



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



August 5-6, 2023

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD



WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

We celebrate the great feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord on Mount Tabor. In this glorious event, we see the veil of Christ's Humanity briefly lifted and His Divinity shine forth before the astounded eyes of his disciples.

This event was meant to strengthen the disciples in anticipation of the events of the Passion, which would test their faith as never before. We see an instant connection between the Transfiguration and the Passion when we observe that only Christ's closest disciples—Peter, James, and John—are witnesses. