



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



April 2-3, 2022

SEASON OF GREAT LENT

Sunday of the Healing of the Blind Man

ABOUNA WHAT ARE THESE SERVICES DURING THE WEEK OF GREAT LENT?

I'm happy you asked? During Lent, we celebrate the traditions of the Universal Catholic Church, remembering the passion of Jesus Christ. However, the last week of Lent, known as "Great Lent" in the Maronite tradition, gives us the chance for a final approach for conversion. This week belongs to the Maronite "Book of Passion" of Holy Week and reflects our estrangement from God and our need for conversion. Each and every one of us are in need of this conversion, thus we walk together in prayer, fasting, and forgiveness.

The Coming to the Harbor which we celebrate on Monday and Tuesday of Great Lent calls us to take courage and to turn back to God. As Bishop Stephen Doueihi as articulated in the Passion Week services, "The Syriac fathers have traditionally spoken of this movement toward God as a nautical journey whose destination is the harbor of life. During the journey of Lent, we pray: Bless, Lord, our fasting...Make it a journey which leads us to the harbor of salvation." This week allows us to convert ourselves with one another and with God and to enter into a new life. Our beloved Pope John Paul II beautifully wrote:

"After years of preparation, we find ourselves at the threshold of the Great Jubilee. Much has been done during these years throughout the Church to

plan for this event of grace. But now, as in the last stage of preparation for a journey, the time has come for the finishing touches. The Great Jubilee is not just a series of functions to be held, **but a great interior experience to be lived.** External factors make sense only in so far as they express a deeper commitment which touches people's hearts..."

Who better to speak to us about this "great interior experience to be lived" than Pope John Paul II; who showed the world the power of forgiveness when he forgave the man who tried to assassinate him; a man who lived out his life in faith; whose health had declined in front of our eyes and yet he was a testament to his faith in Jesus Christ. He was prepared for his last stage of preparation of his journey on this earth.

"This is the reason we use the "Coming to the Harbor" in our churches in order to continue the call of the Great Jubilee in our communities...and a great interior experience" I pray that all of us may walk this week in the same tradition that we celebrate---for the finishing touches for inner conversion.

(" taken from The Passion Week: According to the Antiochene Syriac Maronite Church, +Stephen Hector Doueihi, STD, Bishop Emeritus of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn)

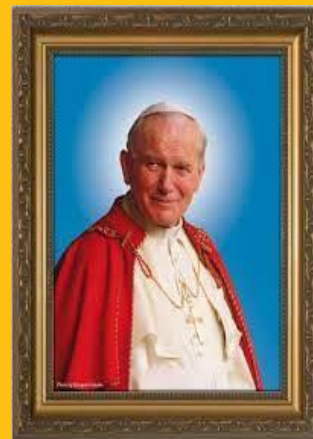
SAINT JUDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL APPEAL

Once again it is time to support Saint Jude's Hospital as we have been doing for the past 12 years. Last year, due to your generosity, we were able to send

almost \$1,000.00 to help the children who are suffering with cancer. If we set a goal this year of \$1,200.00, will you help us meet it? Please see either Mae Dickinson or George Saba with your donation. We will continue to collect donations for the next three weeks. You can also make your donation at our website by Vanco. There is a tab for Saint Jude's Hospital on the link. Thank you for all your support, both past and present. The need continues. God bless you and God bless these children.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Confession is an act of honesty and courage - an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God."
Pope Saint John Paul II



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

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

This past week, Jesus called Walter Chomak to His eternal kingdom. On behalf of the entire community of Our Lady of Purgatory, we extend our condolences to his devoted wife MaryAnn, his children Tara Boukheir, Nina Chomak (Donnelly) Kyra Chomak (Lawton), Walter Paul Chomak, (Wendy) Hall Chomak, and his 10 grandchildren. May Almighty God welcome Walter into His kingdom and may his soul rest in peace. Allah yerhammo.

Jesus also called Ida (Daher Watkins) Roderick to His eternal kingdom. On behalf of the entire community of Our Lady of Purgatory, we extend our condolences to Ida's husband Leo and her son Barry (Susan), her brother Robert Watkins, Jr. (Rillis), and her grandchildren and great grandchildren. May Almighty God welcome Ida into His kingdom and may her soul rest in peace. Allah yerhamma.

PALM SUNDAY BAKESALE

We will have our annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale on April 9-10, following Divine Liturgies. Homemade maamoul with dates, walnuts, or pistachios, bitlawa, ghribee, kaak maa haleeb with or without dates, and assorted pastries will be for sale. Thank you for your support

Our Lady Of Purgatory Church

Palm Sunday Bake Sale

Saturday, April 9 – Sunday, April 10
AFTER LITURGIES



MAAMOUL



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KAAK



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And Assorted Pastries

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MYO GATHERING

Dear Parents & Youth of OLOP: We would like to invite our teens (grades 7 to 12) to join us for a MYO discussion and supper including confession and fellowship on Saturday, April 9th from 6 to 8 PM in the OLOP Rectory basement. Please encourage our beloved youth to attend. We will be discussing the Passion of Christ and Holy Week. If you have any questions or would like to attend, please reach out to Fr. Vince or Sister Therese Maria. God bless our youth!



