



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



August 26-27, 2023

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

HOW TO DEAL WITH WORRIES

“Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?...seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself.”

Matthew 6:27 & 33-34

This is advice that we all need to hear. But, as the saying goes, “It’s easier said than done.”

Worrying can become for some people just a normal part of life. The things we worry about each and every day can include a myriad of concerns. Finances, relationships, work, family, health and many other things in life can be the cause of much worrying, fear, anxiety and even depression. Excessive worrying can truly become a heavy burden if not handled properly.

So, what is the proper way to deal with the things you worry about? Trust. Trust in God, in His fidelity, in His all-consuming love for you, and in His providence. He loves you and is concerned about you more than you will ever know. And He is aware of every detail and problem you may face.

If we truly understood the love of God and His infinite wisdom, we would not worry about a thing. We would be able to trust and surrender all to Him every day and we would allow Him to enter in and to direct us in hope according to His perfect plan for our lives. But, as mentioned above, this is easier said than done. Another key factor in overcoming the worries and anxieties of life is to seek the Truth. Knowing the truth frees us and it enables us to see the hand of God at work even in the most difficult of situations.

God never abandons us even though it may feel like that at times. If we can seek out His voice, His will, His wisdom and His truth, it will be much easier to place our trust in Him. And when we place our trust in Him, we find peace in our soul and feel the heavy weight of our worry lift away.

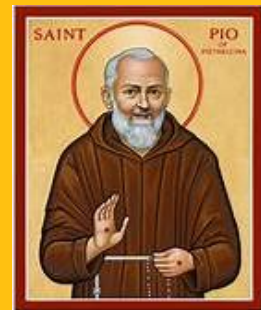
Reflect, today, upon that which you worry about the most. It may be an extremely heavy and burdensome fear. Or it may just be this constant thought in the back of your mind. Whatever the case may be for you, try to identify that which seems to burden you the most and is the greatest source of concern. Then try to seek God’s truth as it applies to your situation so that you can then surrender in trust to His perfect plan for your life.

Lord, I do trust in You, but I also fail to trust enough. When the burdens and worries of life weigh me down, help me to surrender those concerns over to You. Jesus, I trust in You.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer.”

Padre Pio



SPONSORSHIP DUE DATE

Festival Sponsorships are needed by August 31, 2023, in order to have the banners made in time for the festival. If you would like to be a sponsor for our 2023 festival, please fill in the card and send it to the office by August 31. Thank you all in advance for your commitment and generosity as our sponsors help with the costs of a successful festival. God bless you.

OLOP Summer Lebanese Festival - Sponsorship Form

Yes, I would like to support the Summer Lebanese Festival as a:

Bronze Sponsor	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 100.00	Platinum Sponsor	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 1000.00
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Home phone: _____ Cel: _____

Please indicate how you want to be acknowledged on the Banner:

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2- In Memory of: _____

3- Business Name: _____

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY WEDS

Congratulations to Leonardo Chdid and Emily Nasr who were married in Lebanon July 30. We celebrate with his parents Charbel and Antoinette Chdid and Leonardo's brothers. Best wishes to Emily's parents as well, Jean and Hanady Nasr of Lebanon. May Almighty God bless your marriage and keep you in His loving hands. Mabrook!

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.

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

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.

NEEDS LIST FOR FESTIVAL BAR

- 6 Large Bottles Tonic Water
- 6 Large Bottles Club Soda
- 3 Bottles Cranberry Juice
- 3 Gallons Orange Juice
- 10 Cases Coke
- 4 Cases Sprite
- 4 Cases Coke Zero
- 3 Cases Ginger Ale
- 2 Cases Orange Soda
- 20 Cases 16 oz. Water Bottles

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.

MAAMOUL DAY



We will be preparing the maamoul for the festival on **Tuesday, August 29, and Wednesday, August 30**, from 10 AM to 6 PM, in the **Church Hall**. All are invited to come and help. Thank you for your dedication and assistance. God bless you!

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.

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
Kaltzunas
(Friday)*

&



*Rami
Badr
(Saturday)*

With Bashir El-Khoury Band

**Saturday, September 9,
2023**

12:00PM - 11:00PM



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 26, @ 4:30 PM,
(Feast of Pope Saint Zephyrinus).
Liturgy is being offered for the soul of
Thomas David requested by Mariam
David and family. May his soul rest in
peace.

Sunday, August 27, @ 10:30 AM,
(Feast of Saint Biyameen (Poemen) the
Hermit). **Remember Me In Your
Kingdom Liturgy.**

Saturday, September 2, @ 4:30 PM,
(Feast of Saint Mamma the Great).
Liturgy is being offered for the souls of
George J. and Mary C. Saba requested by
family (FM). May Their souls rest in
peace.

Sunday, August 20, @ 10:30 AM,
(Feast of Saint Theodore the Great).
Liturgy is being offered for the souls of
Isaac and Kaffa Abraham requested by
family. May their souls rest in peace.
Liturgy is being offered for the souls of
Joseph T. Daher and the deceased
members of the Daher family requested
by Alice Daher (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.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

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.

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.

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.

LECTORS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Saturday, September 2,

Annemarie Espindola
Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, September 3,

Mae Dickinson / Jano Baroody

Saturday, September 9,

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, September 10,

John Barbour / Halim Choubah

Saturday, September 16,

Mae Dickinson

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, September 17,

Ann Dupre / Gaby Baroody

Saturday, September 23,

Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

Sunday, September 24,

Rana Choubah / Hiba Chdid

Saturday, September 30,

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

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

CONFESSION

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

LECTORS FOR AUGUST 2023

Ann Dupre/Jano Baroody

Saturday, August 26,

Mae Dickinson

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, August 27,

Rana Choubah / Gaby Baroody

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 8/28-9/2/23

Monday:

1 John 3: 23-4:6

Luke 15: 1-7

Tuesday:

1 John 4:7-21

Luke 15:8-10

Wednesday:

1 John 5: 1-12

Luke 16: 1-8

Thursday:

1 John 5: 13-21

Luke 16: 9-12

Friday:

2 John 1-13

Luke 16: 13-17

Saturday:

3 John 1-15

Luke 17: 1-4

WEEK OF AUGUST 19-20, 2023

Sunday Collection	\$	595.00
Assumption Feast	\$	751.00
Assumption Feast Picnic	\$	290.00
Festival Sponsorship	\$	950.00
Festival Raffle	\$	120.00
Coffee Hour	\$	40.00
Candles	\$	27.00
Total	\$	2,773.00

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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