



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



April 16-17, 2022

SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS TRULY RISEN!

MESSIAH QAM! HAKKAN QAM!



**CHRIST IS RISEN; TRULY HE IS RISEN!!
MESSIAH QAM; HAKKAN QAM!!**

Christ is Risen, truly He is Risen. I wish all of you a happy and blessed Easter. We have come to the completion of the Season of Lent--- following Jesus' ministry, His suffering and death on the cross, and His Glorious Resurrection. His resurrection is the reason for this journey. Now we remember throughout the year His promise to us---"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." We have followed Jesus during this season of Lent and we continue to follow Jesus every day of our lives so that we, as St. John's gospel tells us, will be with Him.

"Whoever serves me must follow me" is what we keep with us as we walk this earthly life. This, my brothers and sisters, is our challenge! And what a challenge it is. What must we do in order to serve and follow Jesus? Well, you have heard His message especially during this season of Lent. You have

heard the gospel readings and have patiently listened to my homilies asking us to love one another, to forgive one another, to serve one another through charity and hospitality, and to build up one another. Jesus asks much of us. However, if we remember His sacrifice and His promises, we will realize that our duty to one another is possible; that our actions toward one another are paramount in serving Jesus Christ. And we will realize that these requests Jesus asks of us cost us nothing---charity, forgiveness, love, and peace cost us nothing. But what we gain is priceless. We gain inner peace with one another and more importantly we gain the prize of eternal life in paradise.

My wish for all of us is that we keep these feelings and emotions that we have carried throughout this season of Lent every day of our lives. That we remember His ministry of healing body and soul; His compassion and suffering for His people so that they may believe and inherit the Kingdom of God; His example of forgiving those who persecuted Him, who intentionally hurt Him. Those who, out of their own best interest, did whatever they wanted to do in order to benefit their own lives and interests. These are the acts of the Pharisees and scribes; acts we must not follow or subscribe to.

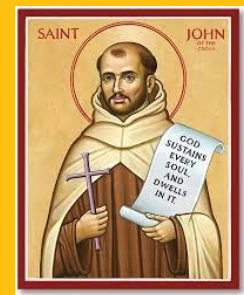
Our goal is to strive to be better followers of Jesus Christ because of this blessed season of Lent. This is what Jesus intended for all of us to do. It is up

to us, as a community of faith, to help each other, to "build each other up in our faith" as St. Paul tells us. We cannot do this alone my friends. We must rely on Almighty God to walk with us. We must place our trust in the power of the Most Holy Trinity. My prayer for you and for me is to unite ourselves to the faith that Jesus sacrificed His life for. To follow his example and to be reunited as a family of Jesus Christ for the eternal life that awaits us. May we build each other as one community in faith, hope, and love. Messiah Qam---Hakkan Qam!!! Christ Is Risen---Truly He Is Risen!!!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Whoever does not seek the cross of Christ doesn't seek the glory of Christ."

St. John of the Cross



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ملخص العظة

أحد الفصح

المسيح قام! حقًا قام!
أولاً أريد أن أتمنى لكم جميعاً فصلاً مجيداً.
اليوم يسوع انتصر!
اليوم، يسوع أظهر للعالم أنّ إيماننا ليس إيمان الضعفاء؛ إيماننا ليس عبثاً. اليوم، أعلن يسوع للعالم أن خلاصنا يكون من خلاله.
خطة يسوع الخلاصية قد تمت! هذه الخطة بدأت بميلاد يسوع وتعاليمه، بتأسيسه لكنيسته وأسرارها، ثم الآمه وموته وأهمها قيامته!!
خطة الله الخلاصية قد أثمرت!
منذ يومين، احتفلنا بذكرى الآمه. شعرنا بوجعه وتأملنا مع عذابه؛ مهما كان عدد المرات التي نشارك فيها بهذه الذكرى، سنشعر دائماً بالحنن. لكننا كمسيحيين وخصوصاً كموارنة، لا نركز على الآمه وموته. بل نركز ونحتفل بقيامته. هذا هو أساس إيماننا.
إن لم نؤمن بيسوع، إن لم نؤمن بتعاليمه وعجائبه وآلامه وقيامته سنعيش حياتنا بلا مبالاة وأنايية فلا نكثر إن كانت أفعالنا مسيئة للآخرين.
بسبب إدراكنا أن يسوع هو ربنا، وأنه أتى إلى هذا العالم ليخلصنا من خطيئتنا، ننال الحياة الأبدية. لهذا نتحلى بالإيمان، فننشر محبة يسوع المسيح للآخرين، فنسامح بعضنا بعضاً كما يسوع غفر على الصليب.
لقد تمّ. كلمات يسوع الأخيرة لا تعبر عن نهاية يسوع المسيح--- إنما هي البداية. يقول لنا يسوع أنه "ذاهب ليعبد لنا مكاناً حيث يكون هو أيضاً".
اليوم، يسوع انتصر. اليوم، نحن انتصرنا!!!
في الأمس احتفالنا بسبب النور--- اجتمعنا وطلبنا المغفرة. حتى بعد موته، يدعونا يسوع للعودة إليه من خلال طلب المغفرة. في قراءة اليوم، يقول الملاك لمريم أن تذهب وتخبر التلاميذ وأن تخبر بطرس.
عرف يسوع أن بطرس كان متألماً لأنه أنكره. ورغم ذلك، رفع يسوع من هُم متألّمين ومن هم بحاجة للعودة إليه.
أتمنى أن نكون قد حصلنا على النعمة التي يقدمها لنا زمن الصوم. أتمنى أن نتقرب كل يوم من الحياة التي يريدنا يسوع أن نعيشها. أتمنى أن تأملنا لآلام يسوع وموته وقيامته سيعطينا القوة لنحب بعضنا بعضاً، لنسامح بعضنا بعضاً، لنرفع بعضنا بعضاً نحو مجد الله العظيم.
لا أتساءل بعد اليوم ماذا سأقول ليسوع عن ملاقاته وجهًا لوجه. لن تكون كلمات ندامة أو ذنب بل ستكون كلمات الشكر على كل ما فعله من أجلي وسأنظر إليه وأقول شكراً لك يا يسوع؛ أنت هو مخلصي!!!
شكراً لمشاركتمكم بمسيرة زمن الصوم المجيد.
المسيح قام! حقًا قام!!!!!!

