



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



July 22-23, 2023

NINTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

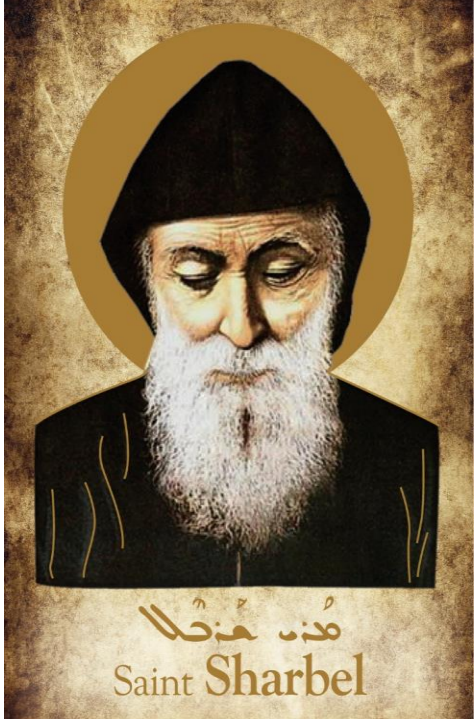
BLESSED FEAST DAY OF SAINT SHARBEL

RESTORATION AND UPDATING OF THE AMERICAN LEBANESE VETERANS' PLAQUES

We are in the process of restoring and updating the two plaques that commemorate the deceased American Lebanese Veterans who were parishioners of Our Lady of Purgatory Church. If you have knowledge of someone that has passed away and fits the following criteria:

- OLOP Parishioner
- Served in any of the US Armed Forces

Please email or contact either Olivia Smitty Cabral (508)-961-8599 oliviasmitty88@gmail.com or Lorraine David at (508)-965-8824 lorraineadavid@msn.com with the deceased member's first and last names, middle initial (if used), as well as the date of their death. In order to verify that there are no missing names from previous years, we would like to go back to 1997 as the starting year for this update. **All names must be submitted by September 30, 2023, to have these plaques ready for Veterans Day.



Prayer for obtaining a special grace

O Lord, infinitely holy and glorified in your saints, you inspired the holy monk and hermit Sharbel to live and die in the way of Jesus Christ and gave him the strength to detach himself from the world in order to make the monastic virtues triumph in his hermitage.

We implore you to bestow upon us the grace to love you and to serve you by following his example.

God Almighty, who manifested the power of Saint Sharbel's intercession by numerous miracles and favors, grant us, through his intercession, this grace (*State your prayer intention here*). Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

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سَـنْـبَـلُ مَرْحَلَا
Saint Sharbel

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED MOTHER EID AL SAIDE

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother (Eid al Saide) Divine Liturgy will be held on Monday evening, August 14, at 7:00 PM, at 4254 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford, MA, 02745. Immediately following Divine Liturgy, we will have a BBQ in honor of our Blessed Mother. More details will be available next week. I ask anyone who is attending to send me a message so that we may prepare enough food for everyone. May our Blessed Mother continue to lead us to her Son and may all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

DEDICATION OF THE NEW CHURCH

Bishop Gregory will be dedicating the new church on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2023. He will be with us for the entire weekend as we begin our new journey of faith at our new home. More details will be forthcoming regarding the services and festivities for the weekend. In the meantime, please mark your calendars for this beautiful celebration.

CONFESSION

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

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Begin nothing on earth unless it has its end in heaven; do not walk on a path that does not lead to heaven."
Saint Sharbel



Fr. Vincent Farhat, Pastor | Rev. Mr. Jean Mattar, Deacon

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

DINNER DANCE BENEFIT FOR FR. TANIOS ABI-RAMIA



The Hardin Family Society invites you to a Dinner Dance on Saturday, July 29, 2023 at the OLOP Parish Center, 4254 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, for the benefit of Fr. Tanios Abi-Ramia.

Fr. Tanios is the Pastor Emeritus of the Our Lady of the Sheer, St. Sophia, St Doumit, St George, St Saba, St Thérèse, and St Michael in Ehmej, Lebanon. Fr. Tanios has been dealing with some physical challenges for the past two years. Cocktails will be served at 6:00 pm, and Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm followed by Dancing until 11:00 pm. Suggested Donation is \$40.00. For information or tickets, please contact:

Deacon Jean Mattar at (508) 763-4351 or Matthew Thomas at (774) 930-2936.

VOLUNTEER SIGNUP SHEETS

Volunteers are vital to this fundraiser. If you are willing and able to give of your time, before, during, after, or all the above, please give us your name and information on the signup sheets. You may also email or call Fr. Vincent at the office. I thank you in advance for all your help.

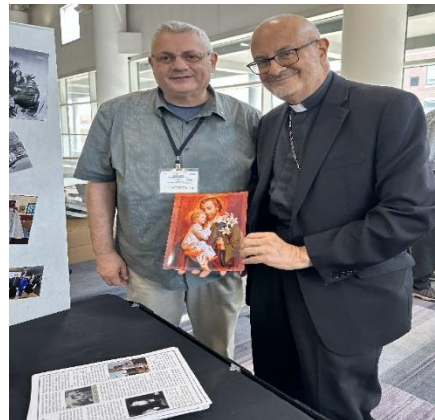
SAINT JOSEPH SODALITY NEWS

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.

