



Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

September 10-11, 2022

SEASON OF THE HOLY CROSS



Every year as September 11, comes, I still cannot help but feel the anguish and pain of the innocent lives lost on that tragic day and the sadness and loss of these victims' families. We all remember where we were when this tragedy happened, but after time, there are many who chose to forget. We must never forget!

Even in the darkest hours and days of 9/11, the symbol of Christ's victory over death was marked on Ground Zero as shown in the picture above. The symbol that Jesus is always with us; the symbol for those who perished, cradled in the loving arms of Jesus; the families, friends, our country, and the world, turned to their faith for guidance, help, support, and answers to why someone would want to do this to another human being.

These beams from the World Trade Center from 9/11 was and has been a

beacon of hope to the victims and family members of that tragic day 21 years ago.

Today, we remember those who lost their lives in this terrorist attack, and we pray for them and their families as we commemorate this day of remembrance on the Feast of the Holy Cross.

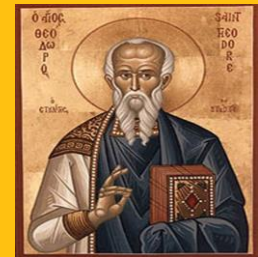
Former President George W. Bush said, "Now, we have inscribed a new memory alongside those others. It's a memory of tragedy and shock, of loss and mourning. But not only of loss and mourning. It's also a memory of bravery and self-sacrifice, and the love that lays down its life for a friend—even a friend whose name it never knew."

Below, I share with you a reflection from Saint John Paul II, upon hearing of the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"How precious the gift of the cross, how splendid to contemplate! In the cross there is no mingling of good and evil, as in the tree of paradise: it is wholly beautiful to behold and good to taste. The fruit of this tree is not death but life, not darkness but light. This tree does not cast us out of paradise but opens the way for our return."

St. Theodore the Studite



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Tuesday, September 13, 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.

Fr. Vincent Farhat, Pastor | Rev. Mr. Jean Mattar, Deacon

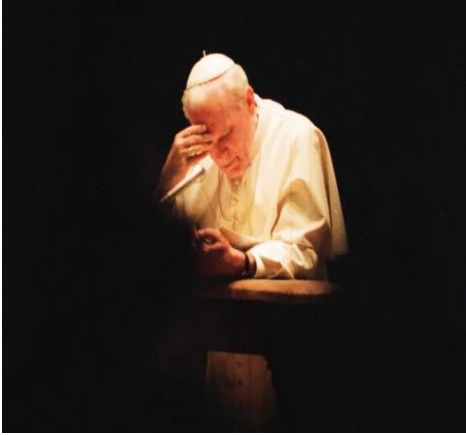
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REMEMBERING 9/11 WITH THE SYMBOL OF VICTORY OF OUR LORD



Saint John Paul II in the Chapel on 9/11/2001

I cannot begin this audience without expressing my profound sorrow at the terrorist attacks which yesterday brought death and destruction to America, causing thousands of victims and injuring countless people. To the President of the United States and to all American citizens I express my heartfelt sorrow. In the face of such unspeakable horror, we cannot but be deeply disturbed. I add my voice to all the voices raised in these hours to express indignant condemnation, and I strongly reiterate that the ways of violence will never lead to genuine solutions to humanity's problems. Yesterday was a dark day in the history of humanity, a terrible affront to human dignity. After receiving the news, I followed with intense concern the developing situation, with heartfelt prayers to the Lord. How is it possible to commit acts of such savage cruelty? The human heart has depths from which schemes of unheard-of ferocity sometimes emerge, capable of destroying in a moment the normal daily life of a people. But faith comes to our aid at these times when words seem to fail. Christ's word is the only one that can give a response to the questions which trouble our spirit. Even if the forces of darkness appear to prevail, those who believe in God know that evil and death do not have the final say. Christian hope is based on this truth; at this time our prayerful trust draws strength from it. With deeply felt sympathy I address myself to the beloved people of the United States in this moment of distress

and consternation, when the courage of so many men and women of good will is being sorely tested. In a special way I reach out to the families of the dead and the injured and assure them of my spiritual closeness. I entrust to the mercy of the Most High the helpless victims of this tragedy, for whom I offered Mass this morning, invoking upon them eternal rest. May God give courage to the survivors; may he sustain the rescue-workers and the many volunteers who are presently making an enormous effort to cope with such an immense emergency. I ask you, dear brothers and sisters, to join me in prayer for them. Let us beg the Lord that the spiral of hatred and violence will not prevail. May the Blessed Virgin, Mother of Mercy, fill the hearts of all with wise thoughts and peaceful intentions.

