



Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

August 6-7, 2022

TENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD



REFLECTION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Sometimes, without knowing it or even being aware of it, we can get locked into our own world and our particular situation. We can forget about or lose sight of the fact that we are part of a much bigger world.

In the gospel for today's feast Jesus takes some of his friends away from the business of the village and marketplace. He invites them to travel with him as he makes his way up the mountain. This is not unusual. We know from the gospels that Jesus often went off by himself to the mountains to pray. While they were there praying something wild and wonderful happened. Jesus was *transfigured*; he was changed; *his face shone like the son, and his clothes became as white as light*. Imagine how

surprised, shocked and taken aback those with Jesus were. Once composed, Peter utters the famous words, *'Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here'*. But more importantly than what was said, is what they heard; *'This is my Son, the beloved, he enjoys my favour, listen to him'*.

These words are as much meant for us today as they were for those who first heard them. Today, we are surrounded if not bombarded by news all the time. We now have twenty-four-hour news on our televisions, news from around the world arrives in seconds to us through the internet and there is no end to magazines and newspaper we can buy. They are a filled with news, but not all of it good news; some of it may even be fake news.

The word and message that Jesus speaks to us and offers is life-giving and life-changing. The words of Jesus, nourish, nurture, and sustain and us, if we open our hearts and lives to hearing it. As John's gospel reminds us, *Lord, you have the message of eternal life*.

The Transfigurations gives us a brief and fleeting glimpse of Jesus in all his glory. It is a taste of what is to come. It is offered to us encourage and challenge us in our daily lives. It reminds us that our lives are far more than what see, hear and experience every day. It is not just a matter getting through the day. Being a follower of Jesus is about living with meaning, purpose and hope. The transfiguration not only offers us a glimpse of Jesus in all his glory, it also offers each of us a foretaste of what God promises each of us in the fullness of the Kingdom.

We may never experience anything as powerful as the Transfiguration. But every day in countless and seemingly small ways God does break into our world and our daily lives. Every time we experience a moment of peace, joy, reconciliation or forgiveness, God is with us. Every time that we reach out to help another person is a moment of transfiguration both for ourselves and for those we help. Each time somebody shows care and concern for us is a moment when God is reaches out to us. This week, let us open our hearts so that we may hear Jesus speaking to us. May we slow down and look for moments of small but important times of transfiguration in our own ordinary daily lives.

<https://oblates.ie/gospel-reflection-transfiguration-jesu>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Faith in action is love, and love in action is service.

By transforming that faith into living acts of love, we put ourselves in contact with God Himself, with Jesus our Lord."

Saint Theresa of Calcutta



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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Tuesday, August 9, 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.

CCD REGISTRATION TO BEGIN

As we enjoy the summer break with our families and friends, it is also time to prepare for the beginning of our CCD Program this Fall. We have begun to prepare a wonderful program for our children. As we begin to transition to our new home, our CCD program can now be offered in a facility that will entice this program to flourish and to offer our children the tools that will help them understand the importance of having God in their lives and to understand His great love for us.

CCD classes will revert to Sunday mornings after 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy. The Church Hall will provide all the necessary ingredients to allow the parents to gather for coffee and pastries while their children are having classes. The children will also be able to gather to enjoy other children in the parish. We will also provide snacks for the children during their class.

I am sure that I need not inform the parents of the importance of our CCD program. In this ever-changing secular world, it is the Churches obligation and priority to help our children understand and implement the teachings of Jesus. These teachings begin with you and we, the Church, are here to support and guide your efforts.

I pray that all of you who have children will take advantage of this opportunity. This is a commitment on your part, but a commitment that is vital and necessary in educating our children in the faith. Please be sure to sign your children up for our program. Blessings to all of you.

JURY DUTY SERVICE

Fr. Vincent has been called for jury duty the week of August 8, 2022. The office will be open during the weekdays. I may not be available during the weekdays depending whether I will be asked to sit on a jury. Thank you for your understanding.

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to the family of Wadi D. Habboosh, who passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, surrounded by his family. He was the loving husband of the late Bahija Habboosh.

