealing to all of you to offer whatever time and talents you can

give. Everyone is vital and important to this community and I invite each of you to help. 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 by sending an email to

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 Matthew Thomas,  
[Thomfam5@comcast.net](mailto:Thomfam5@comcast.net).

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“Humility is the mother of many virtues because from it obedience, fear, reverence, patience, modesty, meekness and peace are born. He who is humble easily obeys everyone, fears to offend anyone, is at peace with everyone, is kind with all.”*

St Thomas of Villanova



Fr. Vincent Farhat, Pastor | Rev. Mr. Jean Mattar, Deacon | Joseph Abraham, Sub-deacon

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

## 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.

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.

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns in memory of Leo Farhat, Sr., requested by his children. May his soul rest in peace.

Anyone who would like to offer the sanctuary candle for a loved one or special intention, this will be offered each week. An offering of a \$10.00 donation is appreciated.

## WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine for the month of August are in memory of the Jean D'arc El-Khoury requested by Jacques and Amal Barbour and family. May her soul 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 September, 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.



## MARTYRDOM OF 350 MARTYRS, DISCIPLES OF SAINT MARON - JULY 31

After St Maroun died, many were inspired by his teachings and his ascetic way of life. By the fifth century a monastery was built near where he lived known as Bet Maroun. The monastery became very significant in the region. Also, in the fifth century a debate had emerged about the nature of Jesus. The debate centered on whether Jesus was divine, human or both and exactly what that meant. Some, like the Nestorians, argued that Jesus was separately divine and human and that the two natures were independent. Others such as the Jacobites taught that Jesus was only divine and his divinity absorbed his human nature. In 451, The Council of Chalcedon dealt with the debate once and for all, declaring that Christ was both divine and human, but one person.

The Maronites upheld the proclamation of the Council of Chalcedon. The monks of Saint Maroun led the way preaching the true doctrine and opposing heresy. We learn of the martyrdom of the 350 Monks in a letter from the monks to Pope Hormisdas in the year 517. They described the suffering and attacks they are enduring, particularly from the Antiochian Patriarchs Severus and Peter who opposed the teachings of the Council of Chalcedon. They described that they were mocked for

their support of the Council and were suffering afflictions. They described how the Emperor Anastasius had sent an army that had marched through the district of Apamea closing monasteries and expelling the monks. Some monks had been beaten and others had been thrown into prison. While on their way to St. Simon Stylite, the Maronites had been ambushed and 350 monks were killed, even though some of them had taken refuge at the altar. The monastery was burned. The letter was signed by Alexander, priest and archimandrite and over 200 other signatures followed, of other archimandrites, priests and deacons. We pray that like the 350 Martyrs we are always obedient to the teachings of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

May their prayers be with us always. Amen

<https://www.olol.org.au/saints/142-martyrdom-of-350-martyrs-disciples-of-st-maron-31-july>



## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, July 31, @ 4:30 PM,**  
(The 350 Martyrs, Disciples of Saint Maron and the Feast of Saint Ignatius Loyola) liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Marie Kenyon requested by Mike and Marie LeBlanc. May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, August 1, @ 10:30 AM,**  
(Feast of Saint Shmouni and Her Sons) liturgy is offered in memory of Tanos Sadek requested by friends of the family.

**Monday, August 2, @ 6:00 PM,**  
liturgy is being offered for the soul of JoseDiSilva requested by his wife Fatima and family. May his soul rest in peace.

**Tuesday, August 3, @ 9:00 AM,**  
(Feast of David the Prophet)

**Wednesday, August 4, @ 6:00 PM,**  
(Feast of Saint John Vianney) Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Hiam Chaib requested by Mae Dickinson. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the deceased members of the Book of Life.

**Thursday, August 5, @ 6:00 PM,**  
**Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**Saturday, August 7, @ 4:30 PM,**  
(Feast of Saint Doumit) liturgy is being offered for the souls of Barbara and Christopher Forde requested by Subdeacon Joseph and Carol Ann Maslanka. May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, August 8, @ 10:30 PM,**  
(Feast of Pope Saint Sixtus II) liturgy is being offered as a for the soul of Hiam Chaib requested by the Zaknoun family. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of George and Mary Thomas, Tekla, Joseph, Thomas and Joseph Peters by their family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.



## DABKE TROUPE NEEDED FOR LEBANESE FESTIVAL

Joan Thomas-Mello has offered her talents in teaching our children a dabke dance to perform at the Lebanese Festival. I would be thrilled to have many of our children and young adults to participate. We will do two performances on Saturday, September 18, 2021. Please let Joan or the Church office know if your children would like to participate.

## SAINT ANTHONY OF THE DESERT LEBANESE FESTIVAL

Our brothers and sisters of Saint Anthony of the Desert will be having their summer festival on Friday, August 27-August 29, at their Church grounds located at 300 N. Eastern Ave, Fall River, MA. Festivities begin on Friday from 5 PM-11 PM, Saturday Noon – 11 PM, and Sunday 11 AM-7 PM. Please support Msgr. Jim and our friends in Fall River.

## 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.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

## LECTORS FOR JULY/AUGUST 2021

**Saturday, July 31,**

Mae Dickinson

**Sunday, August 1,**

Ann Dupre/Gaby Baroody

**Saturday, August 7,**

Racheal Higgins/Intercessions Anna Higgins

**Sunday, August 8,**

Mae Dickinson/Jano Baroody

**Saturday, August 14,**

Smitty Cabral/Intercessions Mariam Uwanogho

**Sunday, August 15,**

Joan Mello/Hiba Chedid

**Saturday, August 21,**

Carol Ann Maslanka

**Sunday, August 22,**

Jean Barbour/Jano Baroody

**Saturday, August 28,**

Mae Dickinson

**Sunday, August 29,**

Ann Dupre/Gaby Baroody

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

## WEEK OF JULY 24-25, 2021

|                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Sunday Collection</b> | <b>\$ 1,254.00</b> |
| <b>Candles</b>           | <b>\$ 27.00</b>    |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>\$ 1,281.00</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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