



# Our Lady of Purgatory

## Maronite Catholic Church



April 8-9, 2023

# THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION



### MESSIAH QAM; HAKKAN QAM!! CHRIST IS RISEN; TRULY HE IS RISEN!!

Christ is Risen, truly He is Risen. I wish all of you a happy and blessed Easter. We have come to the completion of the Season of Lent---following Jesus' ministry, His suffering and death on the cross, and His Glorious Resurrection. His resurrection is the reason for this journey and now we remember throughout the year His promise to us--"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." We have followed Jesus during this season of Lent, and we continue to follow Jesus every day of our lives so that we, as St. John's gospel tells us, will be with Him. "Whoever serves me must follow me" is what we keep with us as we walk this earthly life. This, my brothers and sisters, is our challenge!

And what a challenge it is. What must we do to serve and follow Jesus? You have heard His message especially during this season of Lent. You have heard the gospel readings and have patiently listened to my homilies asking us to love one another, to forgive one another, to serve one another with charity and hospitality, and to build up one another. Jesus asks much of us. However, if we remember His sacrifice and His promises, we will realize that our Christian directives to one another is possible; that our actions toward one another are paramount in serving Jesus Christ. And we will realize that these requests Jesus asks of us cost us nothing---charity, forgiveness, love, and peace cost us nothing. But what we gain is priceless. We gain inner peace with one another and more importantly we gain the prize of eternal life in paradise.

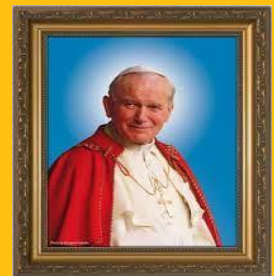
My wish for all of us is that we keep these feelings and emotions that we have carried throughout this season of

Lent every day of our lives. I pray that we reflect on Jesus' ministry of

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"If this mission may sometimes seem difficult, call to mind the words of the Risen Lord: 'I am with you always, to the close of the age' (Matthew 28:20). Certain of his presence, you shall fear no difficulty and no obstacle. His word will enlighten you; his Body and his Blood will nourish you and sustain you on your daily journey to eternity."*

*St. John Paul II*



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healing body and soul; His compassion for the needy and downtrodden; His suffering for His people so that they may believe and inherit the Kingdom of God; His example of forgiving those who persecuted Him; and His message of Hope to His faithful soldiers.

Our goal is to strive to be better followers of Jesus Christ because of this blessed season of Lent and that is what Jesus intended for all of us to do. It is up to us as a community of faith to help each other, to “build each other up in our faith” as St. Paul tells us. We cannot do this alone my friends. We must rely on Almighty God to walk with us. We must place our trust in the power of the Most Holy Trinity. My prayer for you and for me is that we become better Christians, remembering this Lenten journey for what it is meant to be--- a journey of conversion, of inner change, to reflect the way of Life united in Christ. May we build each other as one community in faith, hope, and love. Messiah Qam---Hakkan Qam!!! Christ Is Risen---Truly He Is Risen!!!

### **MESSAGE OF THE RESURRECTION By Father Ed Dougherty, M.M.**

Have you ever wondered what it was like for the Apostles and followers of Christ during the period of time we now call Eastertide, which begins with the Resurrection and concludes with Pentecost? First, they were struck by the most astounding event in human history in discovering that Christ had risen from the dead. It must have been such an extremely jubilant time, yet they were also left with the traumatizing memory of the Crucifixion and the fear of what might be done to them as news of the Resurrection spread and panic set in among those who wanted that news silenced.

Amid this mix of jubilation and fear was a lingering question about what they should do, and that question would not be fully answered until Pentecost, when they were

commissioned by God to evangelize the world. The roller coaster of emotions the Apostles and followers of Christ must have experienced during that time is probably something most of us can relate to as we attempt to walk in their footsteps today.

One of the most beautiful moments that occurred after the Resurrection was when Jesus appeared to the Apostles on a beach at the Sea of Galilee. The scene points to answers for questions we all have amid our own mix of emotions over the triumphs, failures, and fears that life throws our way. The Apostles had been fishing all night and caught nothing until daybreak, when a man called to them from the beach telling them to cast their net to the other side of the boat, at which point they caught so many fish they couldn't haul it all in. Upon realizing the man on the beach was Jesus, Peter jumped out of the boat to hurry towards Him. Imagine the emotions Peter must have had rushing out of the water towards Christ on that beach. It must have been a bittersweet moment of joy mixed with the sorrow he probably still carried over his three denials before the Crucifixion. Later, walking along the beach together, Christ asks Peter three times, “Do you love me?” Each time, Peter answers that he does, until finally saying the third time, “Lord, You know everything; You know that I love You.” We're told that Peter felt hurt to be asked a third time, and maybe that was partly because it reminded him of his previous denials. But it seems Jesus was also providing him with an opportunity to understand the Redemption. Perhaps this was even Jesus' way of emphasizing for Peter that He knows he loves Him despite those previous denials because He gives him the chance to answer “yes” three times, almost as though to wash away the mistakes of the past. That conversation must have lingered with Peter as a stark reminder of the love of God and the confidence we must have that opportunities will always be

