



# Our Lady of Purgatory



## Maronite Catholic Church

February 18-19, 2023

### SUNDAY OF THE ENTRANCE INTO LENT MIRACLE AT CANA IN GALILEE

#### PROGRESS STATUS OF CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

I would like to thank those who have contributed to the Capital Campaign which will assist in moving our treasures and remodel the Church to suit our needs. The following pledges have been received.



#### UPDATE ON THE MOVE TO OLOF

I am happy to inform our community that a closing date has been set for the purchase of Our Lady of Fatima. Our closing date will be on the Feast of Saint John Maron, March 2, 2023. We will continue to celebrate Liturgies at our present location until all the work has been completed at the new facility. It is anticipated that the work will take between 2-3 months to complete which would take us to June of 2023.

We are waiting for the final construction estimates to send to the Eparchy. Once a construction company is agreed upon, we will begin the necessary renovations to the church and rectory. Our Capital Campaign is still in progress.

There will be more details coming in the

near future which will be relayed to you. When any new developments are received, they will be directed to you immediately. We continue to pray for a seamless and smooth transition and we ask the intercession of Our Lady of Purgatory and Our Lady of Fatima to continue to lift our prayers to Almighty God that we may always give Him glory. May God bless this community during this transition and always.

#### LENTEN OBSERVANCES 2023

The Most Reverend Bishops Gregory J. Mansour and A. Elias Zaidan have issued the following Lenten guidelines for the Maronites of the United States.

#### FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

+ All Maronites who are physically capable are to **abstain** from meat on **Ash Monday** (February 20, 2023) and all **Fridays of Lent**.

+ **Ash Monday** and the **Great Friday of the Crucifixion** (April 7, 2023) are also days of **fasting**. Fasting in the Maronite Church involves **eating and drinking nothing** at all (except water and medicine) from **midnight until noon**. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken, but without meat. All Maronites who are physically capable should fast on these two days.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

All parish priests are to bless and distribute ashes on **Ash Monday** during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy as indicated in our liturgical books. This ceremony may **not** be celebrated on the vigil of Ash Monday (Cana Sunday). For the convenience of some faithful of the Latin Church who may come to Mass at a Maronite Church on their Ash Wednesday, ashes that were blessed on

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“Lent is fasting to prepare us for the feast.”*  
Christopher West

Monday may be given to them after the Mass. However, ashes are **not** to be blessed again on this day.

#### LENTEN SERVICES

All parish priests are to celebrate the **Benediction with the Cross** every **Friday of Lent** except for the Great Friday of the Crucifixion. This service may be preceded by **Evening Prayer (Ramsho)**, **Stations of the Cross**, or even the **Divine Liturgy**. Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament should **not** take place on the Fridays of Lent.

#### TRADITIONAL FASTING DISCIPLINE

Clergy, religious and laity who wish to observe the more **traditional** Maronite practice of fasting and abstinence are **encouraged** to do so.

That practice is summarized in the following, taken from **current Maronite Particular Law**:

Every weekday of Lent (Monday through Friday) is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat and dairy products (eggs, butter, milk, etc.). Fasting involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken, but without meat or dairy products. Dairy products are excluded because they are animal byproducts. Saturdays and Sundays are exempt from fasting and abstaining, as are the following feast days: St. Joseph (19 March) and the Annunciation (25 March).

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



### ASH MONDAY SERVICES

As we prepare for the Season of Lent, Ash Monday services will **Monday, February 20, 2023**. We will have two Ash Monday Services: one at 11:00 AM, and one at 7:00 PM. Immediately following the 11:00 AM Liturgy, we will offer a Lenten Luncheon in the rectory basement.

### ADORATION OF THE CROSS/STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Beginning Friday, February 24, 2023, we will join together for the Adoration of the Cross/Stations of the Cross. These services will begin at 7:00 PM. Please join us in prayer for the Season of Lent.

### 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



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday, February 21, 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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
Total Income:	\$ 29,141.32

#### Hafli Expenses:

Musicians	\$ 2,800.00
Hafli Food Expense	\$ 1,476.63
Hafli Supplies	\$ 321.72
Decorations	\$ 500.00
Tables and Chairs	\$ 1,290.00
Total Expense:	\$ 6,388.35

<b>Total Profit:</b>	<b>\$ 22,752.97</b>
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### CONFESSION

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

### MYO SAVE THE DATE

Calling all MYO, grades 7-12, for a day of reflection, fun, food and meeting other MYO from the area. We are inviting the MYO group from Lawrence, Boston, Brockton, Fall River, and Cranston, for this special MYO Kick Off. All will be held on Saturday, March 25, from 11:30 AM- 5:00 PM. We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

**Saturday March 25 | 11:30-5pm**  
**at Our Lady of Fatima (future home of OLOP)**  
 4256 Acushnet Ave New Bedford

**Maronite Youth KICK OFF**

RSVP to Fr. Vince Farhat by March 20  
 Ph: 508-996-8934  
 Email: [ourladyofpurgatory@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofpurgatory@gmail.com)

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**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.

**Monday, February 20, @ 11:00 AM, and @ 7:00 PM, Ash Monday. (Feast of Saint James, the Hermit of Cyrrhus).**

**Tuesday, February 21, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Eustathius, Patriarch of Antioch).** Liturgy is being offered for a special intention requested by Mariam David and family.

**Wednesday, February 22, @ 6:00 PM, (Establishment of the Chair of Saint Peter in Antioch).** Liturgy is being offered for all the souls in Purgatory requested by Mariam David and family. May all the souls in Purgatory rest in peace.

**Thursday, February 23, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Polycarp of Smyrna).**

**Friday, February 24, @ 7:00 PM, Benediction/ Station of the Cross. (Feast of Saint Margaret the Penitent).**

**Saturday, February 25, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Pope Saint Felix II).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Shirley Roy requested by Joann David. May her soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, February 26, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Alexander, Patriarch of Alexandria).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of John Thomas requested by Hayatt Thomas and family. May his soul rest in peace.

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for Beatrice Daher - howe 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.

## 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 18,**

Mae Dickinson

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, February 19,**

Rana Choubah / Halim Choubah

**Monday, February 20,**

11:00AM /7:00 PM

Mae Dickinson/ Hiba Chdid

**Saturday, February 25,**

Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

**Sunday, February 26,**

Mae Dickinson / Gaby Baroody

(If you are not able to read on your given day, please contact Mae Dickinson)

## 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.

MARONITE RITUALS ONLINE SERIES



# GREAT LENT & PASSION WEEK

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### VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

FEB. 16: ASH MONDAY AND BENEDICTION OF THE CROSS  
FEB. 23: HOSANNA SUNDAY AND PASSION WEEK  
MARCH 2: RITE OF THE LAMP AND THURSDAY OF MYSTERIES  
MARCH 9: SIGNING OF THE CHALICE, GREAT FRIDAY OF THE CRUCIFIXION AND SATURDAY OF THE LIGHT



Via Zoom on Thursdays 8:00-9:00PM EST  
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## 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.

## WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11-12,2023

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,702.00
OLOF Fund	\$ 100.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 85.00
Lebanese Market	\$ 94.00
Sanctuary Candles	\$ 30.00
Candles	\$ 64.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,075.00</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.



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