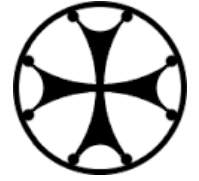




Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

April 23-24, 2022

SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

NEW LIFE IN THE RESURRECTION

Massih Qam! Hakkan Qam! The Risen Lord has given us new life once again! Every year He gives us the opportunity to renew ourselves in faith and in our actions. What are we going to do with this “new life” that Jesus has given us? How can we give of ourselves for the greater glory of God?

Over the next few weeks, we will be listening to the Gospel readings that reflect the lack of faith of the apostles and the isolation they felt with the death of Jesus. Of course, it wasn't until Pentecost that the apostles truly understood all that Jesus told them. But there are many lessons we can learn from the time of Jesus' resurrection and Pentecost.

When we isolate ourselves, for whatever reason, we miss out on the joys of the parish community. We also miss out on lost opportunities to share the Word and to live out the Word of Jesus. This can create division and a feeling of loneliness in the community of faithful.

To celebrate Jesus' Resurrection, I encourage each of you to consider what you can do for your Church for the greater glory of God. To serve the Church is to serve Jesus. He calls each of us to give of ourselves for the building up of His Church and the building up each other. I am also calling upon you to

give of yourselves in any capacity you can.

As many of you know by now, I want this community to be a united community. I appreciate how far we have come over the past 2 ½ years and I envision even more beyond what we have done. I also believe there are many in this community with great gifts to offer. I am calling on you now to bring these gifts to our Church and to share them among the faithful, always for the greater glory of God.

What gifts can we share? I would like to see more people involved with the Mahrajan, for Church parties and picnics, for coffee hour, by joining the choir, to serve as a reader, altar server, or usher. Perhaps you would like to use your gifts by helping with CCD and building up the CCD Program, MYO, MYA, or join the Saint Joseph Sodality. These are just a few ways to share your gifts with our Church.

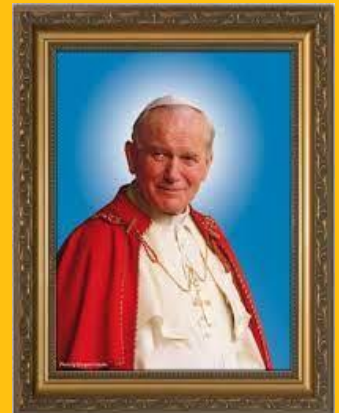
Just as the apostles and disciples of Jesus were straying away from each other, walking along different and winding roads, Jesus knew He had to bring them back together. Jesus does not want us to stray away from each other as well, and so He calls us to gather in His name, in His Church. He doesn't want anyone to feel abandoned, lonely, or isolated.

And so, once again, I welcome all of you to join me, to walk with me, not on separate paths, but only one path--the path that leads to the Risen Christ. This is the path Jesus calls you to. It is a path I want to take with you.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“There is nothing more man needs than DIVINE MERCY--that love which is benevolent, which is compassionate, which raises man above his weakness to the infinite heights to the holiness of God.”

Pope Saint John Paul II



Fr. Vincent Farhat, Pastor | Rev. Mr. Jean Mattar, Deacon | Joseph Abraham, Sub-deacon

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

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.

MYO PLANNING GATHERING

Dear Parents & Youth of OLOP, Wishing you and your families a blessed and joyous Easter! During the Easter season we would like to meet with the parents and Youth of Our Lady Of Purgatory Church to discuss planning MYO activities for our youth. We would like your input and appreciate your time to join us on Saturday, May 14, at 4:30pm, for Divine Liturgy followed by dinner, icebreakers and a MYO planning discussion for the fall of 2022. Please reach out if you have any questions. We appreciate if you can RSVP before May 10. Thank you.
Fr. Vince & Sr. Therese



THANK YOU ALL

I would like to thank all of you for your Easter well wishes, cards, pastries, gifts, and kindness. Although my Endocrinologist won't be happy with me, I can tell you I was very happy. As I always do every day, I keep you all in my prayers and I ask the Risen Lord to continue to bless you, your families, and this beautiful community of Our Lady of Purgatory. Massih Qam!

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 **Maronite Servants of Christ the Light**
maroniteservants.org

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

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for Lauretta Mello requested by family. 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.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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 Lauretta 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.

Monday, April 25, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist). Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent. **NO LITURGY**

Tuesday, April 26, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Pope Saint Anacletus I). **NO LITURGY**

Wednesday, April 27, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Simon, Brother of the Lord). **NO LITURGY**

Thursday, April 28, @ 7:00 PM, Arabic Liturgy (Feast of Saint John).

Saturday, April 30, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint James, son of Zebedee). Liturgy is being offered for living and deceased members of Joseph Semaan Dawood and family requested by family (FM). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Janet and ray Charron requested by Sean, Marie and Keira McLaughlin. May their soul rest in peace.

Sunday, May 1, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Walter Chomak requested by family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Theresa Touma requested buy OLOP. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of David Dickinson requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

LECTORS FOR April, 2022

Saturday, April 23

Mae Dickinson /intercessions: Mariam Uwanogho

Sunday, April 24

Jean Barbour/ Rana Choubah

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.

LECTORS FOR May 2022

Saturday, April 30,

Carol Ann Maslanka

Sunday, April 1,

Ann Dupre/Hiba Chdid

Saturday, April 7,

Smitty Cabral

Sunday, May 8,

Joan Mello/Gaby Baroody

Saturday, May14,

Carol Ann Maslanka

Sunday, May 15,

Mae Dickinson/Jano Baroody

Saturday, May 21,

Rachel Higgins

Sunday, May 22,

Joan Mello/Rana Choubah

Sunday, May 28,

Mae Dickinson

Saturday, May29,

Jean Barbour/Halim Choubah

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

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.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 4/25-4/30/22

Monday:

1 Peter 1:1-9

John 20:1-10

Tuesday:

1 Peter 1:10-16

John 20:11-18

Wednesday:

1 Peter 1:17-21

Matthew 28:11-15

Thursday:

1 peter 1:22-25

Matthew 28:16-20

Friday:

1 Peter 2:1-10

John 2:13-25

Saturday:

1 Peter 2:11-17

Matthew 22:41-46

WEEK OF APRIL 16-17, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$ 3833.00
Bake Sale Profit	\$ 2710.00
Good Friday	\$ 346.00
Saint Jude Hospital	\$ 150.00
Donations	\$ 100.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 50.00
Candles	\$ 157.00
Total	\$ 7346.00

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