Today, my heartfelt sympathy is with the American people, subjected yesterday to inhuman terrorist attacks which have taken the lives of thousands of innocent human beings and caused unspeakable sorrow in the hearts of all men and women of good will. Yesterday was indeed a dark day in our history, an appalling offence against peace, a terrible assault against human dignity. I invite you all to join me in commending the victims of this shocking tragedy to Almighty God's eternal love. Let us implore his comfort upon the injured, the families involved, all who are doing their utmost to rescue survivors and help those affected. I ask God to grant the American people the strength and courage they need at this time of sorrow and trial.

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/32605/91-1-when-john-paul-ii-grieved-with-america>

SECOND COLLECTION

As per the directive of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, there will be a second collection for Catholic University of America. This money provides funding for the University who educate our seminarians. Thank you for your help and generosity.

A MESSAGE FROM ABOUNA FADI ROUHANA

Dear Brother In Christ Abouna Vince and all the Parishioners of Our Lady of Purgatory Church:

On behalf of my mother and my siblings, I would like to thank you for the 40 Day Mass, the Prayers of the Incense that you have offered today for the soul of my dad Rouhana Rouhana and for the mercy meal you had afterwards. I am very touched by your love and kindness and greatly appreciate everything.

I am very grateful to you Abouna Vince and for every single parishioner who had taken the time to either call me, text me, send me a card and/ or express your condolences to me on the OLOP post.

You were my first parishioners in the USA and you will always hold a very special place in my heart. May God bless you one and all and may all the souls of your deceased family members Rest in Peace.

With my love and prayers always to you all,
Abouna Fadi

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine for the month of September is offered in memory of Jean D'arc ElKhoury requested by Jacques and Amal Barbour. May her soul rest in peace.

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 6, 2022

Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn

13th Annual Benefit Dinner in Manhattan

The Water Club

Details to follow

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 10, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Pulcheria the Queen). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Rouhana Rouhana requested by Diane and Michael LeBlanc. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Patricia Mansour Moran requested by Mariam David and Family. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, September 11, @ 10:30 AM, Exaltation of the Holy Cross. (Feast of Saint Theodora of Alexandria). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Charbel Baroody requested by Charles Baroody. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Mary Ann Zeady requested by Matthew and Cathy Thomas and family. May her soul rest in peace.

Monday, September 12, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Cornelius the Centurion). Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent.

Tuesday, September 13, @ 9:00 AM, (Saint Christopher).

Wednesday, September 14, @ 6:00 PM, (Actual feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross).

Thursday, September 15, @ 7:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Shaina and Saint Sassine). Arabic Liturgy.

Saturday, September 17, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Sophia and Her 3 Daughters). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Marie Kenyon requested by family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Maryanna Farris, and George and Heurta Farris requested by Mariam David and Family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, September 18, @ 10:30 AM, (The Flight of the Lord Jesus to Egypt). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Jean D'Arc ElKhoury requested by Amal and Jacques Barbour. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy of Thanksgiving for Almighty God requested by a Parishioner.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

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.

LECTORS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

Saturday, September 10,

Rachel Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

Sunday, September 11,

Matt Thomas /Gaby Baroody

Saturday, September 17,

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Smitty Cabral

Sunday, September 18,

John Barbour / Halim Choubah

Saturday, September 24,

Rachel Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

Sunday, September 25,

Mae Dickinson / Jano Baroody

(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. 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

Reggie Thomas, Helena Tavares, Angela Scorza-Anderson, Renee Helmer, Terry Amsden, Natalya Sarkis, 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 9/12-9/17/22

Monday:

2 Peter 1: 1-11

John 3: 11-21

Tuesday:

2 Peter 1: 12-21

John 8: 21-30

Wednesday:

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

John 12: 20-32

Thursday:

2 Peter 3: 10-18

Mark 8: 31-38

Friday:

Jude 1-7

John 8: 33-38

Saturday:

Jude 17-25

Luke 23: 36-43

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3-4, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,426.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$ 20.00
Candles	\$ 37.00
Total	\$ 1,483.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY BY SENDING IN YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS VIA MAIL. THIS HAS BEEN VERYHELPFUL FOR THE CHURCH. GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

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Joseph & Marie Kenyon

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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