



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



November 12-13, 2022

SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD



FEAST OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

St. John, named Chrysostom (golden-mouthed) on account of his eloquence, came into the world of Christian parents, about the year 344, in the city of Antioch. His mother, at the age of 20, was a model of virtue. He studied rhetoric under Libanius, a pagan, the most famous orator of the age.

In 374, he began to lead the life of an anchorite in the mountains near Antioch, but in 386 the poor state of his health forced him to return to Antioch, where he was ordained a priest.

In 398, he was elevated to the See of Constantinople and became one of the greatest lights of the Church. But he had enemies in high places and some were ecclesiastics, not the least being Theophilus, Patriarch of Alexandria, who repented of this before he died. His most powerful enemy, however, was the empress Eudoxia, who was offended by the apostolic freedom of his discourses. Several accusations were brought against

him in a pseudo-council, and he was sent into exile.

In the midst of his sufferings, like the apostle, St. Paul, whom he so greatly admired, he found the greatest peace and happiness. He had the consolation of knowing that the Pope remained his friend and did for him what lay in his power. His enemies were not satisfied with the sufferings he had already endured, and they banished him still further, to Pythius, at the very extremity of the Empire. He died on his way there on September 14, 407.

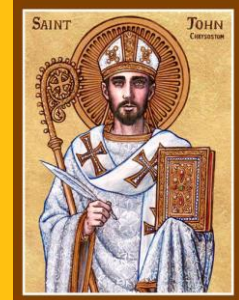
UPDATE ON OUR NEW HOME

I'd like to thank everyone for their patience during this brief delay in the purchase of the former Our Lady of Fatima property. As I explained a few weeks ago, there is a minor title issue that the Diocese of Fall River must clear before they can convey the property to us. The necessary paperwork has been filed to clear the title issue, and once the Probate Court enters an Order we anticipate closing before the end of the year. During the delay, we have continued to fine tune the quotes and estimates for the renovation and moving expenses. We've also begun our Capital Campaign. I encourage everyone to take a moment during this month of Thanksgiving and give some thought as to how you can support the Capital Campaign. As we continue this Journey of Faith, your participation is a great way to honor the sacrifices of the past, celebrate the accomplishment of the present, and support the promise of the future. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the move or the Capital Campaign. God bless all of you!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"When you are before the altar where Christ reposes, you ought no longer to think that you are amongst men; but believe that there are troops of angels and archangels standing by you, and trembling with respect before the sovereign Master of Heaven and earth. Therefore, when you are in church, be there in silence, fear, and veneration."

Saint John Chrysostom



MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE

Our deepest condolences are extended to the family of Elie Irani who passed away this past week. To his children Nataliael, Tatiana, Dory, and Daniella, we offer our prayers and sympathy. Also, we extend our prayers to all of Elie's family here and in Lebanon. May Almighty God welcome Elie into His kingdom and may his soul rest in peace. Allah yerhammo.

SECOND COLLECTION

As per the directive of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, there will be a second collection this weekend for the Maronite Patriarchal Charities. This money is sent to our Patriarch for his charitable works. Thank you for your generosity.

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

SAINT JOSEPH SODALITY --- Festival of Trees

The St. Joseph Sodality will be sponsoring a Festival of Trees at the Christmas Bazaar. There will be 10 themed decorated trees and you can buy a raffle chance to win the tree of your choice. All proceeds from the Festival of Trees will be used to help defray the cost of moving the St. Joseph Icon and St. Joseph Statue to our new parish home on Acushnet Avenue. In other Sodality News, the Sodality will once again be sponsoring a Giving Tree from November 12th through December 9th. This year the Sodality is partnering with Birthright of Taunton. The tree will be decorated with paper ornaments that each list a gift request for a boy or girl with an age. All you need to do is sign up to take an ornament, purchase the gift and return it to Church by December 9th. Thanks to everyone for participating.

CYO GIRLS BASKETBALL SEASON

Rachael and Leilah, who will be coaching the Girls Grade 4-6 basketball team. This team is part of the CYO in conjunction with Saint Theresa of Calcutta School in New Bedford. If you have young girls in grades 4-6 who would like to play on this league, please let Rachael or Leilah know. The information as far as fees are included in this email. I have also included their email addresses should you need to reach them.

The season will begin the Monday after Thanksgiving, November 28. The games will be held at the Our Lady of Mount Carmel gymnasium in New Bedford.