10th LIGHT OF LIFE BIBLE CAMP AUGUST 1ST - 5TH

Dear Parents:

Wishing you a blessed Palm/Hosanna Sunday and Glorious Easter!

Please find attached our **Save the Date flyer for our 10th Light of Life Bible Camp**. It will be held at **Saint Anthony of the Desert in Fall River, MA** during the week of **August 1-5th**. Mark these dates in your calendars. We hope that your child(ren) can join us!

We appreciate you helping us to also spread the word with other families you know... If you have any youth ages 13+ and they would like to volunteer for the camp please reach out to us. The camp fee per child will be \$50.

Stay tuned for more details regarding online registration. The sisters and I will be keeping you and your loved ones in our prayers.

Peace in Christ,

Sr. Therese Maria & Sisters

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PALM SUNDAY BAKESALE

I would like to thank all of you who helped make our Palm Sunday Bake Sale a great success. They were enjoyed by everyone and our hard work was so appreciated. Inshallah, there will be many more to come.

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

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.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 16, Great Saturday of the Light, @ 10:00 AM, Prayer of Forgiveness, @ 5:00 PM, Easter Vigil (Feast of Saint Bernadette Soubirous).

Sunday, April 17, @ 10:30 AM, The Glorious Resurrection (Feast of Pope Saint agapitus).

Monday, April 18, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Thais the Penitent). Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent.

Tuesday, April 19, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saints Timon the Deacon).

Wednesday, April 20, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Nathanael the Hermit).

Thursday, April 21, @ 7:00 PM, Thursday of the Mysteries Arabic Liturgy (Feast of Saint Anselm).

Saturday April 23, @ 4:30 PM (Feast of Saint George). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of the deceased members of Mcallister and Maslanka families and Nancy Calder requested by Subdeacon Joe Abraham and Carol Maslanka. May their soul rest in peace.

Sunday April 24, @ 10:30 AM New Sunday (Feast of Saint Saba the Commander). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Laurretta Mello requested by Mike and Joan Mello and family. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Arthur and Anny Thomas, and Edward Mattar requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Fred Thomas, Joao and Fernanda Baptista, Mena Carvalho and Edigio Baptista. May their soul rest in peace.

LECTORS FOR April, 2022

Saturday, April 16,

Carol Maslanka

Sunday, April 17,

Mae Dickinson /Gaby Baroody

Saturday, April 23

Mae Dickinson /intercessions: Mariam Uwanogho

Sunday, April 24

Jean Barbour/ Rana Choubah

(If you are not able to read on your given day, please contact Mae Dickinson)

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for Joe Nader requested by Joann Longden. 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

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.

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.

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.

CONFESSION

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

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 4/18-4/23/22

Monday:

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Mark 16:9-14

Tuesday:

Romans 6:3-11

John 21:1-14

Wednesday:

Colossians 3:1-11

John 15:15-25

Thursday:

Ephesians 2:1-10

Mark 16:15-18

Friday:

Romans 10:4-12

Luke 24:36-45

Saturday:

Colossians 2:8-15

John 20:19-25

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.

WEEK OF APRIL 9-10, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$	2218.00
Easter flowers	\$	195.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$	40.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$	157.00
Donations	\$	500.00
Memorials	\$	100.00
Insurance	\$	60.00
Fuel	\$	20.00
Candles	\$	83.00
Total	\$	3373.00

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