



Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

August 12-13, 2023

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF GOD

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life is a defined dogma of the Catholic Church. The Feast of the Assumption, celebrated every year on August 15, is a very old feast of the Church, celebrated universally by the sixth century. It commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven before her body could begin to decay--a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts and a holy day of obligation.

The feast was originally celebrated in the East, where it is known as the Feast of the Dormition, a word which means "the falling asleep." The earliest printed reference to the belief that Mary's body was assumed into Heaven dates from the fourth century, in a document entitled "The Falling Asleep of the Holy Mother

of God." The document recounts, in the words of the Apostle John, to whom Christ on the Cross had entrusted the care of His mother, the death, laying in the tomb, and assumption of the Blessed Virgin. Tradition places Mary's death at Jerusalem or at Ephesus, where John was living.

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII, exercising papal infallibility, declared in "Munificentissimus Deus" that it is a dogma of the Church "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." As a dogma, the Assumption is a required belief of all Catholics; anyone who publicly dissents from the dogma, Pope Pius declared, "has fallen away completely from the divine and Catholic Faith."

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED:

First Vows of Sister Emily Mary

With gratitude to God for His abundant blessings, we cordially invite you to join us in celebrating the First Profession of Vows of Sister Emily Mary Lattouf as a Maronite Servants of Christ the Light. The profession will take place within the Divine Liturgy celebrated by His Excellency Gregory John Mansour at Saint Anthony of the Desert Church, Fall River, Massachusetts 6:00PM, Thursday, September 7, 2023, Vigil of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin.

A reception will follow in Saint Sharbel Hall. R.S.V.P. by August 28 to Sister Marla Marie only via email: Email: sister@maroniteservants.org –or– Telephone: 508/996-1753.

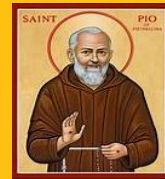
CONFESSION

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

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Always stay close to this Heavenly Mother, because she is the sea to be crossed to reach the shores of Eternal Splendor."

Saint Padre Pio, 1887-1968 AD



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 6:30 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.

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.

ARABIC CLASSES TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER

I am happy to inform our community that we will begin Arabic classes for beginners in October. This class will include writing, reading, and speaking the Arabic language. These classes will be split into two groups: one for children and one for adults. The time and days for these classes will be determined in the near future. If you are interested in taking these classes, please contact the church office. I am thrilled that we will be able to offer this to the community. Call or email the church office at **508-996-8934** or ourladyofpurgatory@gmail.com

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.

WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of August is offered for Charbel Baroody requested by Philip and Jano Baroody.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns in Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Elige 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.

KIBBEE DAY PREPARATION



We will be making kibbee kebab and kibbee sayneyeh for the festival on Wednesday, August 16, and Thursday, August 17, from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Anyone who is able to help, please join us at the new Church Hall. Thank you in advance for your help.

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.

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

Saturday, September 9, 2023
12:00PM - 11:00PM

Mitchel Katsunas (Friday)
Et
Rami Badr (Saturday)

With Bashir El-Khoury Band

Money Raffles Prizes
\$1,000 - \$500 - \$200
Drawing
Saturday, September 9, 2023
10:30PM

4254 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford, MA 02745

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 12, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Shaina). Liturgy is being offered for all the souls in Purgatory requested by Sean, Marie and Keira McLaughlin. May they rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered in thanksgiving of Our Lady of Elige requested by Mariam David and family.

Sunday, August 13, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Hippolytus of Rome). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of George and Mary Thomas, Joseph Thomas and Joseph Peter requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Monday, August 14, @ 6:30 PM, (Feast of The Assumption of the Virgin Mary). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Charbel Baroody requested by Jano and Philip Baroody. May his soul rest in peace.

Saturday, August 19, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Luke of Baalbek). Liturgy is being offered for Anne Abraham requested by Rosemarie Twomey. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Raymond Boutros Roupheal requested by Mariam David and family. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, August 20, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Bernard, Doctor of the Church). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Alfonso and Mabel Gabello requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Charles Murray, Alice Daher, Sister Juanita Marie, 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.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Jimmy Kalife, Wassim Chedid, Rose Dupre, Rana Choubah, Nigel Hitchings, and Joseph Barkettt.

LECTORS FOR AUGUST 2023

Saturday, August 12,
Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, August 13,

John Barbour/ Halim Choubah

Monday, August 14,

Matthew Thomas/ Gaby Baroody

Saturday, August 19,

Racheal Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

Sunday, August 20,

Ann Dupre/Jano Baroody

Saturday, August 26,

Mae Dickinson

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, August 27,

Rana Choubah / Gaby Baroody

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

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 8/14-8/19/23

Monday:

Acts of the Apostles 1-4,8a,14-15,18-21a,22-26

Luke 12: 54-59

Tuesday:

Romans 12:9-15

Luke 1: 46-55 or 10:38-42

Wednesday:

Acts of the Apostles 28: 1-10

Luke 13: 6-9

Thursday:

Acts of the Apostles 28: 11-15

Luke 13: 10-17

Friday:

Acts of the Apostles 28: 16-22

Luke 13: 18-21

Saturday:

Acts of the Apostles 28:23-31

Luke 13: 22-30

ANNUAL LEBANESE FESTIVAL
featuring

SAINT THERESA MARONITE CHURCH
343 N Main Street
Brockton, MA

Friday, Sep 22,
5:00 P.M. to Midnight

Saturday, Sep 23,
12:00 Noon to
01:00 A.M.

Sunday, Sep 24,
12:00 Noon to 5:00 P.M.

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and
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No outside Food,
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allowed

Baskets Auction

BAR? RAFFLE!

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Fadi Bark, Johnny Kalife, Vicki Thomas Marini, Jacques Barbour, and Smitty Cabral.

WEEK OF AUGUST 5-6, 2023

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| Sunday Collection | \$ 1,234.00 |
| Festival Sponsorship | \$ 800.00 |
| Festival Raffle | \$ 200.00 |
| Altar Hosts | \$ 75.00 |
| Donations | \$ 1,050.00 |
| Coffee Hour | \$ 47.00 |
| Candles | \$ 50.00 |
| Total | \$ 3,476.00 |

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.

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ST. ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH, LAWRENCE, MA

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

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Sat 5p-2a
Sun 12p-12a

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