



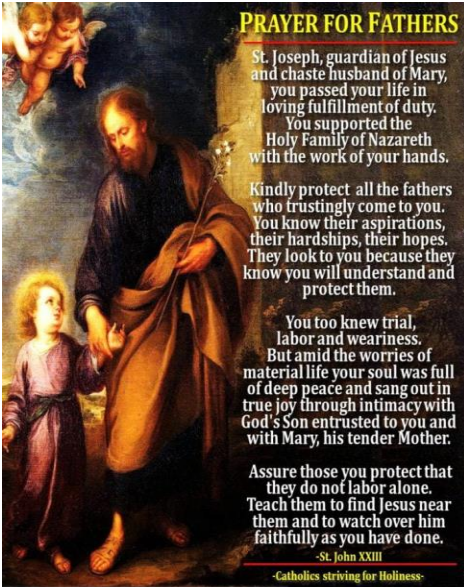
Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

June 18-19, 2022

SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS PENTECOST



PRAYER FOR FATHERS

St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the Holy Family of Nazareth with the work of your hands.

Kindly protect all the fathers who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them.

You too knew trial, labor and weariness. But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother.

Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done.

- St. John XXIII

- Catholics striving for Holiness -

HAPPY AND BLESSED FATHER'S DAY

The third Sunday in June is observed each year in the United States as Father's Day. The origins of this national event are not clear. Some records suggest that it was first celebrated as a church service some 100 years ago in Fairmont, West Virginia, at Williams Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, now known as Central United Methodist Church. Whether this is true or not, the impulse to honor fathers is a worthy one and it comes with the biblical admonition to honor our fathers and mothers.

In the Bible it is Abraham who is counted as the father of faith and he is revered in Judaism, Islam and Christianity. The word "faith" is an important component to remember because it means trust in God--being able to rely on that which is dependable. Abraham trusted God's assurance that his children would become a great

nation. The promise came at a point when he and his wife, Sarah, were elderly and childless. And yet Abraham believed that God could do what was foretold to him. He went forward in confidence that God could accomplish, through him, a benefit for all of the world.

Joseph of Galilee is an exemplary father in the Bible. He married Mary, despite the unusual circumstances of her pregnancy. He dared to be unconventional because he trusted that God was working through her and him. He was a righteous man who dared to take on the roles of husband and foster father. And as refugees from danger, after the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, it is clear that he protected his family by going beyond what was familiar to find a safe haven. We can learn much about fatherhood from Joseph.

Another father that captures the imagination is a man called Jairus. We read about him in the Gospels of Mark, Matthew and Luke. He was a man of importance whose daughter was dying and he came to Jesus, fell at his feet and begged Jesus to help his child. The actions of Jairus revealed his character. He trusted that God could help and it didn't matter that he had wealth and prestige. He humbled himself for the sake of his daughter.

A final father from the Bible that is impressive is the one who had two sons, one of whom went astray. This is, of course, the story told by Jesus of the prodigal son. The father in the parable teaches his two sons powerful lessons of love: the one who went astray who discovered that his father's care came to him even when he had run away from it

and the other who struggled to understand such extravagant love in the face of his brother's failures and his own fidelity. The father in the story, like God, never gave up on either of his children.

On Father's Day let us remember that we have been given a heritage of dedication and faithfulness from the fathers we encounter in the Bible and from those fathers who exemplify the best qualities of parenting.

I would like to wish all of our Father's and those who have been a father figure to others a very happy and blessed Father's Day.

We share this day with you in gratitude and thanks for your love, faith, perseverance, strength, discipline, care throughout our lives.

When we were young, we could not fathom the responsibility and sacrifices that you went through for your family. But now, as we are older, most of us father's now or father figures to

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Every family needs a father — a father who shares in his family's joy and pain, hands down wisdom to his children and offers them firm guidance and love."

Pope Francis



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others, we catch a glimpse of what you endured for the sake of your family. We thank and pray for you this special day and every day. I pray you know how much we love and respect you for your fatherly care.

To all of our fathers who have gone to be with our Lord, continue to watch over us as you did here on earth. And if for some reason we did not tell you enough while you were with us, we thank you and love you. May you all rest in the loving arms of our Heavenly Father and may He reward you for a job well done, my good and faithful servant. HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OF YOU!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 GRADUATES

Loredana T. Mello received B.A. in Music Summa Cum Laude from UMASS Dartmouth.

Stephanie Hakeem received a Master of Professional Studies in Public Relations and Cooperate Communications from George Town University.

Jordan David received B.A. in English from UMASS Dartmouth.

Emmanuelle Abi Younes received B.A. in Chemical Engineer from UMASS Amherst.

Genevieve W. Chedid graduated from Dartmouth High School and will continue her education at Stonehill College.

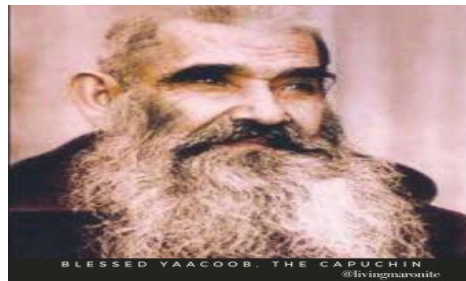
Joseph J. Chedid graduated from Dartmouth High School and will continue his education at Bryant University.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a special intention. 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.

