



# Our Lady of Purgatory

## Maronite Catholic Church



July 2-3, 2022

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

### BLESSED AND HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY



#### WISHING YOU A BLESSED AND HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

##### Celebrating the Fourth of July as a Christian

How are we as Catholic Christians and Americans supposed to celebrate this great day? John Adams, one of the Founding Fathers of our country, wrote this about how to celebrate the fourth of July:

*"It ought to be commemorated as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with shews, games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more."*

Well, let's see how we're doing in celebrating the fourth of July, the way one of the greatest Founders envisioned. Parades? Check. Pomp?

Check. Sports? Backyard games count, right? Check. Bonfires? Check. Illuminations? Double check. Solemn Acts of Devotions to God Almighty? Um . . . I don't know about you, but I don't typically live up to that calling on the Fourth of July.

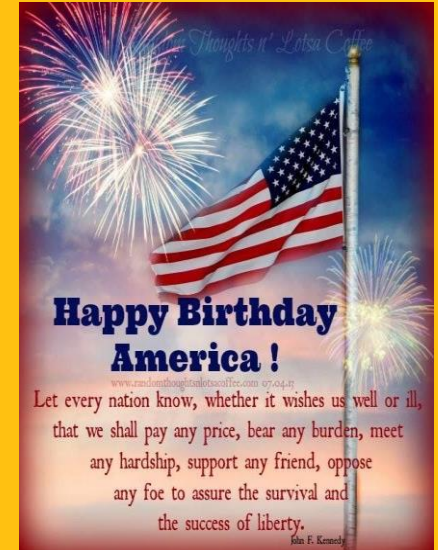
But John Adams set an example for us. After everything's said and done, we owe God more than anyone else for what occurred 240 years ago. In fact, the most famous part of the Declaration of Independence explicitly points to God as the source of our freedom:

*"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."*

Not our parents, or politicians, or government, is the source of our most important rights. Only God. As the source of our rights, he deserves the highest praise, honor, and glory on Independence Day (and every day). There are many ways to honor God on this special day. Perhaps you can read a passage from the Catholic Bible with your family to kick off the festivities, or pray a family rosary with the special intention for our political leaders and our country's future. Or you could pray this simple prayer for our nation written by George Washington, our first President:

*"Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do*

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK



your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way.

Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness and in the day of trouble, do not allow our trust in you to fall; all this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord." AMEN!

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## INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER

*Lord, we stand today as our  
forefathers have stood before You in  
times gone by,  
Celebrating our history and reveling  
in all the great things that our country  
has achieved.*

*On this day we rejoice in the favor  
You have graciously given us.  
We thank You for the blessings of  
liberty, for this generation and for the  
generations to come.*

*We thank You for our independence,  
peace and for all those who have  
bravely given their lives in the defense  
of freedom and justice.*

*We thank You that Your gracious and  
provident hand has given us so much.  
Yet as a nation and people we have  
not always chosen the right way.*

*We ask You to forgive us for these  
times.*

*On this day we commit ourselves to  
wholeheartedly honoring and serving  
You.*

*With everything that we are, we lay  
our lives before You.*

*Make us a generous people,  
A holy nation,*

*A people set aside to love You forever,  
For the sake of the land of the brave  
and free,*

*And the peoples and nations of this  
world.*

*Today, we do not presume Your grace  
for our country.*

*Our land is in need of You,  
Our people are in need of You,  
Our industry and business is in need  
of You.*

*May we look only to You  
This Independence Day, dependent on  
You.*

*Please come now by Your glorious  
Holy Spirit,  
Breathe new life into the sinews of  
this nation.*

*May justice flow like rivers,  
And righteousness like a never  
failing stream,*

*Until the whole of our country is  
covered with Your glory,  
As the waters cover the sea.*

*We ask all this in the wonderful  
name of Jesus,*

*Who lives and reigns with You and  
the Holy Spirit.*

*One God, now and for all eternity.*

*Amen.*

Read more: [http://www.lords-prayer-words.com/times/independence\\_day\\_prayer.html#ixzz5JqRZeSR8](http://www.lords-prayer-words.com/times/independence_day_prayer.html#ixzz5JqRZeSR8)

