



Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

September 17-18, 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS



EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

September 14th, is the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. It remembers the retrieval of the Holy Cross, which had been found and preserved by Saint Helena, the mother of Constantine, (with the assistance of Patriarch Saint Macarius) but had fallen into the hands of King Khosrau of Persia. Emperor Heraclius recovered the sacred relic and returned it to Jerusalem in 629. The feast commemorates three distinct historical events: the finding of the True Cross, its return in the 7th century, and its ineffable power as the instrument of Christ's redemptive sacrifice and our salvation. Regarding the later, our Savior's crucifixion imbues human suffering with dignity and divine purpose.

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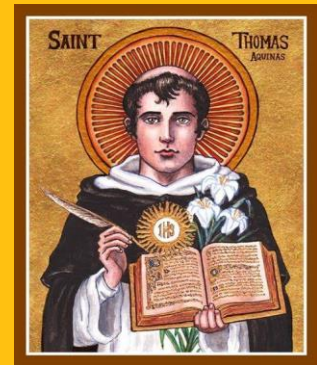
The Feast of the Holy Cross is a reminder of God's great love for us because it is through the cross that He gave His only Son for our salvation. The cross, a symbol of Christ's victory over death, gives us strength during our times of hardships and sadness. The cross becomes for us a daily sign of the great love that Jesus has for His people. In times of struggle, adversity, hardships, and pain, we have become accustomed to turning our attention to the cross. As we have seen so many times through the persecution, tragedy, and martyrdom of others, the cross has been a source of courage, solace, and peace, knowing that Jesus gave us our salvation and our place in His kingdom through this visible act of love on a cross.

Today we celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross because of the meaning it holds for us. In our Lenten prayers the cross was once referred to as the "wood of shame", but Jesus transformed it into the "wood of victory." We have been given hope through the symbol of the cross---a hope that rekindles our faith through tragedy and joy. It is a hope that just as Jesus suffered through the cross; we too must share in our suffering. But ultimately, it is our hope that through the Holy Cross, we will share in the greatest gift God has given to us---the kingdom of heaven. This is our salvation.

As we celebrate this beautiful feast let us gaze our eyes on the cross everyday as a source of strength, courage, and hope, so that through His cross we can conquer evil and sin and share in His resurrection.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you."
Saint Thomas Aquinas



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.

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

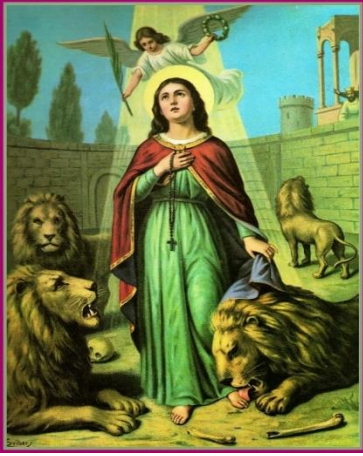
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OFFICE HOURS: The Church office will be open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

FEAST OF SAINT THECLA



According to a popular second century tale, Acts of Paul and Thecla, she was a native of Iconomium who was so impressed by the preaching of St. Paul on virginity that she broke off her engagement to marry Thamyris to live a life of virginity. Paul was ordered to be scourged and banished from the city for his teaching, and Thecla was ordered burned to death. When a storm providentially extinguished the flames, she escaped with Paul and went with him to Antioch. There she was condemned to wild beasts in the arena when she violently resisted the attempt of Syriarch Alexander to kidnap her, but again escaped when the beasts did no harm to her. She rejoined Paul at Myra in Lycia, dressed as a boy, and was commissioned by him to preach the Gospel. She did for a time in Iconium and then became a recluse in a cave at Meriamlik near Seleucia. She lived as a hermitess there for the next seventy-two years and died there (or in Rome, where she was miraculously transported when she found that Paul had died and was later buried near his tomb). The tale had tremendous popularity in the early Church but is undoubtedly a pious fiction and was labeled apocryphal by St. Jerome. Her feast day is September 24.

