



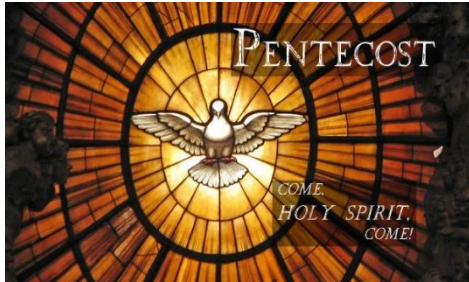
Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



June 4-5, 2022

SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS PENTECOST



PENTECOST SUNDAY REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS

Speaking to the Apostles at the Last Supper, Jesus said that, after his departure from this world, that he would send them the gift of the Father, that is, the Holy Spirit (cf. John 15:26). This promise is fulfilled with power on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descends upon the disciples gathered in the cenacle. That outpouring, while extraordinary, did not remain unique and limited to that moment, but is an event that is renewed and continues to be renewed. Christ glorified at the right hand of the Father continues to realize his promise, sending the Church the vivifying Spirit, who teaches us and reminds us and makes us speak.

The Holy Spirit teaches us: he is the interior Teacher. He guides us along the right path, through the situations of life. He teaches us the path, the way. In the early Church, Christianity was called “the Way” (Cf. Acts 9:2), and Jesus himself is the way. The Holy Spirit teaches us to follow him, to walk in his footsteps. More than a teacher of doctrine, the Holy Spirit is a teacher of life. Certainly, knowing is a part of life but within the wider and harmonious horizon of Christian existence. The Holy Spirit reminds us, he reminds us of

everything that Jesus said. He is the living memory of the Church. And while he helps us to remember, he helps us understand the Lord’s words.

This remembering in the Spirit and thanks to the Spirit is not simply a mnemonic but an essential aspect of the presence of Christ in us and in his Church. The Spirit of truth and charity reminds us everything that Christ said, he makes us enter ever more deeply into the meaning of his words. We all have this experience: one moment, in any situation, there is an idea and then another links it with a passage of Scripture... It is the Holy Spirit that leads us down this road, the road of the living memory of the Church. And this solicits a response from us. The more generous our response, the more Jesus’ words become life in us, become attitudes, choices, deeds, witness. In substance, the Holy Spirit reminds us of the commandment of love and calls us to live it.

A Christian without memory is not a true Christian. He is only half Christian, he is a man or a woman who is a prisoner of the moment, who does not see his or her history as a treasure, does not know how to read it or live it as history of salvation. But with the help of the Holy Spirit, we can interpret the interior inspirations and events of life in the light of Jesus’ words. And, thus, there grows in us the wisdom of memory, the wisdom of the heart, which is a gift of the Spirit. May the Spirit revive the Christian memory in each us! And that day, with the Apostles, was the Woman of memory, she who from the beginning meditated on all those things in her heart. It was Mary, our Mother. May she help us along this road of

memory. The Holy Spirit teaches us, reminds us, and – another thing – he makes us speak, with God and with men. We are not mute Christians, mute of soul; no, there is no room for this.

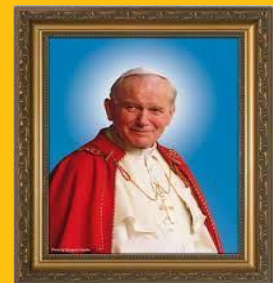
He makes us speak with God in prayer. Prayer is a gift that we gratuitously receive; it is a dialogue with God in the Holy Spirit, who prays in us and permits us to turn to God and call him Father, Papa, Abba (cf. Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:4); and this is not only a “manner of speaking,” but is reality, we really are sons of God. “In fact, all those who are guided by the Holy Spirit of God, they are the sons of God” (Romans 8:14).

He makes us speak in the act of faith. None of us can say “Jesus is Lord” – we hear this today – without the Holy Spirit. And the Spirit makes us speak with men in fraternal dialogue. He helps us to speak with others recognizing them as brothers and sisters; to speak in a friendly, tender way, understanding

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The Church of Christ is always, so to speak, in a situation of Pentecost: she is always gathered in the Upper Room in prayer, and at the same time, driven by the powerful wind of the Spirit, she is always on the streets preaching”

Saint John Paul II



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the anxieties and hopes, the sadness and joys of others.

But there is more: The Holy Spirit even makes us speak to men in prophecy, that is, he makes us humble and docile “channels” of the Word of God. Prophecy is made in boldness, to show the contradictions and injustices openly, but always with meekness and constructive intent. Penetrated by the Spirit of love, we can be signs and instruments of God who love, serve, and give our lives.

Summing up: The Holy Spirit teaches us life; he reminds us of the words of Jesus; he makes us pray and say “Father” to God, he makes us speak to men in fraternal dialogue and makes us speak in prophecy.

