



# Our Lady of Purgatory



## Maronite Catholic Church

August 14-15, 2021

### THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY



#### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. In 1950 Pope Pius XII defined Mary's Assumption into heaven as dogma of Roman Catholicism: "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven."

As a child growing up in the 50's and 60's, Mary was always an integral part of my religious upbringing. In May we took our bicycles to school for the Queen of the May parade, when our bicycles would be blessed by our parish priest. When I was confirmed, I chose the name "Mary" as the name added to my baptized name. I remember looking at the statue of Mary and thinking there was space for

me under her cloak; her heart was full of tenderness towards all her children. It is my understanding that Mary walks with us always; she is with us during our struggles and triumphs. We can lift up our hearts to Mary because she, like a Mother, is always there with open arms. We can celebrate a time of repose when we can contemplate her beauty; a time of consolation

when we look to the reward that Mary enjoys and that we hope for ourselves. The beautiful words of the Magnificat "My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior, for He has looked with favor on the lowliness of His servant.... the Mighty One has done great things for me and holy is His name." She was filled with joy that God had chosen her. Her words are evidence of the purity of her soul. Mary's heart desired nothing but to please the Lord. Richard Rohr said, "The language of Mary is the language of allowing, receiving, surrendering, trusting." The feast of the Assumption points to the final reward for a life of holiness by which, with Mary's special prayers and unfailing help to merit God's grace, we may arrive safely in the Father's home.

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she loves you as she loves her Son. She will guide you in all your relationships so that peace may fill your life. If you ever feel distressed during your day, call upon our Lady. Just say this simple prayer: 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.'"

After retiring from teaching, my husband and I have had the opportunity to travel overseas. We have visited many European sites,

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

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*Saint Mother Theresa of Calcutta*



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including a number of churches. In each church there is a statue of Mary, whose image always seems to show a beautiful woman in a flowing cape; a recognizable figure representing grace, humility, and abounding love. I have a prayer card from one of these churches which I recite each night. It reads:

May we be assisted, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by the worshipful intercession of Thy glorious Mother, the ever Virgin Mary; that we who have been enriched by her perpetual blessings, may be delivered from all dangers, and through her loving kindness made to be of one heart and mind; who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

Let us remember, honor, and be grateful to Mary on the Feast of Her Assumption.

<https://setmoncton.com/reflection-the-feast-of-the-assumption/>

## CONFESSION

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



## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a very special intention.

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 offered for a special intention.

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.

## الإنجيل

مِنِ انْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا

قَالَتْ مَرْيَمُ: "أَعْظَمَ نَفْسِي الرَّبِّ، وَتَبْتَهَجُ رُوحِي بِاللَّهِ مُخْلِصِي، لِأَنَّهُ نَظَرَ إِلَى تَوَاضُعِ أُمَّتِي. فَهَا مُنْذُ الْآنَ تُطَوِّبُنِي جَمِيعُ الْأَجْيَالِ، لِأَنَّ الْقَدِيرَ صَنَعَ بِي عَظَائِمَ، وَأَسْمُهُ قُدُّوسٌ، وَرَحْمَتُهُ إِلَى أَجْيَالٍ وَأَجْيَالٍ لِلَّذِينَ يَنْقُوهُ. صَنَعَ عِزًّا بِسَاعِدِهِ، وَسَنَّتْ الْمُنْكَرِينَ بِأَفْكَارِ قُلُوبِهِمْ. أَنْزَلَ الْمُقْتَدِرِينَ مِنَ الْعُرُوشِ، وَرَفَعَ الْمُتَوَاضِعِينَ. أَشْبَعِ الْجِيَاعَ خَيْرَاتٍ، وَصَرَفِ الْأَعْيَاءَ فَارِغِينَ. عَضِدْ إِسْرَائِيلَ فَتَاهُ ذَاكِرًا رَحْمَتَهُ، لِإِبْرَاهِيمَ وَسُلَيْهِ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، كَمَا كَلَّمَ آبَاءَنَا".

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.

## DISCONTINUATION OF DISTRIBUTION OF PEACE

Listening to the concerns of many of you and my concern for your comfort and safety, we will discontinue the extending of peace during Divine Liturgy. This, of course, is due to the Delta variant of the Corona Virus. The wearing of masks is an individual preference and I leave that up to each individual. Let us not live fearful but vigilant. Thank you for your understanding.

## 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.



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Prot. No. 504/1/21  
Circ. No. 21.21

Brother Priests, Deacons and Subdeacons, Consecrated Men and Women, Brothers and Sisters;

In my letter of 28 May 2021 (Prot. No. 356/1/21; Cir. No. 21.16), I reinstated the obligation for all to attend Divine Liturgy on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligations on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Sunday June 27, 2021, I also stated the following:

*Barring anything unforeseen, we hope to return to the normal exchange of the Greeting of Peace and totally eliminate Holy Communion in the hand, as of August 15, 2021, the Feast of the Assumption.*

Unfortunately, the new Delta variant of the Corona Virus is that "unforeseen" situation. Therefore, at this time we will retain the status quo, and the above-cited paragraph will not be implemented until further notice.

I thank the priests once again for their faithful service as true pastors during these difficult times.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Gregory

+ Gregory

GJM/rb

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, August 14, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother)** liturgy is being offered for the soul of Norma Richard requested by Nicole Uwanogho and family. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Maria Maspero. May her soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, August 15, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother)** liturgy is being offered for the soul of James Hirst requested by his wife Linda Hirst. May his soul rest in peace.

**Monday, August 16, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Roch)**

**Tuesday, August 17, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Myron of Crete)**

**Wednesday, August 18, @ 6:00 PM, NO LITURGY**

**Thursday, August 19, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Luke of Baalbek) NO LITURGY**

**Saturday, August 21, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Samuel the Prophet)** liturgy is being offered for the soul of Thomas David requested by Mariam David and family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Thomas and Annie Ferris and children (Amelia, Joseph, Jaimal, Hisnie, Maila, and Barbara) requested by Shirley Azar Roy, Linda Hirst, and Elizabeth Khair. May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, August 22, @ 10:30 PM, (Feast Saint Symphorian)** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Alphonso and Mabel Gabello requested by their family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

## 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.



## 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.

## WEEK OF AUGUST 8, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 878.00
Festival Raffles	\$ 240.00
Festival Sponsorships	\$ 1,100.00
Altar Hosts and Wine	\$ 75.00
Candles	\$ 40.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,333.00</b>

**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.**

## 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 Fr. Vincent at [ourladyofpurgatory@verizon.net](mailto:ourladyofpurgatory@verizon.net), Deacon Jean Mattar- [jean.mattar@comcast.net](mailto:jean.mattar@comcast.net), Gaby [Baroody-gabrielbaroody61@gmail.com](mailto:Baroody-gabrielbaroody61@gmail.com), or Matthew Thomas, [Thomfam5@comcast.net](mailto:Thomfam5@comcast.net).

## LECTORS FOR AUGUST 2021

**Saturday, August 14,**

Mae Dickinson/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,**

Smitty Cabral

**Sunday, August 29,**

Ann Dupre/Gaby Baroody

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

**LOCAL PARISH FESTIVALS  
2021**

**SAINT ANTHONY OF THE  
DESERT LEABNESE 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.

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