Saint Theresa Church Lebanese festival

Saint Theresa Church in Brockton is having their annual Lebanese Festival on Friday, September 30, Saturday, October 1st, and Sunday, October 2nd. I hope many of you will be able to attend and support our brothers and sisters from Saint Theresa church.

CCD 2022-2023

Dear Parents:

We are finalizing the schedule and planning for this year's CCD program. I have already emailed the registration forms to you. Please let me know if you need those to be resent to you.

For those receiving First Communion this year, I ask you to please fill out the forms along with a copy of your child's baptism certificate. If you don't have a copy of this, please contact the Church where your child was baptized, and they will give you a copy of it.

Once I receive all the registration forms, I will send out a schedule for the year. Presently, for the last months of 2022, the First Communion class will be held on Wednesdays at the Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light Convent located on Tucker Road, in Dartmouth.

CCD will also take place on Sundays after Divine Liturgy once we have moved into the new church.

MYO, grades 7 through 12, will be meeting twice a month at the new Church. I ask parents of MYO to please also fill out this registration form. We will schedule a meeting soon.

We are working hard to bring a meaningful and exciting program for CCD. I pray your children will be a part of this ministry.

God bless you and your families.

In Christ,

Fr. Vincent

SAINT GEORGE FESTIVAL

Annual LEBANESE FESTIVAL
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Saturday, Sept 17th

Andre Keedy
Sunday, Sept 18th

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1493 Cranston Street, Cranston RI

Friday, September 16th - 5pm - 11pm
Saturday, September 17th - 3pm - 11pm
Sunday, September 18th - 11:30am - 5pm

Free Admission & Parking

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.

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2022 - 2023 MYO Regional Retreats

<p>New England Region St. Anthony of the Desert Fall River, MA Dec. 3, 2022</p>	<p>Mid-Atlantic Region Christian Blue Mountain Retreat Center New Ringgold, PA Nov. 11-13, 2022</p>	<p>Far South Region Pine Lake Retreat Center Groveland, FL Jan. 13 - 15, 2023</p>
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For God did not give us a spirit of fear but rather of power and love and self-control. [2 Tim 1:7]

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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.

Monday, September 19, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Januarius). Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent. **No Liturgy.**

Tuesday, September 20, @ 9:00 AM, (Saint Eustatius and His Wife and Children). **No Liturgy.**

Wednesday, September 21, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Quadratus, Bishop of Athens). **No Liturgy.**

Thursday, September 22, @ 7:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Phocas and His Companions). **No Liturgy.**

Saturday, September 24, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Thecla, the First Woman Martyr). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Richard and Elaine Nader, and Ernest Coury. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Youssef and Hanneh Daher, and the living and deceased members of their family requested by Mariam David and Family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, September 25, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Paphnutius the Confessor). Remember Me Into Your Kingdom Liturgy. Liturgy is being offered for the souls Peter and Raja Saba Bou Eassy (FM). May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of the deceased members of the Thomas Family requested by Mrs. George J. Thomas (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

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.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for Joseph Daher requested by Alice Daher. 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 9/19-9/24/22

Monday:

Revelations 1: 1-8
Mark 8: 34-9:1

Tuesday:

Revelations 1: 9-20
Mark 9: 33-37

Wednesday:

Revelations 2: 1-7
Mark 9: 38-50

Thursday:

Revelations 2: 8-11
Mark 10: 17-27

Friday:

Revelations 2:12-17
Mark 10: 28-31

Saturday:

Revelations 2:18-29
Matthew 20: 1-16

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

LECTORS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

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 Baroud

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

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10-11, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,150.00
Second Collection	\$ 114.00
Donations	\$ 100.00
Coffee hour	\$ 27.00
Candles	\$ 61.00
Total	\$ 1,349.00

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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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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