



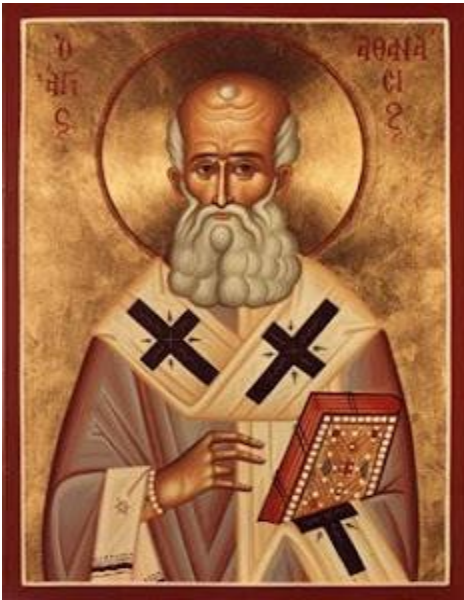
Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



January 14-15, 2023

SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS EPIPHANY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



SAINT ATHANASIUS OF ALEXANDRIA

Athanasius led a tumultuous but dedicated life of service to the Church. He was the great champion of the faith against the widespread heresy of Arianism, the teaching by Arius that Jesus was not truly divine. The vigor of his writings earned him the title of doctor of the Church.

Born of a Christian family in Alexandria, Egypt, and given a classical education, Athanasius became secretary to Alexander, the bishop of Alexandria, entered the priesthood and was eventually named bishop himself. His predecessor, Alexander, had been an outspoken critic of a new movement growing in the East—Arianism.

When Athanasius assumed his role as bishop of Alexandria, he continued the fight against Arianism. At first, it seemed that the battle would be easily won, and that Arianism would be condemned. Such, however, did not prove to be the case. The Council of Tyre was called and for several reasons that are still unclear, the Emperor Constantine exiled Athanasius to northern Gaul. This was to be the first in a series of travels and exiles reminiscent of the life of Saint Paul.

After Constantine died, his son restored Athanasius as bishop. This lasted only a year, however, for he was deposed once again by a coalition of Arian bishops. Athanasius took his case to Rome, and Pope Julius I called a synod to review the case and other related matters.

Five times Athanasius was exiled for his defense of the doctrine of Christ's divinity. During one period of his life, he enjoyed 10 years of relative peace—reading, writing, and promoting the Christian life along the lines of the monastic ideal to which he was greatly devoted. His dogmatic and historical writings are almost all polemic, directed against every aspect of Arianism.

Among his ascetical writings, his *Life of St. Anthony* achieved astonishing popularity and contributed greatly to the establishment of monastic life

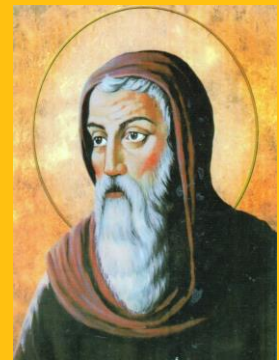
throughout the Western Christian world.

Reflection

Athanasius suffered many trials while he was bishop of Alexandria. He was given the grace to remain strong against what probably seemed at times to be insurmountable opposition. Athanasius lived his office as bishop completely. He defended the true faith for his flock, regardless of the cost to himself. In today's world we are experiencing this same call to remain true to our faith, no matter what.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“He (Jesus) became what we are that He might make us what He is.”
Athanasius of Alexandria*



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



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday, January 17, 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.

MARONITE SISTERS OF CHRIST THE LIGHT

Discernment Retreat Weekend for Women, Dartmouth MA

"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord." — Psalm 34:9

Is Jesus calling you to *Come, Taste and See*? Are you seeking to learn more about prayer, religious life and how God might be calling you to use your gifts to serve him? The Maronite Servants of Christ the Light located in Dartmouth MA, invite young adult women (ages 18-39) to prayerfully consider joining them for a Discernment Retreat Weekend, April 14-16, 2023. The weekend is designed to give young adult women a glimpse into prayer and communal life and to come away, to be with Jesus, our Eucharistic Lord.

To register or to learn more scan the QR Code on the flyer or visit:

maroniteservants.org.

If you have any questions please contact: Sister Therese Maria, srtherese2010@gmail.com

Thank you for your prayerful support and helping us to promote religious vocations in our Eparchy.

