



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



May 6-7, 2023

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON

Our Lady of Lebanon, we come before you today to ask for your guidance and protection. We ask that you watch over us and keep us safe from harm. We ask that you help us to find peace in our hearts and in our world. We ask that you bless us with your loving grace and help us to live our lives in accordance with your will. We ask that you watch over our loved ones and keep them safe. We ask that you bless our country and our people with your love and your light. We ask that you help us to always remember your love and your protection, and that we may always live in your light. Amen

EASTER FLOWERS

The Easter flowers were donated in memory of:

John, Malvina and Joseph David, the deceased members of the Saba and Espindola families, John and Theresa Saba, Janet and Raymond Charron, Annie Farris and Mary Tavares, Samir and Georgette Sawaya, Milad Chedid, the deceased members of the Hawa and Choubah families, all the deceased friends and family members of the Cabral family, Arnold and Laurette Mello, Abraham and Amelia Sarkes, Joanne Sarkes Yozfek, Joseph Nader and the deceased members of the Nader family.

For the living and deceased members of the David, Daher, Farris and Abi Ramia families.

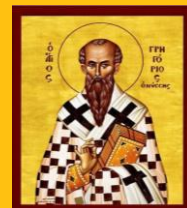
And in honor of Josh and Jacob Barbour.

NO WEEKDAY LITRUGIES

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

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Christ held Himself in His hands when He gave His Body to His disciples saying: 'This is My Body.' No one partakes of this Flesh before he has adored it."
St. Augustine



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

WELCOME TO THE FLOCK OF CHRIST

Congratulations to Camille Bernadette Theresa Barbour, who was baptized and confirmed in the flock of Christ on April 23rd. Congratulations to her parents Jonathon and Allie Barbour, sister Adina, grandparents John and Claire Barbour, Jay and Anne Marie Pavao, great grandparents Tony and Elaine Barbour, Godparents Cayla Barbour and Joshua Pavao, and the entire family. May Almighty God cradle Camille in His hands and protect her from all harm. Welcome Camille and mabrook!!

SECOND COLLECTION

As per the directive of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, there will be a second collection this weekend. All the proceeds will be directed to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon in North Jackson, Ohio. This money helps the Shrine to continue the upkeep of Our Lady of Lebanon. Thank you in advance for your help and generosity. Our Lady of Lebanon---pray for us!

SAINT JOSEPH SODALITY NEW

- Join us for Coffee hour after Liturgy this Sunday, May 7, 2023. The coffee hour is sponsored by the Members of the St. Joseph Sodality and is open to everyone.
- Calling all men of the parish. Next Sunday, May 14, 2023, is Mother's Day. The men of the St. Joseph Sodality will be preparing a special coffee hour to Honor all the mothers of OLOP. If you would like to volunteer to help set up or provide any items for the coffee hour please contact Jacques Barbour: @ 508-725-6705.
- Our next St. Joseph Sodality members meeting will be Friday, May 12 at 6:30 pm. This will be a planning meeting, please join us as we plan out our summer activities.
- Next St. Joseph Sodality Monthly Devotion will be Sunday June 4, 2023. This is open to everyone, not just members, we meet at 9:45 am before Liturgy. Please join us for the Monthly Devotion and Prayer Service.

2023 OUR LADY OF PURGATORY SCHOLARSHIPS

The Education Foundation is accepting 2023 scholarship applications now. You have all received the applications via email. The application must be received by May 28, 2023, to be considered. These scholarships are for graduating seniors who are beginning their college education as well as college students pursuing a four-year college degree.

We thank the Foundation committee for working hard to replenish the funds so that these scholarships will be possible. Please follow the directions and obtain transcripts for submission.

OLOP COOKBOOKS

The Education Foundation is still selling our beautiful cookbooks. All the proceeds go to the foundation for scholarships for your youth. With Mother's Day coming and our children graduating and moving on their own, this would be a beautiful gift and at the same time you would be helping our future children with their education. The cookbooks are \$25.00 each and you may order these cookbooks online or by calling the Church office. Thank you for your support.

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 NEW CHURCH CONSTRUCTION

We have received the Building Permit from the City of New Bedford for the construction of the Church. I have received the approval to begin the work on the rectory and the Church by the Eparchy. We have begun the work on the rectory and the work on the Church will begin next week. I would like to thank Bishop Gregory and Chorbishop Michael for all their thorough work bringing us to this point in our new journey of faith. It has been quite a journey thus far, but I firmly believe that God is in the driver's seat leading us to do His will.

