



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



April 1-2, 2023

HOSANNA SUNDAY



SHAANINI REFLECTION

"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest."

How joyful life is sometimes! And yet, later in Mass, we read how this same crowd, only days after cheering Jesus' arrival, yells for his death: "Let him be crucified!"¹ How quickly life circumstances can change. How strangely joy and sorrow blend in our lives.

Perhaps Mary knew this reality more deeply than most. Even as she and Joseph presented Jesus in the temple, rejoicing at the prophecy over him—this Child is "a light to reveal God to the nations!" — Simeon shared a more somber prophecy for Mary: "a sword will pierce your heart."

Jesus, despite being the Son of God and despite living a perfect life, suffered immensely. We read his words in this week's Gospel: "My soul is sorrowful even to death." Mary, despite being hailed full of grace by the angel Gabriel and despite mothering a perfect Son, suffered immensely. Of Mary at the foot

of the cross, St. John Paul II wrote: the "immolation and mortal agony [of Jesus] also reached her maternal heart. Behold the agony of the heart of the Mother..."

And for us, today, despite being followers of Christ and despite our best intentions, we receive no promise of lives without suffering. And yet, God does not abandon us in our suffering. On the contrary, He chooses to fully immerse himself in our sorrow. God gives his heart to the miserable, in the words of St. Augustine: "miseris cor dare."⁵ From this, we form the Latin word "misericordia," which translates mercy. And this mercy reveals itself most tangibly in Jesus who, letting go of heaven and uniting with humanity, chose to suffer with those who suffer: "In Christ and through Christ, God becomes especially visible in His mercy," wrote St. John Paul II. Because of this, we place the image of Christ crucified over our doorways in laughter-filled homes, over the beds of our love-filled marriages, and over every altar where Mass is celebrated. As Catholics, we understand acutely the sorrow of the crucifix as integral to the joy of the resurrection.

This Palm Sunday, as we experience personal and shared suffering through sickness, trials and tribulations, we reflect on the Passion of Our Lord.

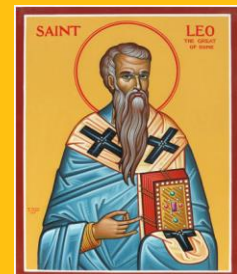
May God comfort us as we pray: Lord, give us your heart. Lord, be with us in our sorrow. Lord, have mercy.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"True reverence for the Lord's passion means fixing the eyes of our heart on Jesus crucified and recognizing in him our own humanity."

Pope St. Leo the Great



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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.

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG COLORING

Calling all children! You are invited on Saturday, April 8, to come and decorate Easter eggs and fill the candy eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. The festivities begin at 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Of course, pizza will be served for your enjoyment! This will be held in the rectory basement. Look forward to seeing you all there.

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: \$1,971.00
Balance: \$1,529.00

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.

SIGNING OF THE CHALICE SERVICE WITH BISHOP GREGORY MANSOUR



We welcome Bishop Gregory as he joins us for the Signing of the Chalice Service on Good Friday morning at 10:00 AM. I hope you will join us for this beautiful and touching service.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

As per the directive of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, the collection on Good Friday is sent through the USCCB to the Holy Land and to the Maronite Eparchy of Haifa. Thank you for your generosity.

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, biklawas, ghribes, 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,

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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

CONFESSION

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

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Palm Sunday Bake Sale

Saturday, April 1 – Sunday, April 2

AFTER LITURGIES



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LITURGY INTENTIONS

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).

Monday, April 3, @ 7:00 PM. (Feast of Saints Isaiah). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of George and Kaffa Peter requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Tuesday, April 4, @ 7:00 PM, (Feast of Pope Saint Anicetus). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of all the deceased members of the American Lebanese Auxiliary (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Wednesday, April 5, @ 7:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Robert). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Mary David requested by Sophie and Andy Correa (FM). May her soul rest in peace.

Thursday, April 6, @ 7:00 PM, Thursday of the Mysteries, (Feast of Saint Marcellinus).

Friday, April 7, Great Friday of the Crucifixion, @ 10:00 AM, Signing of the Chalice, and @ 7:00 PM, Burial of Jesus Christ. (Feast of Saint John Baptist de la Salle).

Saturday, April 8, Great Saturday of the Light, @ 10:00 AM Prayers of Forgiveness, and @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Barlaam).

Sunday, April 9, @ 10:30 AM, The Glorious Resurrection, (Feast of Saint Hermas).

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine for the month of March is offered in memory of Joseph Daher requested by Alice Daher. May his soul 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 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)

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, and Smitty Cabral.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 4/3-4/8/23

Monday:

Hebrews 6: 1-9

Matthew 21: 17-27

Tuesday:

1 Thessalonians 2: 13-17

Luke 13: 22-30

Wednesday:

Hebrews 2:5-12

John 11: 47-54

Thursday:

1 Corinthians 11: 23-32

John 13:1-20

Friday:

1 Corinthians 8: 1-7

Matthew 23:29-36

Saturday:

Romans 5: 1-11

Matthew 27:62-66

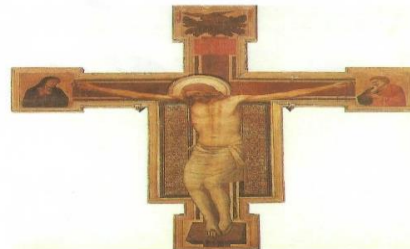
WEEK OF MARCH 25-26,2023

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,586.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 422.00
Fuel	\$ 137.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$ 10.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 95.00
Lebanese Market	\$ 10.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 82.00
Palm Sunday Bake Sale	\$ 20.00
Candles	\$ 28.00
Total	\$ 2,390.00

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.

*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.
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Eternally in our hearts and in our thoughts. We miss seeing your face, hearing your voice, seeing your smile and hearing your laugh. We cherish the day we will join you in GOD's Heavenly Kingdom. We Love you and miss you even more with each passing day.

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