



Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

February 12-13, 2022

SUNDAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE JUST



500 Martyrs of Tyre

Tyre was an ancient Phoenician city which still survives in modern day Lebanon. It is where many of the earliest Christians were converted and lived.

Tyre is one of the cities that had some of the earliest followers of Christ. We know that many of those early Christians were persecuted for their faith. The historian Eusebius tells us that in the early fourth century, under the reign of Diocletian, many soldiers of Christ were killed for their faith in the city of Tyre. It is recorded that 500 Christians in Tyre were tortured and persecuted under Emperor Diocletian in the year 304 AD. They were tortured in various ways and underwent numerous punishments. These Christians were put to death

for their beliefs and for simply being Christian. By dying for their faith, they gained the holy crown of martyrdom, and are commemorated on this day in the Maronite calendar. We often forget that many of our ancestors were the very first Christians and that the ancient cities of our forebearers were the cradles of Christianity.

Many early Christians and early Maronites were persecuted for their faith. As you can see from the icon, the relics of the martyrs and their bones were often buried in the altars of Churches. In the same way that the Lamb is sacrificed on the altar for us at each Eucharistic celebration, the Martyrs were placed in the altars to commemorate that they were sacrificed for their faith.

Let us remember all those who are being persecuted and martyred for

their faith, including those of other faiths around the world. May the Lord give them comfort, as they seek to find Him amongst ruins. Let us also remember how privileged we are to be able to practice our religion freely, attend mass, and be open about our faith to others. May we not take that opportunity for granted.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“At the end of our lives, we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, or how many great things we have done. We will be judged by ‘I was hungry and you gave me to eat. I was naked and you gave me clothes. I was homeless and you took me in.’”

Saint Mother Theresa of Calcutta



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



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday, January 19, we will gather for Eucharistic Adoration at **6:00 PM**. This is an opportunity to spend some time with Jesus. Mark your calendars and please join us for this beautiful time of prayer.

“CALLING ALL RECIPES!!!”

Please help us display our beautiful parishes “Legacy Through Food” cookbook. If you have a recipe (or ten) you would like to share, OLOP Education Foundation would love to hear from you!

We are hoping to include your favorite Lebanese, American, and children’s cherished dishes as well. We would appreciate if you attach any stories and pictures about your family’s recipes or traditions to be included with your recipe.

Any format will do. You may email Leilah Moses Silveira at leelee8878@comcast.net or Annemarie Espindola at saba.ase@comcast.net or Sarah Thomas Hitchings at sa.thomas@me.com with any recipes, stories, pictures, or questions.

All proceeds benefit the OLOP Education Foundation. Cookbooks are planning to be sold at the 2022 Mahrajan, Christmas Bazaar, and throughout the 2022 holiday season. Sahtain and thank you.

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine for the month of February is offered in memory of George and Mary Saba requested by Annemarie Espindola. May their souls rest in peace.



THANK YOU TO THE HAFLI COMMITTEE, VOLUNTEERS, SPONSORS

This past weekend was one to remember for some time. Mabrook to all of you for a beautiful and successful Hafli. A special thank you to all the committee members, volunteers, and sponsors, who organized, prepared, and donated towards the Hafli.

Although it was a success financially, it was even more successful communally. It was a joy to see so many of us gather together and to celebrate our culture, food, music, and community. This being our first Hafli together opened a new chapter in the life of Our Lady of Purgatory. A new chapter that will bring this community closer, our children together, and to invite Jesus into our hearts as we extend mutual love and respect for one another. To build one another up in the spirit that Saint Paul talks about. This is your Church---come home and worship Him! Blessings to all of you and your families.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR CHURCH

We will be moving our email address to a Gmail account. At the present time, all emails sent to the current email address will be forwarded to the new Gmail address. Our new Email address will be ourladyofpurgatory@gmail.com Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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.

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.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 12, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Meletius of Antioch) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Shirley Roy requested by her family. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Georges and Rose David by their family (FM) May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, February 13, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Catherine de Ricci) Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Jose DaSilva requested by his wife Fatima DaSilva and Family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is offered as a 40 Day Memorial for the soul of Shirley Roy requested by her family. May her soul rest in peace.

Monday, February 14, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Cyril and Methodius) Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light Convent

Tuesday, February 15, @ 7:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Faustinus and Jovita) Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, February 16, @ 6:00 PM, (Saint Theodore the Recruit)

Thursday, February 17, @ 7:00 PM, Arabic Liturgy (Feast of Saint Leo the Great)

Saturday, February 19, @ 4:30 PM, (The 500 Martyrs of Tyre) Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph M. Thomas requested by his children and grandchildren. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is offered for the souls of Joseph and Marie (Peter) Barckett and Diane Barckett Moses requested by Joseph Barckett. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, February 20, @ 10:30 PM, (Feast of Saint James the Hermit) Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Regis and Marthe Valois requested by Reggie Thomas and family. May their souls rest in peace.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for the soul of Shirley Ray requested by her 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.

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/>

IN OUR PRAYERS

Ziad Al-Ghoubry, Lesleigh Farhat, Nicholas Awad, Natalya 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.

LECTORS FOR FEBRUARY 2022

Saturday, February 12,
Carol Ann Maslanka/ Intercessions:
Mariam Uwanogho

Sunday, February 13,
Mae Dickinson/Gaby Baroody

Saturday, February 19,
Smitty Cabral

Sunday, February 20,
Ann Dupre/Rana Choubah

Saturday, February 26,
Rachael Higgins/Intercession: Anna Higgins

Sunday, February 27,
Jean Barbour/Jano Baroody
(If you are not able to read on your given day, please contact Mae Dickinson)

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/14-2/12/19

Monday:

Hebrew 12:1-13/Matthew 5:1-12

Tuesday:

Hebrew 12:14-17/Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday:

Hebrew 12: 25-29/Matthew 5:17-20

Thursday:

Hebrew 13:1-8/Matthew 5:21-26

Friday:

Hebrew 13:9-16/Matthew 5:27-37

Saturday:

Hebrew 13:17-25/Matthew 5:38-48

WEEK OF January 22-23, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$ 900.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$ 20.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 57.00
Candles	\$ <u>118.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,095.00

Saint Maron's Day Hafli

Total Income	\$ 27,192.45
Total Expense	\$ <u>10,594.92</u>
Total Profit	\$ 16,597.53

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