We have also selected M & E Construction as our General Contractor through a competitive bid process. As you know architectural services are being provided by Halim Choubah. Jimmy Kalife has agreed to serve as our Clerk of the Works and oversee day-to-day construction activities at the new Church. We have also begun work at the new Rectory and Gaby Baroody has agreed to oversee day-to-day renovation work at the new Rectory. We thank Halim, Jimmy, and Gaby for their work on behalf of the Parish.

The Capital Campaign is still under way. We are halfway to our goal, and I thank those of you who have pledged towards this endeavor. Our Parish has always been blessed by Parishioners and Friends who have been very generous. Our Altars, Stained Glass Windows, Icons, and Stations of the Cross, have all been made possible through generous gifts in memory of loved ones in the past. We would like to remind you that once again, there is an opportunity to help our Parish grow. If you are considering making a financial gift, then there is no time like the present to fill out a pledge card. If you would like to make a specific donation in memory of a loved one or in your family's name to assist in the restoration of the Stained Glass Windows, or the relocation of the Altars, Icons, or the Stations of the Cross, please contact Fr. Vincent at the Church office. Thank you and God bless this community of faith.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 6, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Dominic Savio). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of George J. and Mary C. Saba and for the soul of George Michael requested by Annemarie Espindola. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Marie Kenyon requested by family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, May 7, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon, Saint Antonino, Bishop of Florence). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Linda and Asaad Khalife, and for the souls of Laurice and George Abi Abdallah and for the soul of Allison Ripka requested by family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for all the intentions requested for Easter flowers.

Saturday, May 13, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, Feast of Saint Addai, One of the 72 Disciples). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Bashara and Helena John, John B. John, Annie Ferris and Thomas Ferris requested by Helena Tavares. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Camil Boutros Gabriel requested by Mariam David and family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Leo Macedo requested by family (FM). May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, May 14, @ 10:30 AM, Mother's Day (Feast of Saints Boniface and Aglae, and their 20 Companions). Liturgy is being offered for all Mothers living and deceased. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of David Dickinson requested by Mae Dickinson and family. May his soul rest in peace.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for John, Malvina and Joseph David requested by Mariam David and family. 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.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION 2023

The Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate at Our Lady's Chapel will be holding their annual Corpus Christi Procession on June 11, 2023. The procession begins at 2:00 pm at Our Lady's Chapel (600 Pleasant Street) and will stop at three stations for Eucharistic Benediction- Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. This year, rather than return and finish at Our Lady's Chapel, the procession will conclude after Benediction at the final station (Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church) where refreshments will follow. Return transportation to Our Lady's Chapel will be available for those needing it. You are warmly invited to join in celebrating this public witness of our faith.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Debbie Freedenberg, 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.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 5/8-5/13 /23

Monday:

Philippians 1:1-10
Luke 22: 28-34

Tuesday:

Philippians 1: 12-20
John 1: 35-42

Wednesday:

Philippians 1: 21-30
Matthew 16: 11-20

Thursday:

Philippians 2: 1-11
Matthew 16: 21-28

Friday:

Philippians 2: 12-18
Matthew 18: 18-22

Saturday:

Philippians 2:19-30
Matthew 17:24-27

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine for the month of May is offered in memory of Anthony and Margaret Thomas requested by family. May their souls rest in peace.

LECTORS FOR MAY 2023

Saturday, May 6,

TBA

Sunday, May 7,

Ann Dupre /Jano Baroodly

Saturday, May 13,

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, May 14,

Rana Choubah / Gaby Baroodly

Wednesday, May 17

Vigil of the Glorious Ascension

Mae Dickinson /Hiba Chdid

Saturday, May 20,

Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, May 21,

John Barbour /Halim Choubah

Saturday, May 27,

Racheal Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

Sunday, May 28,

Mae Dickinson /Hiba Chdid

(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.

WEEK OF APRIL

29-30,2023

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,020.00
April online Giving	\$ 760.61
Coffee Hour	\$ 18.00
Candles	\$ 32.00
Total	\$ 1,830.61

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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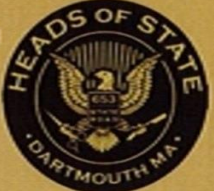
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