



Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

January 8-9, 2022

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ---God Reveals Himself to Us

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the oldest Christian feasts, though, throughout the centuries, it has celebrated a variety of things. *Epiphany* comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal," and all of the various events celebrated by the Feast of the Epiphany are revelations of Christ to man.

History

Like many of the most ancient Christian feasts, Epiphany was first celebrated in the East, where it has been held from the beginning almost universally on January 6. Today, among both Eastern Catholics and Eastern Orthodox, the feast is known as Theophany—the revelation of God to man.

A Fourfold Feast

Epiphany originally celebrated four different events, in the following order of importance: the Baptism of the Lord; Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana; the Nativity of Christ; and the visitation of the Wise Men or Magi. Each of these is a revelation of God to man: At Christ's Baptism, the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God the Father is heard, declaring that Jesus is His Son; at the wedding in Cana, the

miracle reveals Christ's divinity; at the Nativity, the angels bear witness to Christ, and the shepherds, representing the people of Israel, bow down before Him; and at the visitation of the Magi, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles—the other nations of the earth.

The End of Christmastide

Eventually, the celebration of the Nativity was separated out, in the West, into Christmas; and shortly thereafter, Western Christians adopted the Eastern feast of the Epiphany, still celebrating the Baptism, the first miracle, and the visit from the Wise Men.

Thus, Epiphany came to mark the end of Christmastide—the Twelve Days of Christmas, which began with the revelation of Christ to Israel in His Birth and ended with the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles at Epiphany. Over the centuries, the various celebrations were further separated in the West, and now the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the Sunday after January 6, and the wedding at Cana is commemorated on the Sunday after the Baptism of the Lord.

Epiphany Customs

In many parts of Europe, the celebration of Epiphany is at least as important as the celebration of Christmas. In Italy and other Mediterranean countries, Christians exchange gifts on Epiphany—the day on which the Wise Men brought

their gifts to the Christ Child—while in Northern Europe, it's not unusual to give gifts on both Christmas and Epiphany (often with smaller gifts on each of the twelve days of Christmas in between).

<http://catholicism.about.com/od/holydaysandholidays/p/Epiphany.htm>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Learn to obey, you who are but dust! Learn to humble yourself, you who are but earth and clay, and bow down under the foot of every man! Learn to break your own will, to submit to all subjection! Be zealous against yourself! Allow no pride to dwell in you, but prove yourself so humble and lowly that all may walk over you and trample upon you as dust in the streets!”

Imitation of Christ



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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2022

7:00 PM - 12:00 AM

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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.

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

**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.

CONFESSION

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

HAFLI SPONSORSHIPS

Our Saint Maron's Day Hafli is around the corner and we are preparing to make this first Hafli since my arrival to New Bedford a special and enjoyable event. We have an excellent singer coming from Montreal along with the El Khoury Ensemble as well as a beautiful mezza and full course dinner.

In order to make this fundraiser a greater success, if anyone would like to be a sponsor, I have included what these expenses are. As always, I thank you for your help and generosity to OLOP and I hope you will all join us for an evening of fun and unity.

Band	\$4,300.00
Food Expense	\$3,000.00
Incidentals and Centerpieces	\$ 800.00

LIVE IN NANNY NEEDED

There is an opportunity for a Live-In nanny in the Dartmouth area. If you or someone you know is interested please contact the Church office. They must be responsible and over 25 years old. This will be a full-time position beginning immediately. Thank you.

**DAILY READINGS FOR THE
WEEK OF 1/10-1/15/22**

Monday:

2 Corinthians 10:12-18

Mark 1:1-8

Tuesday:

2 Corinthians 11:1-6

John 1:19-28

Wednesday:

2 Corinthians 11:7-15

John 3:22-30

Thursday:

2 Corinthians 11:18,22-30

John 3:31-36

Friday:

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Matthew 14:1-12

Saturday:

2 Corinthians 12:11-16

John 10: 40-42

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 8, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Carterius the Priest) Liturgy is being offered for a special intention by the Shidell Family. Liturgy is offered for the souls of Walter and Janet Lalor requested by Jim Thomas and family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, January 9, @ 10:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Eustratius) 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.

Monday, January 10, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa) Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light Convent

Tuesday, January 11, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Theodosius of Antioch) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Theresa Samia requested by her family. May her soul rest in peace.

Wednesday, January 12, @ 6:00 PM, Welcome Me Into Your Kingdom (Feast of Saint Tatiana) Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Estephan Diab requested by Jacques and Amal Barbour and family. May his soul rest in peace.

Thursday, January 13, @ 7:00 PM, Arabic Liturgy (Feast of Saint Jacob of Nisibis)

Saturday, January 15, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Our Lady of the Sowing) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Janet Kellish requested by Lou and Smitty Cabral. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, January 16, @ 10:30 AM, (Memorial of the Chains of Saint Peter) Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph Nader requested by Joann Longden. May his soul rest in peace.

GO FUND ME NATALIA

SARKIS

Hi, my name is Vivianne Khalife-Yazbeck and I am here asking for your support, not for me but for my friends' 14-year-old daughter and the humble family who would never think of asking for help. On Christmas Eve, Natalia Sarkis (a very healthy young girl) received an unexpected heart-breaking diagnoses of High-Risk leukemia. She will be undergoing aggressive Chemo therapy starting tomorrow and will still undergo different chemo treatments for the next 2 years. The first 4-6 weeks and at different times in her treatment she will not be able to leave the hospital and her mother will have to leave her job to care for her. Obviously, this has been a huge shock for the family and everyone surrounding them. This battle is just beginning and will be a very long road for Natalia and her entire family. We are confident she will beat this without a doubt and I ask everyone to help support the family. One way we can do that is by meeting their needs financially so they can concentrate only on helping Natalia get better. Even though medical insurance will cover most of her treatments, the family will have other unexpected expenses and the burden of a loss of income. Let this money raised help them in many ways:

gas money to and from hospital visits for her father and for the family for the next two years (over 1hr ride to the hospital) therapeutic care meals

any misc. services needed to lighten their load during this journey help make up for the loss of income to help pay everyday bills.

Please keep the love, prayers, and positive thoughts coming for the family and for Natalia. I am sure they will appreciate any support and prayers. I want to go ahead and say THANK YOU, on their behalf.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/please-help-natalia-fight-leukemia>

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.

LECTORS FOR JANUARY 2022

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)

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.

WEEK OF January 2, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$ 942.00
Memorials	\$ 400.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 45.00
Candles	\$ 67.00
Total	\$ 1,454.00

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