



# Our Lady of Purgatory

## Maronite Catholic Church



March 25-26, 2023

## HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN



### FEAST OF SAINT GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Gabriel is an angel who serves as a messenger for God to certain people. He is one of the three archangels. Gabriel is mentioned in both the Old and the New Testaments of the Bible. First, in the Old Testament, Gabriel appears to the prophet Daniel to explain his visions. Gabriel is described as, "one who looked like man," as he interprets Daniel's visions. He speaks to Daniel while he is sleeping. After Gabriel's first visit, Daniel becomes tired and sick for days. Gabriel later visits Daniel again providing him with more insight and understanding in an answered prayer. In the New Testament, Gabriel, described as "an angel of the Lord," first appears to Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist. He tells him, "Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard;

and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth." Luke 1:13.

After Elizabeth conceived and was six months pregnant, Gabriel appears again. The Book of Luke states he was sent from God to Nazareth to visit the virgin married to a man named Joseph. Gabriel said to Mary, "Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women." Luke 1:28. "Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end." Luke 1:30-33.

Gabriel told Mary she would conceive from The Holy Ghost and the baby will be the Son of God. After the Annunciation of Mary, Gabriel is not spoken of again.

Gabriel's attributes are the Archangel; he is clothed in blue or white; and is seen carrying a lily, a trumpet, a shining lantern, a branch from Paradise, a scroll, or a scepter. In art, Gabriel is often represented in the scene of the Annunciation.

He is occasionally cited as the one who blows God's trumpet to indicate

the Lord's return to Earth. However, the person designated with this task varies; different passages cite different people. The earliest known identification of Gabriel as the trumpet holder comes in 1455 represented in Byzantine art. Gabriel is recognized as the patron saint of messengers, telecommunication workers, and postal workers.

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### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"You will be consoled  
according to the greatness of  
your sorrow and affliction;  
the greater the suffering, the  
greater will be the reward."  
St. Mary Magdalen de'Pazzi*



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

## EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS



As we prepare for the Risen Lord on Easter, donations are being accepted to help with the cost of the Easter flowers. If you would like to donate towards the flowers, you may do so in memory of a loved one or special intention. Please write your intention on the envelope and we will remember your intention at a special Liturgy. Thank you for your kindness.

## NO DAILY LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Due to the stained-glass windows being removed this week, there will be no daily liturgies Tuesday through Thursday. Thank you for your understanding.

## SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection every weekend throughout Lent to help cover the Annual Bishop's Appeal. Thank you for your generosity and assistance in meeting our obligation with this appeal.

## BISHOP'S APPEAL FINANCIALS

Goal: \$3,500.00  
Amount Received: \$1,549.00  
Balance: \$1,951.00

## SAVE THE DATE

**Maamoul Day:**  
**Tuesday March 28**  
**Starting at 10:00 AM**

## PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

Our Palm Sunday Annual Bake Sale is getting under way. We will be offering mammoul with dates, walnuts, or pistachios, kaak ma haleeb, biklawa, ghribee, and assorted bake goods. Pre-order slips are available if you choose to pre-order your goodies.

## LECTORS FOR HOLY WEEK

**Monday, April 3,**  
Smitty Cabral/Gaby Baroody  
**Tuesday, April 4,**  
Rana Choubah/ Halim Choubah  
**Wednesday, April 5,**  
TBA

**Thursday, April 6,**  
Mae Dickinson/ Hiba Chdid  
**Friday, April 7,**  
Jimmy Kalife/ Jano Baroody  
**PASSION WEEK DIVINE LITURGIES**

**Monday, April 3, 7:00 PM,**  
Coming to the Harbor  
**Tuesday, April 4, 7:00 PM,**  
Coming to the Harbor  
**Wednesday, April 5, 7:00 PM,**  
Rite of the Lamp  
**Thursday, April 6, 7:00 PM,**  
Holy Thursday  
**Friday, April 7, 10:00 AM,**  
Signing of the Chalice  
**Friday, April 7, 7:00 PM,**  
Great Friday of the Crucifixion,  
**Saturday, April 8, 10:00 AM,**  
Prayer of Forgiveness  
**Saturday, April 8, :00 PM,**  
Easter Vigil  
**Sunday, April 9, 10:30 AM,**  
The Glorious Resurrection

You are cordially invited to our  
Palm Sunday Taizé Service:  
"For whom are you looking," asked Jesus.  
They answered, "Jesus the Nazorean".

