



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



November 19-20, 2022

SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE VIRGIN MARY



HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Thanksgiving Day brings back many memories and wonderful moments to my mind. A day when it seems as if the world stops, and all Americans join together with their families and give thanks to God for what they have. This is how Thanksgiving began here in the United States of America.

When the first pilgrims came to Plymouth Rock in 1621, they arrived in the late fall. More than half of them died that winter but as soon as spring arrived, they planted their crops and grew enough for them to survive during the next winter. The pilgrims as well as the Indians (as it is recognized), would give thanks to God for

their gifts of food and family. It wasn't until Abraham Lincoln declared this a National Holiday in 1683 and this holiday has been with us ever since.

This is a time for all of us to gather with our families and loved ones and to give thanks to God for His wonderful gifts he as blessed us with. It is a time to reminisce about our loved ones, who have gone before us, who sacrificed so much for us to be a part of this great nation. It is a time to give thanks for this great land where opportunity is abundant and freedom a right for each one of us. This is a time where we honor the great men and women who protect our freedoms from those who wish to destroy them and to remember that our country, which was founded on Judeo-Christian principles, remains even so bleakly, a land where God has been given His glory and His Eternal Law is alive.

I wish for each of you a very blessed and Happy Thanksgiving with your families and loved ones. May it be filled with the memories of our ancestors, who travelled here to give us what this great country stands for---freedom, liberty, and justice for all. Happy Thanksgiving.

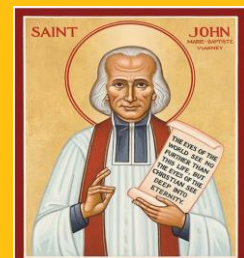
WELCOME TO THE FLOCK OF CHRIST

Welcome to the flock of Christ, Louis William Davis, who was baptized and confirmed on November 5. Congratulations to his parents Jackson and Genevieve Davis, and his grandmother Ann Dupre and the Dupre family. May Almighty God carry Louis in His arms every day of his life and keep him in His loving care. Welcome to our community.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Let us live as the Blessed Virgin lived: loving God only, desiring God only, trying to please God only in all that we do."

Saint John Vianney



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.

ANGEL PROGRAM

Will you consider being an Angel for our Children's Christmas Pageant? The proceeds of the Angel Program will benefit the children's pageant and the other half will be sent to Bishop Aoun, the Bishop of Jbeil, to help the needy in his Eparchy. Please fill out a form that are located at the entrances of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

WITH GRATITUDE AND THANKS

I would like to thank Smitty Cabral and Lorraine David for leading our Annual Christmas Bazaar with great success. I also thank all the volunteers and sponsors for their hard work and dedication in preparing the food, transporting food and equipment, and preparing the hall for our Church. The bazaar was a great success in many ways as we received a glimpse of our future home. The atmosphere was euphoric and merry and many of the neighbors supported our event with welcoming arms and best wishes. God bless all of you and Our Lady of Purgatory.

MAY HER SOUL REST IN PEACE

Our deepest condolences are extended to the family of Eugenie El Khoury who passed away this week. To her brothers Maroun and Michel El Khoury and their families, her daughter Hiam Merhej in Boston, her family in Lebanon, her grandchildren Carlos and Fares El Khoury, and to all her family here in Fall River and New Bedford area, we send our sympathy and prayers.

May Almighty God welcome Eugenie into His kingdom and may her soul rest in peace. Allah yerhamma.

MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE

We received the sad news that Mr. Mansour Youssef, the father of Father Tony Youssef passed away recently in Syria. We extend our condolences to his first wife Aziza and his present wife Georgette, along with his children Sawssan, Fadi, Kamil, Elham, Father Tony, Father Jihad and Élie. We ask your prayers and extend our heartfelt condolences to Father Tony and his family. May Mansour's soul Rest in Peace. Condolences may be sent to: Rev. Antoun Youssef, Saint Ann Church, 1320 Price Street, Scranton, PA 18504-3336. Allah yerhammo.

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!

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.

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- Maalox- Lansoprazole- Omeprazole- Pantoprazole- 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.

St. Anthony
Maronite Church
invites you
to our annual
Christmas Concert

EMMANUEL, GOD IS WITH US
For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.
(Matthew 2:2)

DECEMBER 17, 2022 | 7 P.M.
ST. ANTHONY CHURCH, 145 AMESBURY ST, LAWRENCE, MA

Please join us for a light dinner in the church hall following the concert.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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

Monday, November 21, @ 9:00 AM, (Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple). Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent.

Tuesday, November 22, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of Our Lady, the Virgin Mary).

Wednesday, November 23, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Sassine, Bishop of Cyzicus).

Thursday, November 24, @ 9:00 AM, Thanksgiving Day. (Feast of Saint Catherine of Alexandria). Liturgy is being offered in Thanksgiving requested by Mariam David.

Saturday, November 26, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Peter, Patriarch of Alexandria). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of John J. David requested by Joann, Anthony and Lorraine David. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, November 27, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint James Intercissus). Remember Me In Your Kingdom Liturgy. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Milad Chedid requested by family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph M. Thomas requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

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.

LECTORS FOR NOVEMBER

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)

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns in thanksgiving requested by Mariam David and family. 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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Efrangieh Daou, Lisa Mello-Frost, Reggie Thomas, Peter Helmer, Renee Helmer, Natalya Sarkis, Octavia David, Jacob Rego, Amal Assaf, Denise Magaletta, Fernanda Thomas, Angela Scorza-Anderson, 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.

CONFESSION

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

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.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 11/21-11/26/22

Monday:

Galatians 3: 1-6

Luke 11: 27-32

Tuesday:

Galatians 3: 7-14

Matthew 11: 25-30

Wednesday:

Galatians 3: 23-29

Matthew 13: 54-58

Thursday:

Galatians 4: 1-7

Matthew 12: 46-50

Friday:

Galatians 4:8-12

John 6: 40-44

Saturday:

Galatians 4: 13-21

Luke 10:21-24

WEEK OF November 12-13, 2022


Sunday Collection	\$ 780.00
Second Coollection	\$ 170.00
Donations	\$ 5,000.00
Bazaar Raffle	\$ 60.00
Total	\$ 6,010.00

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
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FR. VINCENT FARHAT
&
OUR LADY OF PURGATORY PARISH**
*to pray the Rosary
for our faithful departed*
**EVERY THURSDAY
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*May the souls of the
faithful departed
rest in peace*

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