



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



October 15-16, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS

CALLED TO BE HOLY

We continue our journey to holiness with the virtue of “humility”. Do any of us like to be humiliated either in private or in public? I know it is not on the top of the list for me. To be humiliated means that we are beneath other people; that we have failed in some way or another and that our pride is now at stake. But humility is one of the greatest virtues we can obtain. It is the greatest virtue Jesus Christ exemplified throughout His life and one that he instructed his disciples to embrace. Humility makes us examine ourselves in a way that we see ourselves and all of our defects, our faults, and our shortcomings. Humility requires us to see ourselves as we truly are and to submit ourselves completely and willingly to God. St. Thomas Aquinas defines humility in the Summa “The virtue of humility”, he says, “Consists in keeping oneself within one's own bounds, not reaching out to things above one, but submitting to one's superior.” This is humility at its core. When we empty ourselves to God, we begin to understand more and more the need of forgiveness; the understanding of our faults; and the beginning of knowing ourselves well to see our defects. As St. Bernard has said “He lacks everything who thinks he lacks nothing.” All of us need to strive for this virtue of humility and by doing

so we not only see our own weaknesses and defects, but we will be able to understand other's defects and weaknesses as well. And when this happens, we become more compassionate and forgiving to others. Humility is key to toward our journey to holiness.

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY WELCOME ME IN YOUR KINGDOM



A day of reflection and celebration will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2022, to mark the 10th Anniversary of “Remember Me in Your Kingdom” in the USA. The day will be held at Annunciation Melkite Catholic Cathedral in West Roxbury, beginning at 9:00 AM, and will end with lunch at 2:30 PM. There will be talks presented by the Orthodox, Maronite and Melkite priests, and a Divine Liturgy. Our special guest will be the Bishop Francois Beyrouti, the new bishop for the Melkite Catholics in the USA.

There is no cost to attend, however, so that they can prepare for lunch, please call:

Mrs. Zeina Freiha at 781-789-0432 or Mrs. Caren Njeim at 857-222-9777 to reserve a space.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.”

St. Francis of Assisi



IN OUR PRAYERS

Efrangieh Daou, 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 AliceDaher. If anyone is missing from this list, please contact the Church office.

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

2022 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

We are preparing for our annual Christmas Pageant, gathering our young children to tell us the story of the Birth of Jesus. We will be sending out information to all of you. I hope that most of our children will be a part of this great tradition at OLOP. This will be held on Saturday, December 10, at the Church and a Christmas Party immediately following. Please mark your calendars now.

This year, the proceeds for the Angel Project will go to the Eparchy of Jbeil to assist those people in need. This money will be sent to Sayedna Michel Aoun to assist those in most need.

LEBANON NEEDS OUR HELP

Bishop Michel Aoun has called upon Bishop Gregory and the people of the United States for help in the Eparchy of Jbeil. Bishop Aoun is asking anyone who can assist his Eparchy, to please send a check payable to the Eparchy of Saint Maron, 109 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, NY, 11201, and earmark the memo "Eparchy of Jbeil-Bishop Aoun. I know he, along with the people of Lebanon will be very grateful for your assistance. Thank you in advance for your support and love.

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.

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.

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine for the month of October is offered in memory of Joseph Daher requested by Alice Daher. May his soul rest in peace.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Dear Parishioners and Friends of OLOP:

I am happy to announce that we will be having our Annual Lebanese Christmas Bazaar. **This year's bazaar will be especially monumental as we will be hosting this annual event at our future home and community center located at 4254 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA, 02745 (formerly Our Lady of Fatima).**

We invite you and your family to this festive event which promises to please all who enjoy delicious Lebanese food and pastries, money raffles, theme baskets, caravan gifts, silent auction, crafters and vendors, children's games, and more. You may also pre-order Kibbee Trays in advance by calling the Church office or visiting our website at www.ourladyofpurgatory.org

This year's Bazaar will take place on Saturday, November 12, from 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM, and on Sunday, November 13, from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM.

We also welcome donations of new items for our caravan auction as well as our theme basket raffles.

We thank you all in advance for your support and generosity and may God bless you and your families always.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Vincent W. Farhat and

The Lebanese Christmas Bazaar Committee

NEEDS LIST AND WISH LIST FOR CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

While we prepare for our Christmas Bazaar, below is a list of items needed for the weekend. If anyone is interested in donating towards these items, please contact Smitty Cabral (508-961-5899), Lorraine David (508-965-8824), or the Church office at (508-996-8934). As always, thank you for your generosity and help in making the Christmas Bazaar a success!

Donations for the:
Food Expense
Gifts for the Caravan
Theme Baskets
Pastries

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 15, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Teresa of Avilla, Doctor of the Church). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of the deceased members of Kenyon and Daher families requested by family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for all the soul of Michael David requested by the Macedo Family (FM). May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, October 16, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Longinus the Centurion). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph Chedid requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

Monday, October 17, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saints Cosmas and Damian). Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent.

Tuesday, October 18, @ 9:00 AM, (Saint Luke the Evangelist). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Youssef and Raja Daher requested by Mariam David and family. May their souls rest in peace.

Wednesday, October 19, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Aaron of Antioch, Feast of Saints John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions).

Thursday, October 20, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Shallita).

Saturday, October 22, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Pope Saint John Paul II). Liturgy is being offered for all the soul of Steven Espindola requested by Annmarie Espindola. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Julia MacAllister requested by Subdeacon Joe Abraham and Carol Ann Maslanka. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, October 23, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Ignatius, Patriarch of Constantinople). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Atty. George M. Thomas requested by Reggie Thomas and family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Boutros Bou Ramia requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

CONFESSION

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

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.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 10/17-10/22/22

Monday:

Revelations 15: 1-8

John 12: 20-28

Tuesday:

Revelations 18: 1-8

John 16: 20-24

Wednesday:

Revelations 19: 1-2,5-9,11-13,16

Luke 12: 16-21

Thursday:

Revelations 21: 1-12,14

Luke 13: 6-9

Friday:

Revelations 21:22-22:5

Luke 15: 3-7

Saturday:

Revelations 22:16-21

Luke 15:8-10

LECTORS FOR OCTOBER

Saturday, October 15,

Mae Dickinson

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, October 16,

John Barbour / Halim Choubah

Saturday, October 22,

Rachel Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

Sunday, October 23,

Ann Dupre / Rana Choubah

Saturday, October 29,

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Smitty Cabral

Sunday, October 30,

Mae Dickinson/ Jano Baroody

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

WEEK OF OCTOBER

8-9, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,576.00
Bazaar Raffle Tickets	\$ 130.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$ 20.00
Candles	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 1,751.00

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.

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Joseph & Marie Kenyon

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