The fees will be \$60 per player which goes to CYO, \$5 per player to cover parish fee, \$30 for jerseys and shorts, \$15 end of year gift, \$10 cushion for a few spare jerseys sizes, ice packs, etc... which totals \$120.00. Please write checks to Saint Theresa of Calcutta and have your child bring it to school. Please write your child's name on the check and CYO Basketball in the memo. This is due by November 14th. If you do get kids from outside of the school, please send those checks in with your child to the school and use the same information on their checks.

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.

SAINT ANTHONY OF THE DESERT BAZAAR

Saint Anthony of the Desert Church will be having their Annual Christmas & Holiday Bazaar on Saturday and Sunday, November 19-20, from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, both days. I hope many of you will be able to attend and show our support to our brothers and sisters in Fall River.

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.

MEDICINE DRIVE FOR LEBANON

The MYA is reaching out for your support in an initiative to help get medicine and aid to our home country Lebanon. We have teamed up with the NGO [Medonations](#) to gather medicine and supplies for Lebanon.

Medonations was started by Marina Khawand, a young Maronite that is dedicating her time and work to help provide healthcare access to those in need. She is responsible for starting a brand-new FREE clinic where countless physicians and doctors have pledged to volunteer time at. In order for this organization to continue their amazing work, they need our help.

We are asking Parishes to sponsor a Drop Box at their church where the local community can donate medicine/supplies. Christophe and Emmanuel Chedid have offered to head this drive. We will have a box at the Church for you to bring these medications. I have listed the list from the MYA Office:

Esomeprazole- Lansoprazole- Omeprazole- Pantoprazole- Maalox- Aspirin 81MG- Naprozen- Loratadine- Fluticasone Nasal- Nasacort Nasal- Cough Syrup for Kids and Adults- Cobalin B12- Calcium- Vitamin D- Kids Vitamins Gummies- Iron- Vitamin B Complex- Vitamin C Glucosamine MSM- Rantidine- Hot and Cold Packs- First Aid Kits- Accu Check- Performa/Guide Strips- Gloves.
Thank you all for your help.



Our Lady Of Purgatory
Catholic Church

**ANNUAL LEBANESE
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

Located at:
OUR FUTURE HOME
(FORMERLY OUR LADY OF FATIMA)
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10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Sunday, November 13, 2022
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 12, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Theodore). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Clarence and Mildred Hahn, Sandra Stevenson and Robert Wellner requested by the Kenyon family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, November 13, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint John Chrysostom, Doctor of the Church). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph Saseen, Julia, Alex, Nicholas and John Kalife requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Elizabeth Grenier requested by Annie Costa (FM). May her soul rest in peace.

Monday, November 14, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Philip). Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent. **No Liturgy.**

Tuesday, November 15, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saints Gurias, Samonas, and Habib the Deacon). **No Liturgy.**

Wednesday, November 16, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Matthew the Evangelist). **No Liturgy.**

Thursday, November 17, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Gregory the Wonderworker). **No Liturgy.**

Saturday, November 19, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Pope Saint Pontian). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Philamene Pinto requested by family. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, November 20, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Gregory of the Decapolis). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Mark Thomas requested by family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Helen Yamine requested by Milad and Sousou Maalouf. May her soul rest in peace.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for David Dickinson and Reno Ouellet requested by Mae Dickinson. 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.

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine for the month of November is offered in memory of John, Malvina and Joseph David requested by Joann, Anthony and Lorraine David. May his soul rest in peace.

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 BouRamia, 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.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 11/14-11/19/22

Monday:

Romans 4: 1-12

John 8: 31-37

Tuesday:

Romans 2: 1-8

John 8: 38-40

Wednesday:

Romans 2: 9-16

John 8: 41-45

Thursday:

Romans 2: 17-29

John 8: 46-50

Friday:

Romans 3: 1-12

John 8: 51-55

Saturday:

Romans 3: 21-31

John 8: 56-59

LECTORS FOR NOVEMBER

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 Barood

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 November 5-6, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,477.00
All Saints Feast	\$ 129.00
Bazaar Donations	\$ 390.00
Kibbie Trays	\$ 300.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 38.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$ 40.00
Candles	\$ 51.00
Total	\$ 3,425.00

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.

Join
BISHOP GREGORY J. MANSOUR
FR. VINCENT FARHAT

&
OUR LADY OF PURGATORY PARISH

*to pray the Rosary
for our faithful departed*

EVERY THURSDAY

5:00PM - VIA ZOOM

*May the souls of the
faithful departed
rest in peace*



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