



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



August 21-22, 2021

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

JUDGMENT

After living a “decent” life, my time on earth came to an end. The first thing I remember is sitting on a bench in the waiting room of what I thought to be a courthouse. The doors opened and I was instructed to come in and have a seat by the defense table. As I looked around, I saw the “prosecutor”, he was a villainous looking gent who snarled as he stared at me, he definitely was the most evil person I have ever seen. I sat down and looked to my left and there sat my lawyer, a kind and gentle looking man whose appearance seemed very familiar to me. The corner door flew open and there appeared the judge in full flowing robes. He commanded an awesome presence as he moved across the room and I couldn’t take my eyes off of him. As he took his seat behind the bench he said, “Let us begin.” The prosecutor rose and said, “My name is Satan and I am here to show you why this man belongs in Hell.” He proceeded to tell of lies that I told, things that I stole and in the past when I cheated others. Satan told of other horrible perversions that were once in my life and the more he spoke, the further down in my seat I sank. I was so embarrassed that I couldn’t look at anyone, even my own lawyer, as the Devil told of sins that even I had completely forgotten about. As upset

as I was at Satan for telling all these things about me, I was equally upset at my representative who sat there silently, not offering any form of defense at all. I know I had been guilty of those things, but I had done some good in my life – couldn’t that at least equal out part of the harm I’ve done?

Satan finished with a fury and said “This man belongs in Hell; he is guilty of all that I have charged and there is not a person who can prove otherwise.” When it was his turn, my lawyer first asked if he might approach the bench. The judge allowed this, over the strong objection of Satan, and beckoned him to come forward. As he got up and started walking, I was able to see him now in his full splendor and majesty. Now I realized why he seemed so familiar, this was Jesus representing me, my Lord and my Savior. He stopped at the bench and softly said to the judge “Hi Dad” and then he turned to address the court. “Satan was correct in saying that this man had sinned, I won’t deny any of these allegations. And yes, the wage of sins is death and this man deserves to be punished.” Jesus took a deep breath and turned to his Father with outstretched arms and proclaimed, “However, I died on the cross so that this person might have eternal life and he has accepted me as his Savior, so he is mine.” My Lord continued with “His name is written

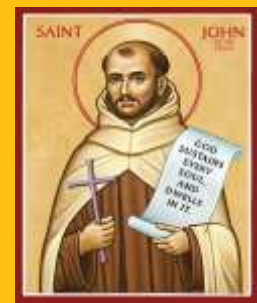
in the Book of Life and no one can snatch him from me. Satan still does not understand yet, this man is not to be given justice, but rather mercy.” As Jesus sat down, he quietly paused, looked at his Father and replied, “There is nothing else that needs to be done, I’ve done it all.” The Judge lifted his mighty hand and slammed the gavel down and the following words bellowed from his lips, “This man is free – the penalty for him has already been paid in full, case dismissed.”

As my Lord led me away, I could hear Satan ranting and raving, “I won’t give up, I’ll win the next one!” I asked Jesus as he gave me my

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“What we need most in order to make progress is to be silent before this great God with our appetite and with our tongue, for the language he best hears is silent love.”

St John of the Cross



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instructions on where to go next, "Have you ever lost a case?" Christ lovingly smiled and said, "Everyone that has come to me and asked me to represent them has received the same verdict as you...Paid in Full."

In this world of trials and tribulation, there are times when logic, thought, and discussion, seem to do nothing at all. It is in these times that I have learned that I have only one place to turn in which to ease the pain.

<https://stories4homilies.wordpress.com/2012/09/16/judgment/>

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Philip and Jano Baroudi for the loss of their son Charbel. We ask that Almighty God give them consolation and peace and that He welcome Charbel into His heavenly kingdom. Allah yerhammo~ rest in peace.

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.

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine for the month of August are offered for a special intention.

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

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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.

BACK TO SCHOOL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Education Scholarship Foundation Committee will be sponsoring a "BACK TO SCHOOL ICE CREAM SOCIAL" on Saturday, September 11, following 4:30 PM Divine Liturgy. Please bring your children for Liturgy and Ice Cream to celebrate our children going to back to school. Raffles for two back packs filled with all the essentials will be sold, with proceeds going to the Education Scholarship Foundation. Of course, the adults are welcome to indulge as well.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

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.

Monday, August 23, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Isaac the Syriac) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Thomas David requested by Mariam David and Family. May his soul rest in peace. **Liturgy on Monday morning will be at Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light Convent**

Tuesday, August 24, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Eutyches of Sebastia) NO LITURGY

Wednesday, August 25, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Titus) NO LITURGY

Thursday, August 26, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of pope Saint Zephyrinus) NO LITURGY

Saturday, August 28, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Augustine, Doctor of the Church)

Sunday, August 29, @ 10:30 AM, (Beheading of John the Baptist) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Jamile Haddad. May her soul rest in peace.

CONFESSION

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

الإنجيل

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا
فِيمَا (كَانَ يَسُوعُ وَتَلَامِيذُهُ) سَائِرِينَ، دَخَلَ
يَسُوعُ إِحْدَى الْفَرَى، فَاسْتَقْبَلَتْهُ فِي بَيْتِهَا امْرَأَةٌ
أَسْمُهَا مَرْثَا. وَكَانَ لِمَرْثَا أُخْتُ تُدْعَى مَرْيَمَ.
فَجَلَسَتْ عِنْدَ قَدَمَي الرَّبِّ تَسْمَعُ كَلَامَهُ. أَمَّا
مَرْثَا فَكَانَتْ مُنْهَمِكَةً بِكثْرَةِ الْخِدْمَةِ، فَجَاءَتْ
وَقَالَتْ: "يَا رَبِّ، أَمَّا بُنَيَّ بَانَ أُخْتِي تَرَكَتْنِي
أُحْدُمُ وَحْدِي؟ فَقُلْ لَهَا أَنْ تُسَاعِدَنِي!". فَأَجَابَ
الرَّبُّ وَقَالَ لَهَا: "مَرْثَا، مَرْثَا، إِنَّكَ تَهْتَمِينَ
بِأُمُورٍ كَثِيرَةٍ، وَتَضْطَرِّبِينَ! إِنَّمَا الْمَطْلُوبُ
وَاحِدٌ! فَمَرْيَمُ اخْتَارَتْ النَّصِيبَ الْأَفْضَلَ، وَلَنْ
يُزْرَعُ مِنْهَا".
حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for the soul of Thomas David by Mariam David and Family. 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.

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.

LECTORS FOR AUGUST 2021

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)

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.

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.

SAINT ANTHONY LAWRENCE MA MAHAJAN



**WEEK OF AUGUST 14-15,
2021**

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,161.00
Festival Raffles	\$ 440.00
Lebanon Aid	\$ 10.00
Festival Sponsorships	\$ 2,150.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 55.00
Candles	\$ 83.00
Total	\$ 9,899.00

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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