



# Our Lady of Purgatory

## Maronite Catholic Church



February 11-12, 2023

### SUNDAY OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

#### BLESSED 40TH ANNIVERSARY CHORBISHOP MICHAEL G. THOMAS



Happy and blessed 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary to Chorbishop Michael Thomas, a son of this parish. We are so fortunate to have a vocation to the priesthood from this humble parish in New Bedford. He was ordained for the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn on Feb. 11, 1983, by Archbishop Francis M. Zayek.



He attended seminary at the Pontifical North American College, Vatican City



and received a bachelor's degree in Sacred Theology at Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome. He earned a doctorate in Canon Law at the Pontifical Oriental Institute, Rome.



Chorbishop Michael was elevated to the rank of Periodeut with the title of Monsignor by Cardinal Sfeir, on April 10, 2001. He was invested as a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem on June 9, 2002.

He was elevated to the rank of Chorbishop by Cardinal Nasrallah Peter Sfeir, on

Dec. 12 at Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Along with these accomplishments, Chorbishop Michael has served as Vicar General for the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn since 2004, as well as serving as Chancellor.

With all these duties, Chorbishop Michael was assigned as Administrator for the Sacred Heart of Jesus Mission which opened January 6, 2012, in Fort Laruderdale, Florida. His hard work and dedication for the next 10 years changed the status from Mission to Church in 2022. Bishop Gregory Mansour assigned Chorbishop Michael as Pastor of this community where he will serve for the next 6 years.

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“Go forth in peace, for you have followed the good road. Go forth without fear; for He that created you has sanctified you, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Blessed be Thou, O God, for having created me.”*

*St. Clare, on her deathbed speaking to herself*



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



## MANY THANKS

I would like to thank the so many people who helped make our Saint Maron's Day Hafli a great success. To those who prepared food, decorated, sold tickets, bartended, photographers, those who donated food and liquor, to the many sponsors, the musicians, those who donated for our raffle, and everyone who attended, THANK YOU!

We experienced just a taste of what is yet to come, and I hope all of you enjoyed the evening as much as I did. We ask Almighty God, through the intercession of Our Lady of Purgatory and Our Lady of Fatima, to continue to bless our community and all our endeavors. Job well done to all of you. Mabrook!

Chorbishop Michael has been an example to all his brother priests that faith in God and caring for His flock can produce abundant fruit. The many communities which he served have gained so much from his ministry.

We ask Almighty God to bless his priesthood with many more years of service. We thank you Chorbishop Michael for all you do for the Eparchy and for all the lives you have touched. Mabrook and God bless you always.

## SAINT MARON HAFLI PROFIT

### Hafli Income:

Ad Book	\$ 2,400.00
Bar Sales	\$ 2,563.32
Donations	\$ 3,050.00
Ticket Sales	\$ 19,055.00
Raffle Tickets	\$ 2,060.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 29,141.32</b>

### Hafli Expenses:

Hafli Food Expense	\$ 1,476.63
Hafli Supplies	\$ 321.72
Decorations	\$ 500.00
Tables and Chairs	\$ 1,290.00
<b>Total Expense:</b>	<b>\$ 6,388.35</b>

<b>Total Profit:</b>	<b>\$ 22,752.97</b>
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## APPEAL FROM BISHOP GREGORY MANSOUR



Dear Friends in Christ: The recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria have caused terrible loss of life, countless injuries, and irreparable damage to housing and structures of safety for thousands. For many years our Eparchy has been helping the three Maronite Eparchies of Damascus, Aleppo and Latakia, (Bishops Samir Nassar, Joseph Tabchi and Antoine Chbeir respectively). Anyone who would like to assist can send monies either by check made payable to the Eparchy of Saint Maron and mail to 109 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, or make a donation online by going to: <https://www.stmaron.org/donate>. Please designate for which Eparchy/Bishop you would like to donate. Your help is greatly appreciated. + Gregory

## FR. VINCENT OUT OF TOWN

Fr. Vincent will be away February 12-16, 2023. There will be no daily Liturgies for the week. For any emergencies, please contact the Church office or Deacon Jean. Thank you and have a blessed week.



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Application Deadline: May 31, 2023

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, February 11, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of George and Rose David requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for all the souls in Purgatory requested by Sean, Marie and Keira McLaughlin. May all the souls in Purgatory rest in peace.

**Sunday, February 12, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Meletius of Antioch).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of John, Peter and Frozia Thomas requested by Hyatt Thomas and family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Boutros and Joseph Bou Ramia requested by family. May their souls rest in peace.

**Monday, February 13, @ 9:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Catherine de Ricci, Feast of Saint Beatrice of Ornacieux).** Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent. **NO LITURGY.**

**Tuesday, February 14, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Valentine the Priest).** **NO LITURGY.**

**Wednesday, February 15, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saints Faustinus and Jovita).** **NO LITURGY.**

**Thursday, February 16, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Theodore the Recruit).** **NO LITURGY.**

**Saturday, February 18, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Pope Saint Leo the Great,).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph M. Thomas requested by his children and grandchildren. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Marie (Peter) Barckett and for the soul of Diane (Barckett) Moses requested by Joe Barckett. May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, February 19, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of The 500 Martyrs of Tyre).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Regis and Marthe Valois requested by Reggie Thomas and family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Walter Chomak requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

## WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine for the month of February is offered in memory of George and Mary Saba and in memory of Steven Espindola requested by Annemarie Espindola. May Their souls rest in peace.

## 2022 TAX LETTERS

If you need your contributions for your taxes for 2022, please contact the church office and we will provide you with this as you prepare to file your taxes.

## 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, Theresa John, Laurette Bou Ramia, Annie Peter, Jeannie Francis, Mariam David, Norma Thomas, Zita Drouin, Lucienne Rodrigues, Edmond Salameh, Ed Da Rocha, and Alice Daher. If anyone is missing from this list, please contact the Church office.

## LECTORS FOR FEBRUARY

**Saturday, February 11,**  
Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Smitty Cabral  
**Sunday, February 12,**  
John Barbour /Jano Baroody

**Saturday, February 18,**  
Mae Dickinson

Intercessions: Eric Tavares  
**Sunday, February 19,**  
Rana Choubah / Halim Choubah

**Monday, February 20,**  
12:00PM TBA

7:00 PM Mae Dickinson/ Hiba Chdid  
**Saturday, February 25,**  
Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins  
**Sunday, February 26,**  
Mae Dickinson / Gaby Baroody

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for Richard F. Long Sr. requested by Beatrice Long. 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.

## FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Jimmy Kalife, Wassim Chedid, Rose Dupre, Rana Choubah, Nigel Hitchings, and Joseph Barckett.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Fadi Bark, Johnny Kalife, Vicki Thomas Marini, Jacques Barbour.

## WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4-5, 2023

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,034.00
January Online Giving	\$ 1,367.21
OLOF Donations	\$ 250.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 32.00
Lebanese Market	\$ 8.00
Sanctuary Candles	\$ 30.00
Candles	\$ 74.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,765.21</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.**

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