+Gregory

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine for the month of January is offered in memory of Mansour Barbour requested by Norma Barbour and family. May his soul rest in peace.

SAINT MARON DAY HAFLI SPONSORSHIPS BOOK

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Purgatory:

In keeping with the traditions at OLOP, this year we will be having an Ad Book for the Saint Maron Hafli on February 4th. You can submit an ad in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone, or to support a business. If you want, we can set up the ad for you.

If you would like to become a sponsor for the Hafli, please use this form or email the office with your message and/or picture that you would like included in the booklet. If you would like to include a photo or business card, please email those to the office, in high resolution, to:

ourladyofpurgatory@gmail.com

We are looking forward to seeing all of you there enjoying great food, live music, dancing, and wonderful raffles. Most importantly, we are looking forward to being together and enjoying each other's company. As always, thank you for your support in making our Hafli a great success.

FULL PAGE: \$150.00

HALF PAGE: \$100.00

QUARTER PAGE: \$ 50.00

MESSAGE: _____



SAINT MARON HAFLI

The Saint Maron Hafli tickets are on sale now. Please reserve yours by calling:

The Church Office @ 508-996-8934

Or

Sousou Maalouf @ 508-916-1523

Our Lady of Purgatory Church

Saint Maron's Feast Day Hafli

Saturday, February 4, 2023

at

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@ 7:30 PM

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@ 8:30 PM

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Children (12 -17): \$40.00
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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 14, @ 4:30 PM, (Praises of Saint Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Janet Kellish requested by Lou and Smitty Cabral. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for all the souls in Purgatory requested by Sean, Marie and Keira McLaughlin. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, January 15, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Carterius the Priest). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of John and Theresa Samia, and for the souls of Nacklie and Marie Nessralla requested by family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Mansour Barbour requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

Monday, January 16, @ 9:00 PM, (Memorial of the Chains of Saint Peter). Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent.

Tuesday, January 17, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Anthony the Great). Liturgy is being offered in thanksgiving for a special intention requested by Rose David.

Wednesday, January 18, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Athanasius of Alexandria, Doctor of the Church, Establishment of the Chair of Saint Peter in Rome). Liturgy is being offered for a special intention requested by Rose David.

Thursday, January 19, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Macarius of Egypt). Liturgy is being offered for a special intention requested by Rose David.

Saturday, January 21, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Sebastian). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph, Peter and Marie Kenyon requested by family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of George J. and Mary C. Saba requested by family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, January 22, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Timothy, Disciple of Saint Paul). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Charbel, Mounir, Helen and Sami Baroody requested by Philip and Jano Baroody. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph Nader requested by Joann Longden. May his soul rest in peace.

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.

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 JANUARY

Saturday, January 14,
Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Smitty Cabral

Sunday, January 15,

John Barbour / Halim Choubah

Saturday, January 21,

Mae Dickinson

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, January 22,

Ann Dupre / Gaby Baroody

Saturday, January 28,

Annmarie Espindola

Intercessions: Annmarie Espindola

Sunday, January 29,

Mae Dickinson / Rana 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 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.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/16-1/21/23

Monday:

2 Corinthians 1: 1-11

John 1: 43-51

Tuesday:

2 Corinthians 1: 12-24

Luke 5: 1-11

Wednesday:

2 Corinthians 2: 1-11

Matthew 4: 18-25

Thursday:

2 Corinthians 2: 12-17

Matthew 9: 9-13

Friday:

2 Corinthians 12:17-13:4

Matthew 9: 35-38

Saturday:

2 Corinthians 13: 5-13

Matthew 10: 1-6

WEEK OF January 1,2023

Sunday Collection	\$ 3,743.00
Memorial	\$ 150.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 124.00
Lebanese Market	\$ 52.00
Sanctuary Candles	\$ 20.00
Candles	\$ 56.00
Total	\$ 4,145.00

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.

WONDERING IF THE LORD IS CALLING YOU TO THE MARONITE PRIESTHOOD? MEN AGED 18-40 ARE INVITED FOR A WEEKEND OF FELLOWSHIP, PRAYER & DISCUSSION.

SPEAK, LORD, FOR YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING.
(1 SAM. 3:10)

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