



Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

May 21-22, 2022

SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS RESURECTION 6TH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION



The feast day of St. Rita of Cascia is celebrated on May 22. She is the patron saint of impossible causes, abuse victims and widows.

St. Rita was born in 1386 in Cascia, Italy. She was known to be very spiritual even as a young child. She enjoyed visiting shrines and wished to become a nun. Her parents were opposed to the idea and arranged for her to be married. Her husband turned out to have a bad temper and was very difficult for her to live with. She dealt with his abuse with prayer, patience and kindness. They had twin sons. Their difficult marriage lasted 22 years.

One day while returning home from work her husband was ambushed and killed. St. Rita's sons were now teenagers and began to talk of revenging their father's death. St. Rita turned to prayer. She prayed that her sons would not be able to go through with the revenge. Her prayer was soon answered. Both her sons died from a deadly illness soon after without taking revenge on their father's killer.

After the death of her husband and sons, Rita applied to enter the **Augustinian Convent**. Her first attempt was denied because of the ongoing feud. Rita persisted however. She convinced her husband's family to put aside their hostility. The two rival families embraced peace. Rita turned to St. John the Baptist, St. Nicholas of Tolentino and St. Augustine, requesting their intercession. The convent changed their decision and allowed her entry. She was 36 when she entered the monastery.

St. Rita had a great devotion for the passion of Christ. She meditated often on the crucifix. On **Good Friday**, 1442, St. Rita meditated on the suffering of Jesus on the crucifix. She offered to relieve Christ's suffering by sharing even the smallest part of his pain. As she was meditating, a small wound on her forehead appeared. It appeared to be a thorn from the crown that Jesus wore. St. Rita had this **stigmata** for 15 years. St. Rita was confined to bed for the last four years of her life. She ate very little. The Eucharist sustained her and she remained joyful during her suffering. Before her death St. Rita requested a rose be brought to her from her parents' garden even though it was January. Surprisingly, a rose was discovered to be blooming on the rosebush and it was presented to her. St. Rita gave thanks to God for this sign of God's love.

Because this impossible request of St. Rita for a rose in January was answered she became the patron of impossible causes. It was also known that her prayers were known to obtain remarkable cures.

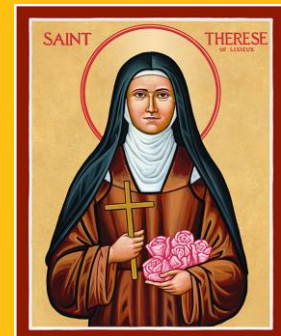
St. Rita died on May 29, 1456. Many miracles were recorded after her death. She was canonized by Pope Leo XIII in 1900.

<https://catholicfaithpatronsaints.com/prayers-quijs-and-quotes-st-rita-of-cascia-feast-day-may-22/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"You know well enough that Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them."

Saint Therese of Lisieux



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

This is the first Banns of Marriage for Josh Barbour and Rafka Hage who will be married June 11, 2022. If anyone knows of any reason that these two should not be married speak now or forever hold your peace

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

NOVENA TO ST. RITA

O holy protectress of those who art in greatest need, thou who shineth as a star of hope in the midst of darkness, blessed Saint Rita, bright mirror of God's grace, in patience and fortitude thou art a model of all the states in life.

I unite my will with the will of God through the merits of my Savior Jesus Christ, and in particular through his patient wearing of the crown of thorns, which with tender devotion thou didst daily contemplate.

Through the merits of the holy Virgin Mary and thine own graces and virtues, I ask thee to obtain my earnest petition, provided it be for the greater glory of God and my own sanctification.

Guide and purify my intention, O holy protectress and advocate, so that I may obtain the pardon of all my sins and the grace to persevere daily, as thou didst in walking with courage, generosity, and fidelity down the path of life. **[Mention your request.]**

Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us.

Saint Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us.

Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each.

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/magazine/st-rita-of-cascia-patron-saint-of-the-impossible-6065>

CALLING ALL GRADUATES

Please inform the office if your child(ren) are graduating from High School or College this year. We would like to acknowledge them and offer a special Liturgy in their honor. Please let me know what High School they graduated from and what college they will be attending. Congratulations to all of our graduates.

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.

VOLUNTEERS FOR FESTIVAL

Dear Parishioners of OLOP:

This past week I emailed a sign-up sheet for the summer festival. In order to make this festival a success, I need your help. We will be setting up Thursday afternoon through Friday afternoon. We will also be doing food prep these days. I ask that if you can help with this festival, please fill out this form and let me know what days you can be here and for how long. If it is 2 hours or all day and night, I would appreciate any help you can give. Thank you and God bless all of you.

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, 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.

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



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

Mitchel & *Rami Badr*



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

11 Franklin Street, New Bedford, MA 02740

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday May 21, @ 4:30 PM (Feast of Saint Constatine the King and His Mother Saint Helen). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Olivia and Herold Smith requested by Smitty and Lou Cabral. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Peter and Raja Saba Bou Eassey requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday May 22, @ 10:30 AM (Feast of Saint Rita of Cascia). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Shirley Roy requested by family. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Anthony and Margaret Abraham Thomas requested by family. May their souls rest in peace.

Monday, May 23, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Tobit the Righteous). Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent.

Tuesday, May 24, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Simeon the Stylite).

Wednesday, May 25, @ 6:00 PM, (The Ascension of Our Lord). Holy day by obligation.

Thursday, May 26, @ 7:00 PM, Arabic Liturgy (The Ascension of Our Lord). Holy day by obligation.

Saturday, May 28, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Heliconis). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Mike and Emily Nemer requested by Kathy. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Michelle Benoit requested by Subdeacon Joe Abraham and Carol Ann Maslanka. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, May 29, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Theodosia of Tyre). Welcome me into Your Kingdom liturgy. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Abouna Boutros Nasr requested by family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Walter Chomak requested by George Saba. May his soul rest in peace.

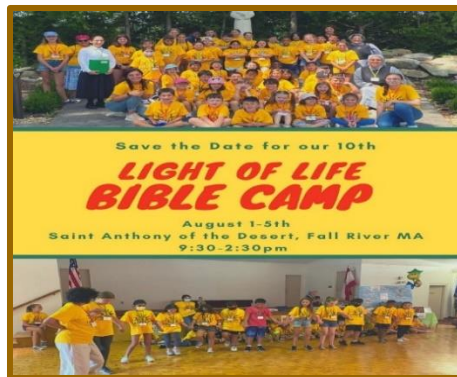
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for Georgette and Samir Sawaya 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.

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

LECTORS FOR May 2022

Saturday, May 21,

Rachel Higgins

Sunday, May 22,

Joan Mello/Rana Choubah

Saturday, May 28,

Mae Dickinson

Sunday, May 29,

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

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.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 5/23-5/28/22

Monday:

Philippians 3:1-12

John 11:1-16

Tuesday:

Philippians 3:13-21

John 11:17-31

Wednesday:

Philippians 4:1-7

John 11:32-44

Thursday:

Acts of The Apostles 1:1-14

Mark 16:15-20

Friday:

Philippians 4:8-14

John 3:12-15

Saturday:

Philippians 4:15-23

John 14:1-6

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.

WEEK OF May 14-15, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$ 1231.00
Donations	\$ 100.00
Festival Sponsorships	\$ 2450.00
Sanctuary Candles	\$ 10.00
Candles	\$ 42.00
Total	\$ 3833.00

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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