



# Our Lady of Purgatory

## Maronite Catholic Church



May 7-8, 2022

### SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



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I would like to wish all mother's a very happy and blessed Mother's Day. You are the jewels of the family and it is only fitting and right that we honor you. You give of yourselves without expecting anything in return---truly a gift of love. Today we recognize and honor you with gratitude and thanks to Almighty God for His creation. In His infinite wisdom, He created women because of their special gifts. You give us the gift of unconditional love; the gift of nurturing; the gift of giving; the gift of sacrifice; and the gift of forgiving. We also remember our Mothers who are no longer with us and have found their resting place in eternal paradise.

As we celebrate the women in our lives, may we never take for granted the gifts you have given us. You are the anchor of the family. You are responsible for the success of your husband as a man, father, and provider for the family as you care

for their needs. It is said that the husband is only as good as his wife. You are the ones who sacrifice yourself for the sake of the family. For this we thank God---for this we thank you!

Loving God,

You have loved us with an everlasting love (Jer 31:3)

You have loved us even more as a mother loved her child.

Today, we give you thanks and praise for the gift of mothers.

We pray for the mothers-to-be, who are just beginning to be the bearers of new life in them, may they welcome their forthcoming child with loving anticipation and joy.

We pray for the young mothers, may they cherish their child with tender care and unconditional love.

We pray for the mothers who are separated from their children especially because of the COVID-19 Pandemic and because of war, poverty, conflict, violence and for any other reasons.

Comfort them, strengthen their hope, and let them feel your loving embrace that wipes every tear away.

We pray for all Mother-figures, those who have loved, surrounded and shaped us with motherly care and compassion.

We especially pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us, Their sacrifices and care gave us a glimpse of the extent of your love for us.

Thank you for them.

Grant health, blessings, and well-being for those our mothers who are still alive.

We also remember those mothers who are no longer with us.

While they live forever in our hearts and memory grant them eternal rest and reward of their labors.

Amen.

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"The most beautiful word on the lips of mankind is the word "Mother," and the most beautiful call is the call of "My mother." It is a word full of hope and love, a sweet and kind word coming from the depths of the heart. The mother is everything - she is our consolation in sorrow, our hope in misery, and our strength in weakness. She is the source of love, mercy, sympathy, and forgiveness...."*

*Khalil Gibran*

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

Food, Bar, Live Music, Saji, Hookas, Raffles, Dancing

### Our Lady Of Purgatory Church Summer Lebanese Festival

Friday, June 24, 2022  
5:00PM - 11:00PM

Saturday, June 25, 2022  
12:00PM - 11:00PM

#### Live Entertainment



**Money Raffles Prizes**  
\$1,000 - \$500 - \$200  
**Drawing**  
Saturday, June 25, 2022  
10:30PM

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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, 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Tuesday, May 10, we will gather for Eucharistic Adoration at 6:00 PM. This is an opportunity to spend some time with Jesus and ask for His help. Mark your calendars and please join us for this beautiful service.

## OUR CONDOLENCES

We received the sad news that Nicholas Awad passed away last week. Our condolences go out to his wife Gladys Chakar Awad, his children Sabina, Jacob and Prescilla, his brothers and sister Robert, Henri, and Marlene, and their families, and to Fadi and Rima Heneine and family. May his soul rest in peace. Allah yerhammo.

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

Dear Parents:

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](http://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 Minooshe	\$ 2,200.00
Bain Marie for Sandwich Station	\$ 600.00
(1) 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

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for David Dickinson requested by Mae Dickinson. 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.



## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday May 7, @ 4:30 PM (Feast of Saint Antonino).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of George J. and Mary C. and George Michael Saba requested by Annemarie Espindola. May their soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph and Marie Kenyon requested by family. May their soul rest in peace.

**Sunday May 8, @10:30 AM (Feast of Saint John the Evangelist).** Liturgy is being offered for All Mothers living and deceased.

**Monday, May 9, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Isaiah the Prophet).** Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent.

**Tuesday, May 10, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Simon the Zealot).**

**Wednesday, May 11, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Pontius).**

**Thursday, May 12, @ 7:00 PM, Arabic Liturgy (Feast of Saint Epiphanius). NO LITURGY**

**Saturday, May14, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saints Boniface and Aglae and Their 20 Companions).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Richard Long requested by Subdeacon Joe Abraham and Carol Ann Maslanka. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Bashara, Helena and John B. John and for Annie and Thomas Ferris requested by Helena Tavares. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Leo Macedo requested by family (FM). May his soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, May 15, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Our Lady of the Harvest).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of David Dickinson requested by Mae Dickinson and family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Lee Kalife and the Kalife family requested by Louis Kalife.

## WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine for the month of May is offered in memory of Anthony and Margaret Thomas requested by family. May their souls rest in peace.

## 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.

## DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 5/9-5/14/22

### Monday:

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Luke 5:1-11

### Tuesday:

1Thessalonians 2:1-12  
Luke 8:22-25

### Wednesday:

1Thessalonians 2:13-20  
John 6:1-15

### Thursday:

1Thessalonians 3:1-13  
John 6:16-21

### Friday:

1Thessalonians 4:1-12  
John 6:22-27

### Saturday:

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28  
Matthew 14:22-33

## CONFESSION

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

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Angela Scorza-Anderson, Terry Amsden, Lisa Mello-Frost, Ziad Al-Ghoubry, Natalya Sarkis, Joe Reid, Octavia David, Jacob Rego, Amal Assaf, Peter Helmer, Denise Magaletta, Fernanda Thomas, Leo Rodrick, Theresa John, Laurette Bou Ramia, 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 May 2022

**Saturday, May 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

**Saturday, May 28,**

Mae Dickinson

**Sunday, May29,**

Jean Barbour/Halim Choubah

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

## WEEK OF APRIL 30- May 1, 2022

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$ 890.00
<b>Second Collection</b>	\$ 120.00
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	\$ 34.00
<b>Candles</b>	\$ 29.00
<b>Total</b>	\$ 1073.00

**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.**



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Joseph & Marie Kenyon

*Eternally in our hearts and in our thoughts. We miss seeing your face, hearing your voice, seeing your smile and hearing your laugh. We cherish the day we will join you in GOD's Heavenly Kingdom. We Love you and miss you even more with each passing day.*

Your Loving Children

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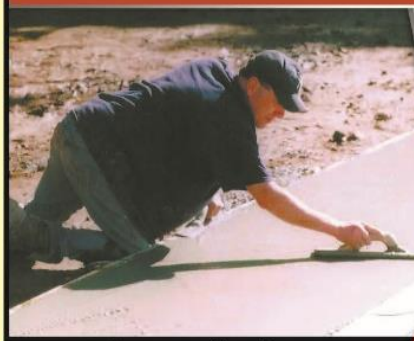
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