



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



October 29-30, 2022

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS



THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday in October (and Reformation Sunday) on the Extraordinary Form Calendar and on the and the final Sunday of the Liturgical year on the Ordinary Form calendar, is a feast day that focuses on the authority of Christ. While the problems our world faces today differ from the particular events that inspired Pope Pius XI to establish this feast in the 1920s, his message and call to honor Christ the King in a society that denies the authority of Our Lord is no less pertinent now than it was then.

History of the Feast

The solemnity is a newer feast in the Catholic Church; it was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925. The pontiff was witness to a turbulent time in the world's history. Secularism was on the rise and dangerous dictatorships were emerging in Europe and beyond. Christ had long been referred to as King, but Pope Pius and the Christian faithful saw the

respect and reverence for Christ's authority waning in the midst of the unrest during the first part of the 20th century. In response, the feast was set with the intent to reaffirm and refocus faith and respect in the kingship of Jesus.

On the importance of the public world recognizing the kingly authority of Jesus, Pope Pius XI wrote:

"When once men recognize, both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony. Our Lord's regal office invests the human authority of princes and rulers with a religious significance; it ennobles the citizen's duty of obedience. It is for this reason that St. Paul, while bidding wives revere Christ in their husbands, and slaves respect Christ in their masters, warns them to give obedience to them not as men, but as the vicereagents of Christ; for it is not meet that men redeemed by Christ should serve their fellow-men. 'You are bought

with a price; be not made the bond-slaves of men.'

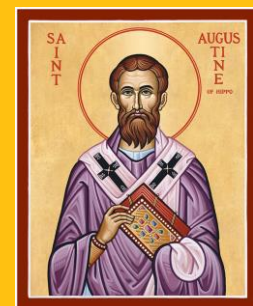
If princes and magistrates duly elected are filled with the persuasion that they rule, not by their own right, but by the mandate and in the place of the Divine King, they will exercise their authority piously and wisely, and they will make laws and administer them, having in view the common good and also the human dignity of their subjects. The result will be a stable peace and tranquility, for there will be no longer any cause of discontent.

Men will see in their king or in their rulers men like themselves, perhaps unworthy or open to criticism, but they will not on that account refuse obedience if they see reflected in them the authority of Christ God and Man.

Peace and harmony, too, will result; for with the spread and the universal extent of the kingdom of Christ men will

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Father, I am seeking: I am hesitant and uncertain, but will you, O God, watch over each step of mine and guide me."
St. Augustine of Hippo



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become more and more conscious of the link that binds them together, and thus many conflicts will be either prevented entirely or at least their bitterness will be diminished."

As detailed at Churchyear.net, Pope Pius XI was hoping for these effects to occur:

1. That nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state.

2. That leaders and nations would see that they are bound to give respect to Christ.

3. That the faithful would gain strength and courage from the celebration of the feast, as we are reminded that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies.

The feast was initially fixed to the final day of October, the day before All Saints Day. Later, in 1969, Pope Paul VI moved the feast to the last Sunday before Advent, to emphasize the importance of the feast. This is fitting within the Church year. The liturgical year begins with Advent, the season of awaiting the coming of Christ, and now the year ends with celebrating the Kingship of Christ.

<https://blog.aquinasandmore.com/christ-the-king-sunday/>

KIBBIE DAY

We will be preparing Kibbee for the Christmas Bazaar on **Tuesday, November 1st**, from **10:00 AM** throughout the afternoon. This will take place at Saint Anthony of The Desert Church Hall in Fall River. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



FALL BACK AND CHANGE YOUR CLOCK

This is a friendly reminder to change your clocks back one hour on **Sunday, November 6, at midnight**. You will get an extra hour of sleep so we will see everyone on time at the Church.

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.

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.

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!

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 29, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Anastasia of Rome). Liturgy is being offered for all the soul of Shirley Azar Roy requested by Joann David. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph J. Saba requested by Annmarie Espindola. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, October 30, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Macarius, Bishop of Jerusalem). Remember me in your Kingdom Liturgy. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joe and Tillie Thomas requested by family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls George and Sultana Sadeck, Peter, Julia and Rose Thomas requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Monday, October 31, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Epimachus). Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent.

Tuesday, November 1, @7:00 PM, (Feast of ALL SAINTS Holy Day of Obligation, Feast of Saints Cosmas and Damian). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Virginia Farhat requested by family. May her soul rest in peace.

Wednesday, November 2, @ 6:00 PM, Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.

Thursday, November 3, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saints Akepsimas, Joseph and Aithalas).

Saturday, November 5, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Asya the Righteous). Liturgy is being offered for all the souls of Melanie Abraham, Patty Alves, Christine David and Diane Moses requested by Ann Dupre. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, November 6, @ 10:30 AM, Consecration of the Church, (Feast of Saint Paul, Patriarch of Constantinople). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Souad Keirouz Yazbeck requested by Raed and Viviane Yazbeck and family. May her soul rest in peace.

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.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a special intention requested by Annmarie Espindola. 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.

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 10/31-11/5/22

Monday:

1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

Matthew 13: 44-46

Tuesday:

Hebrew 12: 18-24

Matthew 5: 1-12

Wednesday:

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

Matthew 18: 23-35

Thursday:

1 Corinthians 12: 12-27

Matthew 22: 15-22

Friday:

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Matthew 21: 28-32

Saturday:

1 Corinthians 14:1-5,13-14,20,26

Matthew 21:33-46

LECTORS FOR OCTOBER

Saturday, October 29,

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Smitty Cabral

Sunday, October 30,

Mae Dickinson/ Jano Baroody

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

IN OUR PRAYERS

Lisa Mello-Frost, Efrangieh Daou, Reggie Thomas, Angela Scorza-Anderson, Renee Helmer, 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.

LECTORS FOR NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 5,

Annmarie Espindola

Intercessions: Annmarie Espindola

Sunday, November 6,

Ann Dupre/Gaby Baroody

Saturday, November 12,

Mae Dickinson

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, November 13,

Rana Choubah/Hiba Chdid

Saturday, November 19,

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Smitty Cabral

Sunday, November 20

Mae Dickinson/ Jano Baroody

Saturday, November 26,

Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

Sunday, November 27,

John Barbour/ Halim Choubah

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

WEEK OF OCTOBER 22-23, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,052.00
Donations	\$ 1,200.00
Second Collection	\$ 112.00
Bazaar Raffle Tickets	\$ 181.00
Bazaar Donations	\$ 155.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 21.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$ 30.00
Candles	\$ 47.00
Total	\$ 2,798.00

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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