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.



FEAST OF BLESSED YAACOUB

June 26 marks the feast of Blessed Yaacoub, the Capuchin, who will soon become the next Maronite saint of the Catholic Church.

Bl. Yaacoub was born to a Maronite family and was given the birth name of Khalil Haddad. At age 18 he joined the Capuchin order and took the name Yaacoub. The Capuchin order is a less well-known branch to the more recognisable Franciscan order. Yaacoub's life was spent preaching the Word of God, assisting the poor, caring for orphans and lessening the burden of those who were handicapped. Blessed Yaacoub should be a symbol to Maronites across the world as an example of how to live a selfless life with the Word of Christ always in our hearts. He engaged in many selfless acts and made it his mission in life to lessen the burden of those who were less fortunate within society. Among his many great works, was the building of schools, the establishment of monasteries and hospitals. One of the remarkable achievements of Yaacoub was that he was very welcoming of all within society regardless of age, gender, race or even religion. He was well aware that living a good Christian life was more than simply prayerful reflection but good deeds to others whether they were of the same or other faiths.

Through his works and good deeds, Yaacoub was able to project the image of Christ in his time and allow others to wonder at the glory of God. We should look to saints like Bl. Yaacoub for encouragement to live our lives so that others can see Christ through our actions. It is not only through our proclamation of words, but to take the example of Yaacoub and turn those mere words into meaningful deeds. After all, as we all know 'action speaks louder than words'. Yaacoub

taught us was that 'words about Christ are less

influential than deeds for others in Christ'.

As Christians we should aim to work towards a humble life, regardless of the many challenges that we face in this modern world of ours. Another important lesson Yaacoub teaches us is that good deeds should not be performed solely to make ourselves feel better. This is a very common occurrence in the age of social media where our interactions online are communicated to others, but really most of the time we are posting things, tweeting things, facebooking and snapchatting things as a way to communicate with ourselves. Declaring things online is, in many cases, simply a different form of trying to send a message from ourselves to ourselves. Think about it!

We should strive to do good and say (or post) good things, purely as a way to increase the goodness in the world through Christ. It should not be a way for us to fill the substantial gap that we all have (and which we try to fill with social media) when we are distant from Christ. Our humanity makes us care for others whether they are in need of help or simply in need of our prayers. We should lend a helping hand to anyone who we see needs it. That is how we can be more like Bl. Yaacoub. Being a good Christian is not only about studying the bible and going to church, our daily works should reflect our true Christianity, and our good deeds should not be limited to only Christians.

<https://livingmaronite.com/resources/feastdays/blessed-yaacoub>

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.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 18, @ 4:30 PM (Feast of Saint Leontius of Tripoli). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Walter Chomak requested by Matt, Cathy Thomas and family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Marie Kenyon, and Herve and Yvette LeBlanc requested by Diane and Mike LeBlanc. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for Saada, Gerges, Gaby, Alfred Abi Ramia, Boutros G. Feres Abi Ramia and the deceased members of Abi Ramia Family requested by Rafic Abi Ramia and family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, June 19, @ 10:30 AM (Feast of Saint Jude Thaddeus). Liturgy is being offered for all Fathers living and deceased

Monday, June 20, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Pope Saint Silverius). Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent. **No Liturgy.**

Tuesday, June 21, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Louis Gonzaga). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Toufic P. David requested by his wife and children (FM). May his soul rest in peace. **No Liturgy.**

Wednesday, June 22, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Eusebius). **No Liturgy.**

Thursday, June 23, @ 7:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Agrippina). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Ruth P.J. David requested by Anny Costa. May her soul rest in peace. **Arabic Liturgy. No Liturgy.**

Saturday, June 25, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saints Zachariah and Elizabeth). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Suzan and Amy Cabral requested by Lou and Smitty Cabral. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of the deceased members of the Kalife family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, June 26, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Yaacub Haddad the Capuchin). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Sister Janette Mary Thomas requested by OLOP. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Abraham and Amelia Sarkes 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
Food Warmer \$ 1,500.00
Food Warmer Trays \$ 400.00

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 6/20-6/25/22

Monday:

Acts of the Apostles 5:34-42
John 16:5-11

Tuesday:

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-12
John 16:12-15

Wednesday:

Acts of the Apostles 7:1-8
John 16:16-19

Thursday:

Acts of the Apostles 7:9-16
John 16:20-24

Friday:

Galatians 4:21-5:1
Luke 1:57-66

Saturday:

Acts of the Apostles 7:30-38
John 16:29-33

NEEDS LIST FOR FESTIVAL

6 Large Bottles Club Soda
3 Bottles Cranberry Juice
3 Gallons Orange Juice
10 Cases Coke
4 Cases 7UP
4 Cases Diet Coke
3 Cases Ginger Ale
2 Cases Orange Soda
20 Cases 16 oz. Water Bottles

Anyone who would like to donate any of these items, you may bring them to the rectory basement the week of the festival. Thank you for your help and generosity.

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 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.

LECTORS FOR JUNE 2022

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)

WEEK OF JUNE 11-12, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$ 1673.00
Festival Sponsorships	\$ 1610.00
Sanctuary Candles	\$ 20.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 102.00
Candles	\$ 177.00
Total	\$ 3582.00

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