



Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

January 1-2, 2022

SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD SUNDAY AFTER THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD FINDING JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS

I would like to thank all of you for your kindness, well wishes, cards and gifts during the Season of the Glorious Birth of our Lord. But more than this, I thank you for continuing to march on even during these trying times of Covid and attending Divine Liturgies and being spiritually fed. May God continue to bless you and your families with good health, peace, and joy. God bless you always.

OUR NEW SHED IS COMPLETE

Our new shed is complete and will serve very well for our community. A special thank you to Gaby Baroody and his team for providing us with this space and sharing their talents to better serve this Church. In the Spring, it will be painted and shelving installed. Mabrook!

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

The Feast of the Epiphany (**Holy Day of Obligation**) will be held on Wednesday evening, January 5, at 7:00 PM. Please join us for the blessing of the water as we close the ending of the Season of the Glorious Birth of our Lord.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, February 5, 2022, we will be having our Saint Maron Hafli. A full course meal, cash bar and live entertainment with singer Chadi Naddaf from Canada. More information will be forthcoming in the near future. Spread the word to your family and friends.

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine for the month of January is offered for the deceased members of the Maalouf and Assaf families requested by Milad and Sousou Maalouf and family. May their souls rest in peace.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for the soul of Hiam Chaib requested by Gaby and Amal Baroody and family. May her 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to George and Maria Abi Rached on the arrival of their son Sam Anthony Abi Rached. We ask Almighty God to protect and keep in His loving hands Sam. Many blessings to the Abi Rached and Zalloum families. Marbrook!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We know certainly that our God calls us to a holy life. We know that he gives us every grace, every abundant grace; and though we are so weak of ourselves, this grace is able to carry us through every obstacle and difficulty."

Elizabeth Ann Seton



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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

Sunday, January 2, @ 10:30 AM, (Pope Saint Silvester I) Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Mansour Barbour requested by his family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is offered for the soul of Nancy David by her family (FM). May her soul rest in peace.

Monday, January 3, @ 9:00 AM, (Malachi the Prophet) Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light Convent

Tuesday, January 4, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton)

Wednesday, January 5, @ 6:00 PM, Feast of the Glorious Epiphany (Feast of Saint John Neumann)

Thursday, January 6, @ 7:00 PM, Arabic Liturgy (Feast of the Glorious Epiphany)

Saturday, January 8, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Carterius the Priest) Liturgy is being offered for a special intention by the Shidell Family.

Sunday, January 9, @ 10:30 PM, (Feast of Felicitations of the Virgin Mary) Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Samir and Georgette Sawaya by Zakhia and Hiba Chedid and family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is offered for the soul of Julia Maroun by family (FM). May her soul rest in peace.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Natalayal Sarkis, Joe Reid, 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.



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Dear Family and Friends,

I join my "cry of the heart" to that of Mother Marie Makhlof of the Franciscan Sisters of the Cross in Lebanon, see her letter enclosed. The Sisters serve the poor and special needs persons with an unparalleled love in all of their 19 institutions throughout Lebanon.

As you know Lebanon is going through one of the most difficult times. The devaluation of the Lebanese Lira, from 1,500 to 23,000 per US dollar (USD) means that a family that could live on 100.00 USD per month, now, with the same salary, lives on less than 10.00 USD per month.

Would you please join me in helping the Sisters stay out of bankruptcy as their 170 Sisters, 1,700 employees, and hundreds of volunteers continue their loving service in testimony to Christ? Any amount will be appreciated. Please go online to www.stmaron.org to click on Franciscan Sisters, or send a check made payable to Eparchy of Saint Maron, to 109 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, and write in the memo: for the Franciscan Sisters of the Cross.

For more information about the Sisters you can visit www.fifs-usa.org

Thank you. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Gregory
+ Gregory John Mansour

GJM/rb

Enclosure (1)

Thank you for considering this request.