"I AM"



Sunday, April 2, 2023 - 7 p.m.  
St. John Neumann Church  
157 Middleboro Road  
East Freetown, MA 02717

## 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.

## Our Lady Of Purgatory Church

### Palm Sunday Bake Sale

**Saturday, April 1 – Sunday, April 2**

AFTER LITURGIES



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## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, March 25, @ 4:30 PM, (The Annunciation to the Virgin Mary).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Jason Ballan. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Pun Chung Chan requested by Jackie Shidell. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph, Matilda and George Attallah requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, March 26, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Gabriel the Archangel). Remember Me In Your Kingdom Liturgy.** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Hanna and Mariam Barbour requested by Hayatt Thomas and family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Georgette and Samir Sawaya requested by Zakhia and Hiba Chdid and family. May their souls rest in peace.

**Monday, March 27, @ 9:00 AM. (Feast of Saint Matrona of Thessalonica).** Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of James and Catherine Graham requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of George and Ann Abraham requested by family. May their soul rest in peace.

**Tuesday, March 28, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Philetus and His Wife Saint Lydia, and Their Children). No Liturgy.**

**Wednesday, March 29, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Cyril of Baalbek). No Liturgy.**

**Thursday, March 30, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint John Climacus). No Liturgy.**

**Friday, March 31, @ 7:00 PM, Benediction/ Station of the Cross. (Feast of Pope Saint Lucius I).**

**Saturday, April 1, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Mary of Egypt).**

**Sunday, April 2, @ 10:30 AM, Hosanna Sunday (Palm Sunday), (Feast of Saint Aphian and His Brother Saint Aedesius).**

## WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine for the month of March is offered in memory of Samir and Georgette Sawaya requested by Zakhia and Hiba Chdid. May Their souls rest in peace.

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Josephine Chedid, Efrangieh Daou, 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 MARCH

**Saturday, March 25,**

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, March 26,**

Mae Dickinson/ Hiba Chdid

### LECTORS FOR April

**Saturday, April 1,**

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, April 2,**

Mae Dickinson / Gaby Baroody

**Saturday, April 8,**

Annemarie Espindola

Intercession: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, April 9,**

Rachael Higgins /Jano Baroody

**Saturday, April 15,**

Mae Dickinson

Intercession: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, April 16,**

John Barbour/ Halim Choubah

**Saturday, April 22,**

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, April 23,**

Ann Dupre /Hiba Chdid

**Saturday, April 29,**

Annemarie Espindola

Intercession: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, April 30,**

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 Milad Chedid requested by Zakhia and Hiba Chdid. 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.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

### DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/27-4/1/23

**Monday:**

Romans 15: 25-33

John 7: 32-36

**Tuesday:**

Romans 8: 12-18

John 7: 1-13

**Wednesday:**

1 Thessalonians 4:1-9

Luke 11: 37-48

**Thursday:**

Titus 2: 1-8

Luke 18:31-34

**Friday:**

2 Thessalonians 3:6-18

Luke 4:1-13

**Saturday:**

1 Thessalonians 2: 17-3:5

John 11:55-12:11

### WEEK OF MARCH 18-19,2023

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,559.00</b>
<b>Bishop's Appeal</b>	<b>\$ 1,151.00</b>
<b>Sanctuary Candle</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
<b>Easter Flowers</b>	<b>\$ 90.00</b>
<b>Lebanese Market</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>\$ 15.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$ 16.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,871.00</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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