



Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

September 11-12, 2021

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



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As we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, let us take a moment and reflect what this symbol, this universal Catholic symbol, means to us and to our Church. As we reflect I am sure there are many thoughts that go through our minds. There are many images associated to the cross of Jesus Christ and today is a reminder for us to think about this in a deeper and more meaningful way. We may think about the passion of Jesus Christ when we see the cross. We may wear a cross around our necks to protect us from evil. We may use the cross as a way to bless others. But the most important image we should take from the cross is that of victory; victory of Jesus conquering the evil one and his misleading ways--- victory for our salvation. The cross means VICTORY, and

that is how we should view this symbol as we commemorate the Exaltation of the Cross. We thank Jesus for taking this cup into his hands and to embrace his pain and suffering for the salvation of our souls and for the forgiveness of our sins. This is the symbol of the cross that we must be grateful for and that we must celebrate everyday of our lives.

GOD BLESS YOU SISTER EMILY MARY

Our community and the community of Maronite Servants of Christ the Light have been blessed with the addition of Sr. Emily Mary Lattouf who committed herself to the service of the Lord. Sr. Emily entered into the novitiate as she continues her spiritual journey to serve God. We keep Sr. Emily, her family, and the Maronite Sisters in our prayers. God bless you always. Mabrook!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We adore you and we bless you, Lord Jesus Christ, here and in all the churches which are in the whole world, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world"

St. Francis



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

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 11, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of the Holy Cross) liturgy is being offered for the souls of Judy Amaral and Saade Saade requested by Helena and Dany Tavares. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is in memory of all the victims and their families on the 20th anniversary of 9/11. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, September 12, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Cornelius the Centurion) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Elie Sarkis requested by Charbel and Elise Sarkis and family. May his soul rest in peace.

Monday, September 13, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Christopher)
NO LITURGY

Tuesday, September 14, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of the Holy Cross Actual)
NO LITURGY

Wednesday, September 15, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Sts. Shaina and Sassine)
NO LITURGY

Thursday, September 16, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Cyprain)
NO LITURGY

Saturday, September 18, @ 4:30 PM, (The Flight of the Lord Jesus to Egypt) liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Marie Kenyon by their family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, September 19, @ 10:30 PM, (Feast Saint Januarius) liturgy is offered for the deceased members of the Hardin Family Society by their family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Jean D'Arc El Khoury requested by her family. May her soul rest in peace.

SECOND COLLECTION

As per the directive of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, there will be a second collection for Catholic University of America. This collection provides funding for academic scholarships at the university for our seminarians and others. Thank you for your generosity.

WELCOME ME INTO YOUR KINGDOM LITURGY

We will pray for the souls of the faithful departed on Wednesday evening, September 22, at 6:00 PM. Please join us for the Welcome Me Into Your Kingdom service. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

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.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday, September 14, we will gather for Eucharistic Adoration at 6:00 PM. This is an opportunity to spend some time with Jesus and ask for His help. Mark your calendars and please join us for this beautiful service.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for the soul of Eugene Daher requested by Alice Daher. 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.

NEW CANDLE STAND

We now have our new candle stand in the prayer shrine at the back of the Church. Candle offering is \$1.00 dollar for each candle intention. I ask you to please be careful if you have small children. Please do not let them light the candles or be unaccompanied in that area. I do not want any of them to get hurt. Thank you.



**IN OUR PRAYERS OUR
LADY OF PURGATORY
MARHAJAN**

Please join us for our Marhajan next weekend, September 18, from 12 Noon till 11:00 PM. We will continue our celebration on Sunday, September 19, after Divine Liturgy until 2:00 PM. So many have been working hard to bring this festive festival back to OLOP. Please spread the word and join us for great food, music, dancing, deserts, and spirits. Thank you all for your support and dedication.

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.

**WINE AND HOST
OFFERINGS**

The altar bread and wine for the month of September are offered for the soul of Jean D'Arc El-Khoury by Jacques and Amal Barbour and Family. May her soul rest in peace.

**LECTORS FOR SEPTEMBER
2021**

Saturday, September 11,
Rachael Higgins/ Intercessions-
Mariam Uwanogho
Sunday, September 12,
Ann Dupre/Hiba Chedid

Saturday, September 18,
Carol Ann Maslanka
Sunday, September 19,
Jean Barbour/Gaby Baroudi

Saturday, September 25,
Smitty Cabral
Sunday, September 26,
Mae Dickinson/Jano Baroudi

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

**WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4-5,
2021**

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,160.00
Festival Donations	\$ 100.00
Festival Raffles	\$ 305.00
Festival Sponsorships	\$ 2,250.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 23.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$ 10.00
Candles	<u>\$ 33.00</u>
Total	\$ 4,881.00

**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.**

Food, Bar, Live Music, Saj, Hookas, Raffles, Dancing



Our Lady Of Purgatory Church

Summer Lebanese Festival

Saturday, September 18, 2021

12:00PM - 11:00PM

Live Entertainment

George Maalouf



and Band



Money Raffles Prizes

\$1,000 - \$500 - \$200

Drawing

Saturday, September 18, 2021

10:30PM

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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*

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