## MANY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU

I would like to thank all of you who made our festival a wonderful event. From those who prepared food before, those who set up, who volunteered during the festival, and those who worked to during the two days bringing our delicious food and entertainment to the people who visited us. I would also like to especially thank our friends from Philadelphia and Lawrence who came and worked so hard during the festival and tearing down after the festival. All of this shows that we are one family working for the greater glory of God. God bless you and your families and God bless Our Lady of Purgatory.



## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, July 2, @ 4:30 PM (The Visitation of Our Lady to Her Cousin Elizabeth).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Nazera Saba requested by Subdeacon Joe Abraham and Carol Ann Maslanka. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Radha Peter J. David and her father Peter (FM).

**Sunday, July 3, @ 10:30 AM (Feast of Saint Jerome).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls Sam Akeekie and Najebe Kazem (FM). May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Saba Mike Barkett, Joseph and Mary (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

**Monday, July 4, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Andrew the Hymnographer).** Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent. **No Liturgy**

**Tuesday, July 5, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Macarius of the Cross).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Florence M.C. Dyer (FM). May her soul rest in peace.

**Wednesday, July 6, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Maria Goretti).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Sister Janette Mary Thomas requested by OLOP.

**Thursday, July 7, @ 7:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Thomas the Hermit). Arabic Liturgy.**

**Saturday, July 9, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Pancras).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Michael J. David requested by Robert Macedo (FM). May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Norman Pontes requested by Diane and Michael LeBlanc. May his soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, July 10, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of The Three Blessed Massabki Maronite Martyrs).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Louise Shaheen requested by Ida Farhat. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Mary Ann Zeadey (40-day mass) requested by family. May her soul rest in peace.

## CONFESSION

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

## WELCOME BABY ANDREW

Congratulations to Sharbel and Elise Sarkis on the birth of their baby boy Andrew. We also congratulate Ray and Michael on their new baby brother. May Almighty God cradle Andrew in His loving arms and may he always know of God's great love for him. Mabrook!!!

## 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.

## 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.

## DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 7/4-7/9/22

### Monday:

Acts of the Apostles 9:19b-30  
Matthew 10:8-15

### Tuesday:

Acts of the Apostles 9:31-43  
Matthew 13: 9-13

### Wednesday:

Acts of the Apostles 10:1-10,19-23a  
Matthew 10:12-26

### Thursday:

Acts of the Apostles 10:23b-27,34-43  
Matthew 10:27-33

### Friday:

Acts of the Apostles 10:44-48  
Matthew 10:34-39

### Saturday:

Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30  
Matthew 10:40-11:1

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for Charbel Baroody requested by Jacques and Amal Barbour. 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 July is offered in memory of the living and deceased members of the Daher and David families requested by Mariam David and family. May their souls rest in peace.

## LECTORS FOR JULY 2022

**Saturday, July 2,**

Smitty Cabral

**Sunday, July 3,**

Mae Dickinson/Jano Baroudi

**Saturday, July 9,**

Joan Mello

**Sunday, July 10,**

Ann Dupre/Hiba Chdid

**Saturday, July 15,**

Rachel Higgins

Intercessions: Anna Higgins

**Sunday, July 16,**

John Barbour /Halim Choubah

**Saturday, July 23,**

Mae Dickinson

**Sunday, July 24,**

Joan Mello/Gaby baroody

**Saturday, July 30,**

Carol Ann Maslanka

**Sunday, July 24,**

Ann Dupre/Rana Choubah

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

## WEEK OF JUNE 25-26, 2022

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 719.00</b>
<b>Festival Sponsorships</b>	<b>\$ 3250.00</b>
<b>Festival Donation</b>	<b>\$ 1460.00</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	<b>\$ 96.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$ 46.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5571.00</b>

**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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*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.*

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