



Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

November 27-28, 2021

SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN TO ELIZABETH



HOW GOD ANSWERS OUR PRAYERS

Dr. Stephen, a well-known doctor, was once on his way to an important medical conference in another city where-in he was going to be granted an award for medical research he had recently done. He was very excited to attend the conference and was desperate to reach as soon as possible. He had worked long and hard on his research and felt his efforts deserved the award he was about to obtain.

However, two hours after the plane took off, the pilot announced that there was a problem with the plane and that they were going to make an emergency landing at the nearest airport. Afraid that he wouldn't make it in time for the conference, Dr. Stephen immediately went to the help desk as soon as the plane landed

and explained to the woman at the desk that he was expected to be at a very important conference and that he needed to know the immediate next flight to his destination. She told him that there was nothing she could do to help him as there wouldn't be another flight to his destination for another ten hours; but suggested he rent a car and drive down to the city as it was only four hours away.

Having no other choice, he agreed to the idea despite his hatred for driving long distances.

Dr. Stephen rented a car and started his journey. However, soon after he left, the weather suddenly changed and a heavy storm began. The pouring rain made it very difficult for him to see and he missed a turn he was supposed to take.

After two hours of driving, he was convinced he was lost. Driving in the heavy rain on a deserted road, feeling hungry and tired, he frantically began to look for any sign of civilization. After some time, he finally came across a small tattered house. Desperate, he got out of the car and knocked on the door. An old woman opened the door for him. He explained his situation and asked if he could use her telephone. She told him that she didn't have a phone or electricity but that he was welcome to come in for some food and

something warm to drink as he had completely lost his way and that it would take him some time to get back on the right road.

Hungry, wet and exhausted, the doctor accepted her kind offer and walked in. The woman told him to help himself to some food and hot tea on the table and then excused herself to finish her prayers. Sitting on the table sipping his tea, the doctor watched the woman in the dim light of candles as she prayed

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Mary, give me your Heart: so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate; your Heart so full of love and humility that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life and love Him as you love Him and serve Him in the distressing guise of the poor."

Blessed Mother Teresa



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next to what appeared to be a small baby crib.

Every time she finished a prayer, she would start another one. Feeling that the woman might be in need of help, the doctor seized the opportunity to speak as soon as she finished her prayers and told her that he hoped God would answer her prayers. He then said that he noticed that she had been making a lot of prayers and asked if there was something she needed that he could get for her or help her with. The woman smiled and said that God had answered all her prayers except one. She said she didn't know why God hadn't answered this specific prayer yet but perhaps it was because of her weak faith.

The doctor asked if she didn't mind telling him what she needed. Nodding her head in approval, she said that the child in the crib was her grandson. She said that the child had a very rare type of cancer and that all the doctors she had seen were unable to treat him. She also said that she had been told that there was a doctor who specialized in the type of cancer her grandson had, but there was no way for her to get to this doctor as he lived very far from her; so she has been spending her days and nights praying to God to help her find a way to get to Dr. Stephen – the doctor who could treat her grandson.

Upon hearing her words, tears began to flow down the doctor's cheeks and He said: God is great, there was malfunction in the plane, a thunderstorm hit, and I lost my way; and all of this happened because God did not just answer your prayer by helping you find a way to get to Dr. Stephen, but He brought Dr. Stephen to your house. I am Dr. Stephen. Tears begun to stream down her cheeks.

<https://stories4homilies.wordpress.com/2016/05/01/how-god-answers-our-prayers/>

JOIN MYA NEW ENGLAND AT

La Salette

Sunday, December 5th

3:00 p.m.
Christmas Concert

4:00 p.m.
Mass

5:00 p.m.
Christmas Celebration of Lights

Dinner to follow at Park's Asian Bistro & Sushi Bar
Dress warm and please bring a mask.

REGIONAL MYA ADULT EVENT

Below is the **schedule** for the MYA Gathering organized by Julie Lattouf (Brockton) & Tania Sarkis (Boston) our two New England MYA Regional Coordinators:

2:45pm- Arrive and meet at Our Lady of La Salette candle hall. If you're running late/get lost/have questions text me (Julie) 773-986-9898. It will get extremely busy after 5pm as this is a popular area during this time of year.