provided for redemption. This then is the ultimate message of the Resurrection, that we are redeemed every time we run to Christ with a spirit of reconciliation and hope in sharing His joy. This also answers the commission the Apostles were awaiting and received at Pentecost and that we have inherited as followers of Christ. We must constantly be at work healing the wounds of others through a spirit of forgiveness and reconciliation, providing opportunities wherever we can to open hearts to the transformative power of God's love and having confidence those opportunities will always find us.

<https://www.mississippicatholic.com/2023/04/04/message-of-the-resurrection/>

### **NO WEEKDAY LITURGIES**

There will be no weekday Liturgies Monday through Thursday. I appreciate your understanding. I will announce when they will once again resume.

### **WITH BLESSINGS AND THANKS**

It has been a blessing this Season of Lent on many levels, all of which could not have come to fruition without the help of you, the Parishioners of OLOP. I thank you all for your dedication and zeal for making this Lenten Journey such a beautiful and meaningful time. I hope and pray that you received as much as I have, if not more, from our journey together. Our journey of hope, of thanks, of remembering how much we have a God who loves us so very much. A God who never tires of us. A God who is always waiting for us to turn to Him and to heal us of our infirmities. May our merciful and loving God cradle each of you and your families in His loving arms today and always.

### **BISHOP'S APPEAL FINANCIALS**

Goal:	\$3,500.00
Amount Received:	<u>\$2,719.00</u>
Balance:	\$ 781.00

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, April 8, @ 4:30 PM,**  
(Feast of Saint Barlaam).

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

**Monday, April 10, @ 9:00 AM.**  
(Feast of Saint Agabus). Maronite  
Sisters of Christ the Light convent. **No**  
**Liturgy.**

**Tuesday, April 11, @ 9:00 AM,**  
(Feast of Saint Antipas). **No**  
**Liturgy.**

**Wednesday, April 12, @ 6:00 PM,**  
(Feast of Saints Mennas,  
Hermogenes and EUGRAPHUS). **No**  
**Liturgy.**

**Thursday, April 13, @ 9:00 AM,**  
(Feast of Saint Zosimas). **No**  
**Liturgy.**

**Saturday, April 15, @ 4:30 PM,**  
(Feast of Pope Saint Soter). Liturgy  
is being offered for the souls of Michel  
Sr., Anna Magaletta, Michel Jr. and  
Baldassare Magaletta requested by  
Joann, Anthony and Lorraine David.  
May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, April 16, @ 10:30 AM,**  
(Feast of Saint Bernadette  
Soubirous). Liturgy is being offered  
for the souls of Fred Thomas, Jaoa and  
Fernanda Baptista, Mena Carvalho  
and Edigio Baptista requested by  
Fernanda Thomas. May their souls  
rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered  
for the soul of Christine M. David  
requested by family. May her soul rest  
in peace.

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns  
for a special intention requested by  
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.

## 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.

## 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.

## DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 4/10-4/15/23

### Monday:

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Mark 16: 9-14

### Tuesday:

Romans 6: 3-11

John 21: 1-14

### Wednesday:

Colossians 3:1-11

John 21: 15-25

### Thursday:

Ephesians 2: 1-10

Mark 16:15-18

### Friday:

Romans 10: 4-12

Luke 24: 36-45

### Saturday:

Colossians 2: 8-15

John 20:19-25

## LECTORS FOR April

**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  
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## PARISH COUNCIL

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Thomas Marini, Jacques Barbour, and  
Smitty Cabral.

## WEEK OF APRIL

1-2,2023

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,860.00</b>
<b>Bishop's Appeal</b>	<b>\$ 748.00</b>
<b>Sanctuary Candle</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
<b>Easter Flowers</b>	<b>\$ 40.00</b>
<b>Lebanese Market</b>	<b>\$ 15.00</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$ 68.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,751.00</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS  
AND GENEROSITY BY SENDING IN  
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HELPFUL FOR THE CHURCH. GOD  
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