Franciscaines de la Croix du Liban

Maison Générale

Date : 19/11/2021
N° : 388/21

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We lift to God and to you a cry for help asking for your prayers and for any kind of support to help us continue our mission by serving the poorest of the poor patients and students. They need you. We need you also to support us to keep our well-trained and valuable staff whose average salary dropped to an average of \$ 60 per month cutting dramatically their purchasing power and depriving them from their basic needs in medicines, food, fuel, and other vital resources. We recently lost more than 120 employees among nurses, doctors, and teachers. We need to retain the rest through an encouraging Christmas gift that would regenerate some hope in their heart.

Our non-profit and non-governmental Congregation of the Franciscan Sisters of the Cross in Lebanon was founded in 1930 by Blessed Abouna Yaacoub, with a sacred mission to care for the needy and educate the youth, regardless of their ethnicity, religion, or race.

Our community consists of 170 nurses in administrative and nursing positions serving in 19 institutions, out of which the Psychiatric Hospital of the Cross, Hospital of Deir El Qamar, Our Lady Hospital for Chronic diseases, St Joseph Hospital, Hospital of Chlifa, Hospice of Christ the King, and Val Pere Jacques School. Our mission serves 3,000 patients, 3,000 students and is composed of 1,700 employees.

Lebanon is going through an unprecedented economic and political crisis. The Lebanese currency lost more than 90% of its value, and capital control is exercised nationwide. Our major support comes from the government and most of our receivables in local currency are evaporating dropping down to the average of 1\$ per patient per day, thus we are barely able to manage our basic daily needs.

We can only count on divine providence and the generosity of donors, to meet our communities' critical needs.

A few months ago, the Sisters were aided in the United States by a newly established organization: the Friends of the Lebanese Franciscan Sisters of the Cross (www.fifs-usa.org). Please visit their website for more information about our Congregation.

His Eminence, Cardinal Timothy Dolan, his Excellency, Bishop Gregory Mansour, and his Excellency, Bishop Elias Zaidan, along with myself serve on the Honorary Board of the organization.

For donations by check, please address and mail to the Eparchy of Saint Maron, 109 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, add in the memo, "for the Lebanese Franciscan Sisters of the Cross". Online donations can be made at:

<https://eparchy.org/lebanese-franciscan-sisters-of-the-cross/>

With much gratitude to you and all who collaborate with you in the Lord's service.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Mt. 25:40).

Sister Marie MAKHLUF
General Superior



جمعية راهبات الصليب
مركز الرئاسة العامة

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.

January 9, 2022, monthly devotion and Communion Breakfast to follow.

Regional Maronite Young Adult (MYA) Events for the New England Region

LECTORS FOR JANUARY 2022

Sunday, January 2,
Ann Dupre/Jano Baroody

Saturday, January 8,
Smitty Cabral/ Intercessions: Mariam
Uwanogho

Sunday, January 9,
Mae Dickinson/Hiba Chedid

Saturday, January 15,
Carol Ann Maslanka

Sunday, January 16,
Joan Mello/Gaby Baroody

Saturday, January 22,
Rachael Higgins/ Intercessions: Anna
Higgins

Sunday, January 23,
Jean Barbour/Rana Choubah

Saturday, January 29,
Mae Dickinson

Sunday, January 30,
Ann Dupre/Halim Choubah

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

WEEK OF DECEMBER 24- 26, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 3,098.00
Candles	\$ 216.00
Total	\$ 3,314.00

**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.**



Join New England MYA for
**WITNESS
&
ADORATION**

Guest Speaker:
Elias Elsayah

Sunday, January 9th
4:00 p.m.

St. Theresa Maronite Church
Brockton, MA

Adoration, Rosary, Testimony, Potluck, & Fellowship



*Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year*

Upcoming events in 2022

January 9
Witness Elias Elsayah & Adoration
St. Theresa Church, Brockton
4:00-7:00 pm

February 6
Maronite Prayer & Fellowship
Maronite Servants of Christ the Light Convent, Dartmouth
4:00-7:00 pm

March 25-27
Maronite Young Adult Eparchial Retreat
Our Lady of the Cedars Church, Boston
Details TBA

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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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