3:00pm- Christmas Concert with Father Pat in the Church.

4:00pm- Mass (Please note: Confession is also offered 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM)

5:00pm (Hot chocolate / Apple cider).

5:15pm- Begin the La Salette Christmas Lights Tour

6:40pm- Leave La Salette

6.55/7:00pm- Meet at the Park's Asian Bistro & Sushi Bar- 3 Park St Rehoboth, MA 02769, Reservation name (MYA)

Dress attire: Feel free to wear your ugly sweater and/or festive

Christmas attire. There will be a prize for the winner(s). It will be quite chilly so bundle up...

Peace & Blessings in Christ,
Sr. Therese Maria, MSCL
maroniteservants.org

DO YOU WANT TO BE AN ANGEL?

As we all know, the Angels spread the word of Christ's birth on Christmas to the Shepherds in the fields. Won't you help our children spread the joy of God's Love this Christmas by being an Angel?

One half of the proceeds of this Angel Program will help defray the costs of our Christmas Pageant. The other half will be given as a gift from our children to the St. Anthony Padua Food Pantry.

All you have to do is fill out the form on the opposite side of this page and return to Our Lady of Purgatory Church, 11 Franklin Street, New Bedford, MA 02740 with your tax deductible donation of \$25.00.

Please don't forget to join us on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 6:00pm for the 2021 OLOP Christmas Pageant.

Thanks for your generosity!

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 27, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint James Intercisus) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Charbel Baroodly requested by Sean and Marie Kenyon McLaughlin and Keira. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of John J. David requested by his children Joann, Anthony, and Lorraine David. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, November 28, @ 10:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Stephen the Younger) Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Milad Chedid requested by his family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Charbel Baroodly requested by Emmanuel Chedid and family. May his soul rest in peace.

Saturday, December 4, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Barbara) liturgy is being offered for the souls in purgatory requested by Sean and Marie Kenyon McLaughlin and Keira. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Kathleen Kalife requested by Subdeacon Joseph Abraham and Carol Ann Maslanka. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, December 5, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Saba the Hermit) Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Tanios El Khoury requested by the Khoury Family. May his soul rest in peace.

Please note that daily liturgies will resume December 6. The new schedule for daily liturgies will as follows:

Monday, December 6, @ 9:00 AM, Maronite Sisters of the Light Convent (Feast of Saint Nicholas (Zakhia)

Tuesday, December 7, @ 9:00 AM, OLOP (Feast of Saint Ambrose, Doctor of the Church)

Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Victoria Lahood and family (FM).

May their souls rest in peace.

Wednesday, December 8, @ 6:00 PM, Immaculate Conception-Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 9, @ 7:00 PM, Arabic/Liturgy for Lebanon, OLOP (Feast of Saint Francis of Paola)

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a special intention requested by Claire Barbour.

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 15	7:00 PM
Thursday, December 16	7:00 PM
Friday, December 17	7:00 PM
Saturday, December 18	5:30 PM
Sunday, December 19	11:30 AM
Monday, December 20	7:00 PM
Tuesday, December 21	7:00 PM
Wednesday, December 22	7:00 PM
Thursday, December 23	7:00 PM

**** Christmas Novena's will follow Divine Liturgies which will begin at 6:15 PM**

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine for the month of November are offered for the souls of John, Malvina, and Joseph David requested by Joanne, Anthony, and Lorraine David. May their souls rest in peace.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Octavia David, 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 NOVEMBER 20-21, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,716.00
Candles	\$ 71.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 82.00
Christmas Raffle	\$ 15.00
Bazaar Donations	\$ 220.00
Total	\$ 2,104.00

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.



CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGIES

Friday, December 24	7:00 PM	Glorious Birth of Our Lord Vigil
Saturday, December 25	5:30 PM	Glorious Birth of Our Lord Liturgy

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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.
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your voice, seeing your smile and
hearing your laugh. We Love you
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