



Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

February 26-27, 2022

SUNDAY OF THE ENTRANCE INTO LENT

Miracle at Cana in Galilee

BEGINNING OF LENT

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

Why do we receive the ashes? Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told "Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return." Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the

season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

GUIDELINES FOR FASTING DURING LENT

Great Lent is a season of fasting and abstinence. Abstinence from the consumption of meat and meat products is required for all persons over 14 years of age on all Fridays of Great Lent. Fasting from all food and beverages (except for water and medicine) from midnight until noon is obligatory for all persons between 14 and 60 years of age on the following two important days: Ash Monday (February 28th) Great Friday of the Crucifixion (April 15th)

Please note: Women who are pregnant and persons who are sick are not required to fast. Also, anyone who has a medical condition are also not required to follow these guidelines.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I yearn for your pardon O Lord. Give me tears to repent in this season of Lent; Lord have mercy. I beg for your favors O Lord, for your mercy I thirst, for your kindness and love; Lord have mercy. Against you O Lord I have sinned. Hear the cry of my voice, turn your ear to my prayer; Lord forgive me. O wash me O Lord from my guilt. Purify me and I shall be whiter than snow; Lord forgive me. O Jesus our Lord and our God, you have saved all your flock in your mercy and love; O Good Shepherd. You came to return all the sheep who had wandered and strayed from the love of our God; O Good Shepherd."



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



ASH MONDAY SERVICES

As we prepare for the Season of Lent, Ash Monday services will **Monday, February 28, 2022**. We will have two Ash Monday Services: one at 11:00 AM, and one at 7:00 PM. Immediately following the 11:00 AM Liturgy, we will offer a Lenten Luncheon in the rectory basement.

BENEDICTION OF THE CROSS/STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Beginning **Friday, March 4, 2022**, we will join together for the Benediction of the Cross/Stations of the Cross. These services will begin at 7:00 PM. Please join us in prayer for the Season of Lent.

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 February is offered in memory of Steven Espindola requested by Annemarie Espindola. May his soul rest in peace.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a special intention. 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

Terry Amsden, Lisa Mello-Frost, 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.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR MAHRAJAN

Dear Parishioners of OLOP: The date is set for our Annual Mahrajan. We will begin the summer festivities in the New England area on **Friday, June 24 and Saturday, June 25, 2022** pm, on the grounds of OLOP. By having the festival at the beginning of the summer, we are hoping that more people will be ready to get out and enjoy our food, entertainment, and culture. Schools are getting out this week which will also add to the celebration of the beginning of summer break. Please mark your calendars. May this festival continue to grow bigger and better every year. Blessings.

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.

"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!

IT IS VERY IMPROTANT THAT WE RECEIVE THESE RECIPES BY APRIL 15, SO THAT WE CAN HAVE THEM READY FOR THE MAHRAJAN!

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.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 26, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Alexander, Patriarch of Antioch) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Donald Moran requested by Subdeacon Joseph Abraham and Carol Ann Maslanka. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of John Samia requested by friends. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, February 27, @ 10:30 AM, Miracle at Cana in Galilee (Feast of Saint Thalaleus, Disciple of Saint Maron) Liturgy is being offered for the deceased members of the Pinto Family requested by Fatima Da Silva and Family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Zackia El Hajj requested by his sister Laurette Bou Ramia and family. May his soul rest in peace.

Monday, February 28, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saints Koura and Marana, Disciples of Saint Maron) Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light Convent.

Tuesday, March 1, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Domnina, Disciple of Saint Maron).

Wednesday, March 2, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint John Maron)

Thursday, March 3, @ 7:00 PM, Arabic Liturgy (Feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas and Saint Katherine Drexel).

Friday, March 4, @ 7:00PM, Benediction/Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 5, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Albert the Great) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph, Peter and Marie Kenyon requested by family. May their soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Deceased members of Coury and Zialah families requested by family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, March 6, @ 10:30 AM, Healing of the Leper (Feast of Saint Conan of Isauria) Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Florence Dyer requested by family. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joanne Sarkis Yozfek requested by family. May her soul rest in peace.

LECTORS FOR FEBRUARY 2022

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

Sunday, February 27,
Jean Barbour/Jano Baroody
Ash Monday, February 28

11 AM: Carol Maslanka
7 PM: Mae Dickinson/Gaby Baroody

LECTORS FOR MARCH 2022

Saturday, March 5,
Mae Dickinson

Sunday, March 6,
Ann Dupre/Hiba Chdid

Saturday, March 12,
Rachel Higgins/Intercession: Anna Higgins

Sunday, March 13,
Joan Mello/Jano Baroody

Saturday, March 19,
Carol Maslanka

Sunday, March 20,
Mae Dickinson/Gaby Baroody

Saturday, March 26,
Smitty Cabral/Intercession: Mariam Uwanogho

Sunday, March 27,
Jean Barbour/Halim Choubah
(If you are not able to read on your given day, please contact Mae Dickinson)

CONFESSIONS

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

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/28-3/05/22

Monday:

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:7
Matthew 6:16-21

Tuesday:

Romans 15:1-13
Matthew 6:5-15

Wednesday:

Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 5:13-17

Thursday:

1 Timothy 6:6-12
Matthew 6:25-34

Friday:

2 Thessalonians 3:6-14
Matthew 7:13-27

Saturday:

Hebrews 3:14-4:4
Luke 18:9-14

WEEK OF February 19-20, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,156.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 980.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$ 20.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 16.00
Candles	\$ 42.00
Total	\$ 2,214.00

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.

SAVE the DATE 73rd the Annual St. Joseph Haftli
Sponsored by:
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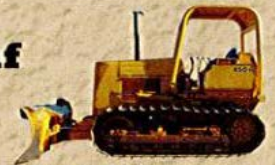
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