Wadi is survived by his three sons and their wives: Namir and Nadia Habboosh; Samir and Dr. May Habboosh; and Dr. Amir and Inam Habboosh. He is also survived by his seven grandchildren: Dr. Noor, Dunia, Dina, David, Edward, Nashwan, and Neda Habboosh as well as many other family members and lifelong friends. May Almighty God welcome Wadi into His kingdom and may his soul rest in peace. Allah yerhammo.

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine for the month of August is offered in memory of Mansour Barbour requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

SAVE THE DATE MYO GATHERING

MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION

BBQ EVENT & PLANNING



Parents and youth are invited to the MYO Kickoff on Saturday, August 20, after 4:30 Divine Liturgy. We will have a BBQ as well as talks with the youth and parents so that we may plan special events for our children throughout the year.

These events will encircle religious talks, social events, invitations with other parishes MYO groups, out-reach programs, and movie nights, just to name a few. The MYO/MYA organizations have held a special place in my heart, and it is my hope that we can begin to build these organizations, so our children and young adults never feel that they are lost in the shuffle. Please RSVP to the office email at ourladyofpurgatory@gmail.com

All are invited to come and join us. Festivities will go on come rain or shine! Under the tents or in our climate controlled hall!

SAVE THE DATE

St. Anthony of the Desert Church
300 N. Eastern Avenue, Fall River, MA 02723

Lebanese Mahrajan Food Festival

Friday, August 26th ~ 5pm to 11pm
Saturday, August 27th ~ Noon to 11pm
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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 6, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of The Transfiguration of Our Lord). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Barbara and Christopher Forde requested by Subdeacon Joe Abraham and Carol Ann Maslanka. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Diab and Mary Hardin, Saba and Anna Ramia requested by Rafic Abi Ramia and family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, August 7, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Doumit). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Mansour Barbour requested by family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Charbel Baroody requested by Charles Baroody. May his soul rest in peace.

Monday, August 8, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Dominic). Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent. **No Liturgy.**

Tuesday, August 9, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Matthias). **No Liturgy.**

Wednesday, August 10, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Lawrence). **No Liturgy.**

Thursday, August 11, @ 7:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Clare). **Arabic Liturgy. No Liturgy.**

Saturday, August 13, @ 4:30 PM (Feast of Saint Hippolytus of Rome). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Boutros Bou Ramia requested by Subdeacon Joe Abraham and Carol Ann Maslanka. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Mary Jane Walsh requested by Diane and Michael LeBlanc. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, August 14, @10:30 AM (Feast of Micah the Prophet). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Charbel Baroody requested by his parents Jano and Philip Baroody. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of George and Mary Thomas, Joseph Thomas and Joseph Peter requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

CONFESSION

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

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.

LECTORS FOR AUGUST 2022

Saturday, August 6,

Smitty Cabral

Sunday, August 7,

Mae Dickinson/Jano Baroudi

Saturday, August 13,

Rachel Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

Sunday, August 14,

Joan Mello/Gaby Baroody

Saturday, August 20,

Carol Ann Maslanka

Sunday, August 21,

Ann Dupre/Hiba Chdid

Saturday, August 27,

Mae Dickinson

Sunday, August 28,

John Barbour / Rana 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 a special intention requested by Gaby and Amal Baroody. 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.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 8/8-8/13/22

Monday:

Acts of the Apostles 21:1-14
Matthew 23:13-15

Tuesday:

Acts of the Apostles 21:15-26
Matthew 23: 16-22

Wednesday:

Acts of the Apostles 21:27-28,30b-40a
Matthew 23:23-26

Thursday:

Acts of the Apostles 21:40-22:10
Luke 12: 1-5

Friday:

Acts of the Apostles 22: 17-29
Luke 12: 6-9

Saturday:

Acts of the Apostles 22: 30-23:11
Luke 12: 10-12

WEEK OF JULY 30-31, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$	993.00
Donations	\$	200.00
Coffee Hour	\$	27.00
Candles	\$	15.00
Total	\$	1,235.00

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.

SAVE THE DATE  OCTOBER 6, 2022

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13th Annual Benefit Dinner in Manhattan

The Water Club

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