The day of Pentecost, when the disciples “were filled with the Holy Spirit,” was the baptism of the Church, which was born and “went out,” “departed” to proclaim to everyone the Good News. Mother Church who goes off to serve. Let us remember the other Mother, our Mother who departed promptly in order to serve. Mother Church and Mother Mary: both are virgins, both are mothers, both are women. Jesus was preemptory with the Apostles: they must not leave Jerusalem before receiving the power of the Holy Spirit from above (cf. Acts 1:4, 8). Without him there is no mission, there is no evangelization. For this reason, with the whole Church, our Mother the Catholic Church we call out: Come, Holy Spirit!

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.

FR. VINCENT OUT OF TOWN

Fr. Vincent will be out of town Monday through Thursday of this week. There will be no Liturgies Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. We will have Divine Liturgy on Thursday, June 9, at 7:00 PM. Thank you.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

On behalf of the entire parish family of Our Lady of Purgatory Church, we offer our condolences to Joseph Zeadey, on the passing of his beloved sister Mary Ann Zeadey. We ask Almighty God to welcome Mary Ann into His kingdom and to give consolation to Joseph and all of Mary Ann’s family. God rest her soul in Peace. Allah yerhamma.

EASTER FLOWERS MASS INTENTIONS

In memory of the Deceased members of the Dupre family, deceased members of Hawa and Choubah families, Samir and Georgette Sawaya, Milad Chedid, Helen and Fouad Assaf, Hiam Chaib, John and Theresa Saba, Janet and Raymond Sharron, Joseph Chedid, Joseph, Sophie, and Beatrice Daher, Joe Nader, Charbel Baroody, John, Malvina and Joseph David, James Hirst, Joann Yozefek, Steven Espindola and Deceased members of Saba family, Aziz and Salwa Bark, LeBlanc and Kenyon families, Abraham, McAllister and Maslanka families. For the living and deceased members of Mariam David family

In Honor of all families and friends of OLOP.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

This is the third 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.

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.

FESTIVAL PREP DAYS

We are asking for your help in preparing desserts and food for the festival. Below is a list of dates. I hope many of you will be able to come and help.

Tuesday, June 14,
Mamoul Day 10 AM

Tuesday, June 21,
Grape Leave Day 10 AM

Thursday, June 23,
Set up and Prep Day

Sunday, June 26,
Tear Down Day 11:30 AM

We need everyone’s help and I ask you to join us for any/all days. Thank you in advance and God bless you.

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
Mitchell & 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 June 4, @ 4:30 PM (Feast of Saint Erasmus). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Marylou Viveiros requested by Joann David. 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. Liturgy is being offered for the Daher Family requested by the family (FM).

Sunday, June 5 @10:30 AM Pentecost Sunday. (Feast of Saint Conan and His Son). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Ida Rodrick requested by Alice Daher (40-day mass). May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the Easter Flowers special Intentions.

Monday, June 6, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Marcellin Champagnat). Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent. **No Liturgy.**

Tuesday, June 7, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Susanna the Judean). No Liturgy.

Wednesday, June 8, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Cyrilla). No Liturgy.

Thursday, June 9, @ 7:00 PM, Arabic Liturgy (Feast of Saint Pelagia of Antioch).

Saturday, June 11, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Bartholomew). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of the deceased members of the Kenyon and Daher families requested by family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Thomas and Ann Moses requested by Subdeacon Joe Abraham and Carol Ann Maslanka. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, June 12, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Onuphrius). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Robert Morad requested by Matt and Cathy Thomas and family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Hiam Chaib requested by Gaby and Amal Baroody and family. May her soul rest in peace.

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine for the month of June is offered in memory of Joseph and Marie Kenyon requested by family. May their souls rest in peace.

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

LECTORS FOR JUNE 2022

Saturday, June 4,

Mae Dickinson

Sunday, June 5,

Ann Dupre/Hiba Chdid

Saturday, June 11,

Smitty Cabral

Sunday, June 12,

Joan Mello/Jano Baroudi

Saturday, June 18,

Rachel Higgins

Intercessions: Anna Higgins

Sunday, June 19,

Mae Dickinson/Gaby baroody

Saturday, June 25,

Carol Ann Maslanka

Sunday, June 26,

John Barbour /Halim 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 Milad Chedid by Zakhia and Hiba Chdid. 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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Angela Scorza-Anderson, Renee Helmer, 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.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 6/6-6/11/22

Monday:

Acts of the Apostles 2:22-28

John 3:5-8

Tuesday:

Acts of the Apostles 2:29-39

John 4:21-24

Wednesday:

Acts of the Apostles 2:40-47

John 7:37-39

Thursday:

Acts of the Apostles 3:1-10

John 14:1-7

Friday:

Acts of the Apostles 3:11-21

John 14:8-14

Saturday:

Acts of the Apostles 3:22-4:4

John 14:27-31

WEEK OF MAY 14-15, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$ 1200.00
Festival Sponsorships	\$ 2300.00
Second Collection	\$ 272.00
Sanctuary Candles	\$ 10.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 12.00
Candles	\$ 39.00
Total	\$ 3833.00

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