. This is a friendly reminder that Sodality dues for members were due in March. If you have not paid your annual dues of \$25.00, you can give it to George Saba, Fr. Vincent or place it in the collection basket in a marked enveloped for Sodality.

SAINT JOSEPH NAM EXHIBIT 2023

The Saint Joseph Sodality wants to thank all who helped at the exhibit table at the 2023 NAM convention in Providence, RI. This gave us a great opportunity to showcase the Saint Joseph Sodality at our parish and many visitors asked questions about our organization. The Saint Joseph puzzles were a great hit and monogrammed pens were given away as a souvenir. Many thanks to everyone who made this possible.



ANNUAL LEBANESE FESTIVAL - SAVE THE DATES

September may sound like a long time away but as we prepare for our Annual Lebanese Festival, it is never too early to begin preparations. The festival will be held on Friday, September 8, and Saturday, September 9, at our new property on Acushnet Avenue.

In the next few weeks, I will be sending out information and asking you to volunteer for what I expect will be a warm and exciting welcome to our new home. For this major fundraiser to be a success, your help is needed. I ask you in advance to think about how you can help make this festival a remarkable success. Younger and older alike, your participation will make a significant difference.

RAFFLE BASKETS NEEDED

We are adding an additional booth for this year's festival. It will be called the Avenue of Theme Baskets. We are hoping to have 30 baskets that will be raffled off at the end of the festival. Anyone who would like to donate a theme basket, please contact:

Smitty Cabral at: **(508)-961-8599**
(oliviasmitty88@gmail.com) or

Lorraine David at: **(508)-965-8824**
(lorraineadavid@msn.com).

If you do not know what to buy for the basket, we will accept donations towards a basket and we will prepare one for you. In addition to baskets, this raffle can include electronics such as TV's, ear buds for Apple or Samsung phones, etc. Thank you for your consideration.

Food . Bar . Live Music . Saj . Hookas . Raffles . Dancing

Our Lady Of Purgatory Church

Lebanese Festival

Friday, September 8,
2023

5:00PM - 11:00PM

Live Entertainment!

Mitchel Katsounas
(Friday)

Et

Saturday, September 9,
2023

12:00PM - 11:00PM

Rami Badr
(Saturday)

Money Raffles Prizes
\$1,000 - \$500 - \$200

Drawing
Saturday, September 9, 2023
10:30PM

4254 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford, MA 02745

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 22, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene, Feast of Saint Nohra). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Anthony Cabral requested by Lou and Smitty Cabral. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of George and Mary C. Saba requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, July 23, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Sharbel). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Eberianos, Judith and Anne Abraham requested by family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of the deceased members of Victoria Lahoud family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Saturday, July 29, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Ezekiel the Prophet, Feast of Saint Martha, the Sister of Lazarus).

Sunday, July 30, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saints Abdon and Sennen). Remember Me In Your Kingdom Liturgy. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Jose DaSilva requested by Fatima DaSilva and family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Leo Farhat requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

OLOP COOKBOOKS

The Education Foundation is still selling our beautiful cookbooks. All the proceeds go to the foundation for scholarships for your youth. With 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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Sharon Conti, David Techlin, 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.

WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of July is offered for the living and deceased members of the Daher and David families requested by Mariam David and family.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 7/24-7/29/23

Monday:

Acts of the Apostles 18:18-28
Luke 11: 33-36

Tuesday:

Acts of the Apostles 19: 1-10
Luke 11: 37-41

Wednesday:

Acts of the Apostles 19: 11-22
Luke 11: 42-46

Thursday:

Acts of the Apostles 19: 23-29,35-40
Luke 11: 47-51

Friday:

Acts of the Apostles 20:6-16
Luke 11: 52-54

Saturday:

Acts of the Apostles 20:17-24,28,32,35
Luke 23: 1-12

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.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for the deceased family members of Helena Tavares requested by Helena Tavares. 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.

LECTORS FOR JULY 2023

Saturday, July 22,

Mae Dickinson

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, July 23,

Ann Dupre / Hiba Chdid

Saturday, July 29,

Smitty David

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, July 30,

Mae Dickinson /Gaby Baroody

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

WEEK OF JULY 15-16, 2023

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,551.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 29.00
Candles	\$ 31.00
Total	\$ 1,611.00

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.

FREE ADMISSION

*All are invited to come and join us
Festivities will go on come rain or shine!
Under the tents or in the open air!*

SAVE THE DATE

St. Anthony of the Desert Church
300 N. Eastern Avenue, Fall River, MA

Lebanese Mahrajan Food Festival

Fri, Aug 4th ~ 5pm to 10pm
Sat, Aug 5th ~ Noon to 11pm
Sun, Aug 6th ~ 11am to 5pm

D. J. and Live Entertainment



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Hookah



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