PASSION WEEK DIVINE LITURGIES

Monday, April 11, 7:00 PM, Coming to the Harbor

Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 PM, Coming to the Harbor

Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 PM, Rite of the Lamp

Thursday, April 14, 7:00 PM, Holy Thursday

Friday, April 15, 10:00 AM, Signing of the Chalice

Friday, April 15, 7:00 PM, Great Friday of the Crucifixion,

Saturday, April 16, 10:00 AM, Prayer of Forgiveness

Saturday, April 16, 5:00 PM, Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 17, 10:30 AM, The Glorious Resurrection

SAVE THE DATE

Maamoul Day:

Tuesday April 5th

Starting at 10:00 AM

Kaak Day:

Wednesday April 6th

Starting at 10:00 AM

WISH LIST EQUIPMENT FOR FESTIVAL

Dear Parishioners of OLOP:

Last year's festival was a great success for our Church, both financially and communally. As you may know, we were very fortunate to have Msgr. Jim Root and the parishioners of Saint Anthony of the Desert, who were so gracious and helpful by allowing us to use many pieces of equipment that was needed to make our festival a success.

In an effort to continue the success of our festival, we have come up with a wish list of equipment that will be of great help for the festival and other events we are planning throughout the year. You have all been so generous to the Church and as I share with you our wish list, I want to stress that it is exactly that--- a wish list.

If anyone would like to donate towards any of these items, it would be a great help and very much appreciated. All of this is to assist in making our events more successful. Once again, I thank you in advance for all your support and I pray that this year's festival will be filled with much success and pride.

Dough Sheeter for Minooshee	\$ 2,200.00
Bain Marie for Sandwich Station	\$ 600.00
Food Cart	\$ 200.00
(2) Table Top Food Warmers(each)	\$ 200.00
(2) 6 Ft Gas Grills (each)	\$ 500.00
Falafel Fryer	\$ 250.00
Food Warmer	\$ 1,500.00
Food Warmer Trays	\$ 400.00

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday, April 5, 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.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 2, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Aphian and His Brother Saint Aedesius). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Michel and Anna Mgaletta Sr. and Michel Jr. and Baldassare Mgaletta requested by Joanne, Anthony and Loraine David. May their soul rest in peace.

Sunday, April 3, @ 10:30 AM, Healing of the Blind Man (Feast of Saint Isaiah and Ezekiel the Prophets). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Roy El-Khoury (40 -day mass) requested by family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Edward Baroody requested by family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Mary David requested by Sophie and Andy Correa (FM). May her soul rest in peace.

Monday, April 4, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Pope Saint Anicetus). Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light Convent. **NO LITURGY**

Tuesday, April 5, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Robert). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of George Abraham requested by family (FM). May his soul rest in peace.

Wednesday, April 6, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Marcellinus).

Thursday, April 7, @ 7:00 PM, Arabic Liturgy (Feast of Saint John Baptist de la Salle). **NO LITURGY**

Friday, APRIL 8, @ 7:00PM, (Saint Barlaam). Benediction/Stations of the Cross.

Saturday April 9, @ 4:30 PM Lazarus Saturday (Feast of Saint Hermas).

Sunday April 10, @10:30 AM Hosanna Sunday, Palm Sunday (Feast of Saint Agabus).

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for 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.

CONFESSION

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

LECTORS FOR HOLY WEEK

Monday, April 11,

Jean Barbour/Halim Choubah

Tuesday, April 12,

Smitty Cabral/Jano Baroody

Wednesday, April 13,

Rachael Higgins/Rana Choubah

Thursday, April 14,

Mae Dickinson/Hiba Chedid

Friday, April 15,

Joan Mello/Gaby Baroody

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.

We are happy to welcome the newest members of the Saint Joseph Sodality. Jimmy Kalife, John Kalife, Danielle Kalife, Salim Khalife, and Boutros Arsanios.

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine for the month of April is offered in memory of James Hirst requested by Linda Hirst. May his soul rest in peace.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 4/4-4/9/22

Monday:

Romans 15:25-33

John 7:32-36

Tuesday:

Romans 8:12-18

John 7:1-13

Wednesday:

1 Thessalonians 4:1-9

Luke 11:37-48

Thursday:

Titus 2:1-8

Luke 18:31-34

Friday:

2 Thessalonians 3:6-18

Luke 4:1-13

Saturday:

1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:5

John 11:55-12:11

IN OUR PRAYERS

Angela Scorza-Anderson, Terry Amsden, Lisa Mello-Frost, Ziad Al-Ghoubry, Nicholas Awad, Natalya Sarkis, Joe Reid, Octavia David, Jacob Rego, Amal Assaf, Peter Helmer, Denise Magaletta, Fernanda Thomas, Leo Rodrick, 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 April 2022

Saturday, April 2,

Carol Ann Maslanka

Sunday, April 3,

Khoury family

Intercessions: Khoury family

Saturday, April 9,

Rachel Higgins/Intercession: Anna Higgins

Sunday, April 10,

Mae Dickinson /Jano Baroody

Saturday, April 16,

Carol Maslanka

Sunday, april17,

Ann Dupre /Gaby Baroody

Saturday, April 23

Mae Dickinson /intercessions: Mariam Uwanogho

Sunday, April 24

Jean Barbour/ Rana Choubah

WEEK OF March26-27, 2022.

Sunday Collection	\$	613.00
Fuel	\$	105.00
Easter flowers	\$	85.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$	10.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$	109.00
Coffee Hour	\$	65.00
Candles	\$	39.00
Total	\$	1026.00

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