



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



October 8-9, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS

WELCOME SAYEDNA GREGORY



Welcome Sayedna Gregory to Our Lady of Purgatory Church. We are always happy to have you join us celebrating Divine Liturgy. As you mark 40 years of priestly ministry, we thank you for all you have done to guide your people closer to God. We also wish you a very happy 40th anniversary to the priesthood. You have been a blessing for all of us. May God grant you many more years shepherding His flock.

CALLED TO BE HOLY

We continue our journey to holiness with the virtue of "hope". A seminarian named Michael Esswein who was injured in a automobile accident with his family and who was now a quadriplegic said that "Hope is the gift that keeps us going when we think Jesus is asleep, and let us thank God for that great gift of hope." This testament given by a young man who wanted to be a priest shows us what "hope" is even in the most difficult situations in one's life. Cardinal Dolan tells us that "hope moves us to trust that the God in whom we believe will always love us and care

for us, that He keeps His promises-not assuring us bliss, comfort, ease, perfections, fulfillment-but love, care, mercy, life."

Just like faith, one may ask how we obtain hope. It is a gift from God given freely to all those who accept this virtue of hope. This gift begins with our baptism as we are given the gift of the Holy Spirit which increases within us through the other sacraments that Jesus gave us through His Church. You have heard me say many times that God knows we are incapable of being His followers on our own, hence, Jesus gave us the sacraments to move and to inspire us; to guide and protect us; to lead us to do good, to be just, to be Christ like. That is why we cannot obtain hope on our own---it is a free gift from God if we only trust and accept it.

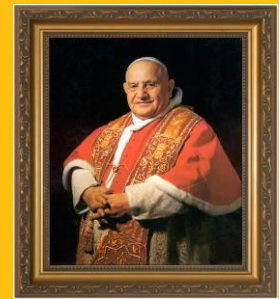
When do we need hope? The answer is quite simple---we need hope all the time. However, like faith, hope is usually most needed during difficult times and despair. We usually do not think about hope when everything in our lives is going well because there isn't that sense of urgency or conflict invading our lives. It is when we are faced with hardships, obstacles, family issues, medical issues, or financial issues that hope is needed the most. And it is during these times that we must rely on someone other than ourselves and that someone is God.

Pope John Paul II would spend hours in front of the Blessed Sacrament before liturgy, after liturgy, and whenever he could find the time to do so. This was a man who carried the world on his shoulders yet submitting himself to the mercy of Jesus Christ, asking for His

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do."

Pope John XXIII



help in the most difficult of times, yet never giving up hope. St. John Vianney said "when tempted to lose hope I have only one resource: to throw myself at the foot of the tabernacle like a little dog at the foot of his master." Brothers and sisters, this is hope. Knowing that without God in our lives we cannot carry the weight of this world by ourselves. Without God in our lives, we would not have the virtue of hope freely given to us.

With hope also comes perseverance. To persevere in times of adversity, conflict, confusion, and doubt is to have the virtue of hope. Hope is needed to trust that God is listening even when there is no response; to hope He is there when it

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seems he has abandoned us; to trust that our efforts at prayer are producing some invisible fruit when all visible signs of success are not there says Cardinal Dolan. The most important thing we must remember when we feel like we may be losing hope in times of trials and difficulties is this: When we can't understand why something difficult is happening to us or our loved ones and that even with hope in a loving God, without that hope it makes absolutely no sense at all. We must persevere in prayer, persevere in faith, and persevere in our trust in God---then hope will make all the difference in our lives.

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.

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**



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday, October 11, 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.

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.

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY WELCOME ME INTO YOUR KINGDOM

Remember Me Into Your Kingdom, in celebrating their 10 year anniversary on Saturday, November 5, 2022. Praying for the souls in purgatory is the mission of this beautiful organization, which we celebrate every last Sunday of the month. This milestone will be celebrated at Our Lady of Annunciation Melkite Cathedral and all are invited to attend. The schedule will be as follows:

9:00 AM: Registration
9:30 AM: Opening Prayer
10:00AM: A Ten Year's Journey
10:15 AM: Prayers and Condolences
10:45AM: Testimonials
11:30AM: Talks
12:15PM: Discussion Forums
1:30 PM: Divine Liturgy
2:30 PM: Group Photo followed by Lunch
There is no cost to attend, however, so that they can prepare for lunch, please call Zeina Freiha at 781-789-0432 or Mrs. Caren Njeim at 857-222-9777, to reserve a space.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 8, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Pelagia of Antioch).

Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Henry Hardy and Jesse Moreno requested by Subdeacon Joe Abraham and Carol Ann Maslanka. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Sarkees and Frousema Peters and the deceased members of their family requested by Joann, Anthony, and Loraine David. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, October 9, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saints James, Brother of the Lord).

Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Norma Sylvia requested by OLOP. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Selma Joseph requested by family (FM). May her soul rest in peace.

Monday, October 10, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Eulampius and His Sister Eulampia, and Their Companions). Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent.

Tuesday, October 11, @ 9:00 AM, (Saint Philip the Deacon, Feast of Pope Saint John XXIII).

Wednesday, October 12, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Edno). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of George Morad requested by the family (FM). May his soul rest in peace.

Thursday, October 13, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saints Carpus and Papyrus, and Their Companions).

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.

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 Milad Chedid requested by Hiba and Zakhia Chdid. 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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 10/10-10/15/22

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 8,

John Kalife/ Hiba Chdid

Intercessions: Amal Baroody,
Mae Dickinson & Smitty Cabral

Sunday, October 9,

Ann Dupre /Jano Baroody

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)

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.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24-25, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$ 1690.00
OLOF Fund	\$ 700.00
Coffee hour	\$ 44.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$ 10.00
Candles	\$ 22.00
Total	\$ 2,466.00

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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