



Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

January 15-16, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

NEW YEAR'S FOOD FOR THOUGHT

With the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and the ringing in of the New Year, we are once again reminded of a new hope. A hope that begins with Jesus Christ, as He came to us in His human nature, to offer us the forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life. It is with this hope that we begin, once again, to conform our lives in the true Catholic faith.

At times, new beginnings can be overwhelming, trying to figure out where to start, how to begin anew with loved ones and friends, and whether or not this new beginning will be fruitful. Many of us set New Year's resolutions only to succumb to our old ways. This can be very frustrating for us, nevertheless, we at least recognize our need to change our ways whether it be spiritually, physically, or emotionally. So how do we rely on the mercy of God's greatest gift given to us through the birth of our Lord?

Each of us must remember that we are human beings---incapable of perfection---but hopeful in holiness. Each of us must remember that we will make mistakes, bad judgments, or hurt others intentionally or unintentionally: in other words, lacking the perfection that is only found in God---Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And the important idea

to remember is that if each of us understands our weaknesses and shortcomings, we will have a greater capacity to forgive and understand our human limitations. I often say to myself let me walk in the other person's shoes for a moment. What were they thinking when they did this or said that; what are they going through realizing that they may have made a bad judgment in handling a certain situation or made a mistake that would affect other people's lives? Perhaps it is at that moment that we realize our human error and shortcomings and we can begin to start anew.

I am in need of this reminder as a priest, brother, uncle, relative, and friend, and I rely on the mercy of others for my shortcomings, failures, or bad human judgment. I am forever grateful for the greatest gift given to mankind---our Lord Jesus Christ---who reminds me of the great virtues He exemplified and taught. Our lives are complete with the birth of our Lord and our hearts are more compassionate because of His sacrifice.

Let us reflect on the past and build on the future in the true Christian way---by beginning anew with one another and with Jesus Christ. May we understand our limitations of perfection and our boundless capacity of holiness, so that this New Year may be filled with the love and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.



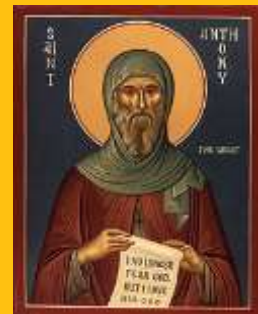
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday, February 18, 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.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“... you should know that there is present with you the angel whom God has appointed for each man. . . This angel, who is sleepless and cannot be deceived, is always present with you; he sees all things and is not hindered by darkness. You should know, too, that with him is God.”

Saint Anthony the Great



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SAINT MARON HAFLI TICKETS ON SALE

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OLOP ONLINE SHOPPING NOW AVAILABLE

OLOP now has online shopping found on our website at www.ourladyofpurgatory.org

At the present time, you may purchase tickets for the Saint Maron Day Hafli. In a short while, we will be having other items that you may enjoy and can order online. I would like to thank Joe Barckett for setting this up and Rob Macedo for taking care of our website. Below is the link to the online shopping for your future reference.

<https://www.ourladyofpurgatory.org/2022/01/13/olop-hafli-tickets-available-online/>

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.

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.

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

SECOND COLLECTION JANUARY 22-23

As per the directive of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, there will be a second collection on January 22-23, for the USCCB. This money is used for Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America, Africa, and the Catholic relief services to help those struggling brothers and sisters. Thank you for your generosity.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/17-1/22/22

Monday

2 Corinthians 1:1-11
John 1:43-51

Tuesday

2 Corinthians 1:12-24
Luke 5:1-11

Wednesday

2 Corinthians 2:1-11
Matthew 4:18-25

Thursday

2 Corinthians 2:12-17
Matthew 9:9-13

Friday

2 Corinthians 12:17-13:4
Matthew 9:35-38

Saturday

2 Corinthians 13:5-13
Matthew 10:1-6

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Theresa Samia requested by her family. May her soul rest in peace.

Monday, January 17, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Anthony the Great) Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light Convent

Tuesday, January 18, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Athanasius of Alexandria) NO LITURGY

Wednesday, January 19, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Macarius)

Thursday, January 20, @ 7:00 PM, Arabic Liturgy (Feast of Saint Euthymius the Great)

Saturday, January 22, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Timothy, Disciple of Saint Paul) Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph, Peter, and Marie Kenyon by their family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is in memory of George J. and Mary C. Saba by their family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, January 23, @ 10:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Marianne Cope) Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Samir Abi Rachid and Hiam Chaib requested by George and Maria Abi Rachid and family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is offered for the soul Msgr. William Bonczewski by OLOP Parish. May his soul rest in peace.



MYO KICK OFF

Last week we held a MYO kickoff party at OLOP. The Maronite Sisters and I would like to gather our youth each month for prayer, social activities, and create an atmosphere where our youth from the Church can feel a sense of community with each other. We had a very enjoyable time together and have planned gatherings on Friday, February 4, and Saturday, May 7.

On April 1-3, there will be a Regional MYO Retreat in Lawrence, MA. This will be a weekend event and they will gather and stay at Saint Basil's Seminary in Methuen, MA. I would love to send several of our MYO to this weekend retreat where they can meet many other youths from the New England area. More details will be forthcoming on this gathering. Thank you to the Sisters and the parents for bringing their children. We look forward to seeing more at our next meeting. God bless our children.

LECTORS FOR JANUARY 2022

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)

2021 CONTRIBUTION LETTERS

Please notify the Church office if you need a contribution letter from the Church for your 2021 taxes. I will prepare the statement and send it to you via email or hard copy. Thank you and God bless.

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. Preferably 40-64 years old. This will be a full-time position beginning immediately. Thank you.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for the soul of Leo Farhat requested by his 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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Ziad Al-Ghoubry, Lesleigh Farhat, Nicholas Awad, 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 8-9, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,688.00
Donations	\$ 200.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 37.00
Candles	\$ 126.00
Total	\$ 2,051.00

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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