



# Our Lady of Purgatory



## Maronite Catholic Church

November 26-27, 2022

### SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH



#### Let this mystery teach us to love our neighbor.

Gabriel had just left her, and the first thing she does is prepare to leave and visit Elizabeth, her cousin. Gabriel had told her Elizabeth was in her sixth month of pregnancy, a testament to the power of God.

To our modern way of thinking, Mary surely deserved to stay home to rest and take care of herself, now that she herself was expecting. And after all, the angel had said this child would be the holy Son of God! That certainly deserves some pampering and special treatment! But I suspect Mary was overjoyed at the news of Elizabeth's pregnancy and couldn't wait to get there and share the wonder of it all with her. Now the two of them could delight in each other's miracles and bask in the glory of God and all He had done by His power alone. I can easily imagine them hugging and laughing and fussing over each other.

It's really a simple lesson this mystery teaches - take care of each other. Even when you have good reason for worrying only about yourself, try to find a way to care for someone else also. I'm

your neighbor and you're mine. There will be plenty of opportunities for us to care for each other and meet the other's needs. But will we?

And what about the neighbor we don't particularly like, or the neighbor we just can't stand? There's where it gets sticky! Even then, we are asked to find ways to show love. Love that is hard to give, love that requires a real sacrifice, love that is on-purpose-even-though-I-really-don't-want-to is the truest of all.

A good place to start is our own families. Love-on-purpose that family member you don't like being around. Love-on-purpose the one who irritates you to no end. Love-on-purpose the relative you have nothing in common with. Love the one who just plain drives you crazy. Do it as unto Jesus and watch how your heart changes.

Be happy for the blessings in your family member's lives and celebrate with them. Rejoice in their good fortune without envy and bear their sorrow with them whenever you can. Pray for them. Bring Christ to your family, as Mary brought Christ to Elizabeth's.

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#### 2022 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

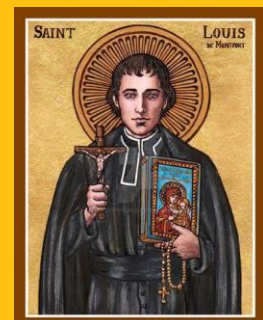
We are preparing for our annual Christmas Pageant, gathering our young children to tell us the story of the Birth of Jesus. We will be sending out information to all of you. I hope that most of our children will be a part of this great tradition at OLOP. This will be held on Saturday, December 10, at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

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"The Son of God became man for our salvation but only in Mary and through Mary."*

*Saint Louis Marie de Montfort*



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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 GIVING TREE



Once again, the Saint Joseph Sodality is sponsoring this year's Giving Tree, to help the less fortunate children in the area and spreading Christ's love, joy, and peace to others. If you would like to sponsor a child, please take a name tag off the Giving Tree, located next to our Blessed Mother. Please bring these gifts unwrapped and with the name tag by Sunday, December 11. Thank you for your generosity and to the St. Joseph Sodality for sponsoring this beautiful gesture of love to others.

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR PROFIT

Total Income from Bazaar: \$ 17,754.00  
Total Expenses for Bazaar: \$ 3,603.17  
Total Profit : \$ 14,150.83  
Congratulations to you on this wonderful Bazaar.

### SAVE THE DATES:

1. Children's Christmas Pageant Saturday evening, **December 10**, with reception following at the Lebanese Center.
2. Christmas Novena, beginning Thursday, **December 15 through December 23**, beginning at 7:00 PM, following Divine Liturgy which begins at 6:30 PM.
3. Saint Maron's Day Hafli, Saturday, **February 4, 2023**, beginning at 7:30 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 is located at the entrances of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

## 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!

### 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.

## 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-  
Naproxen- 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.





## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**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.

**Monday, November 28, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Stephen the Younger).** Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Victoria Lahoud and her family.

**Tuesday, November 29, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saints Saturninus and Sisinius).**

**Wednesday, November 30, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Andrew, Feast of Saint Bishop (Pishoy)).**

**Thursday, December 1, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Nahum the Prophet).**

**Saturday, December 3, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Francis Xavier).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Katheline Kalife requested by Subdeacon Joseph Abraham and Carol Ann Maslanka. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls In Purgatory requested by Marie Kenyon. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the living and deceased members of Mariam David requested by Mariam David and family.

**Sunday, December 4, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint James Intercissus).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joe Dupre requested by family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Moses P. Moses requested by Any Moses (FM). May his soul rest in peace.

## LECTORS FOR NOVEMBER

**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 memory of Robert Natkins Jr. requested by Alice Daher. 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.

## 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.

## DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 11/28-12/3/22

### Monday:

Ephesians 1: 15-23

Luke 1: 43-56

### Tuesday:

Ephesians 2: 1-10

Luke 10: 38-42

### Wednesday:

Ephesians 2: 11-16

Luke 19: 1-10

### Thursday:

Ephesians 2: 17-22

John 4: 39-42

### Friday:

Ephesians 3:8-12

Mark 7: 24-30

### Saturday:

Ephesians 4: 1-7

Luke 5:27-32

## WEEK OF November 19-20, 2022


Sunday Collection	\$ 1,889.00
OLOF Fund	\$ 250.00
Angel program	\$ 50.00
Bazaar Food	\$ 584.00
Bazaar Donations	\$ 50.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 5.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 65.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$ 40.00
Candles	\$ 60.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,993.00</b>

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

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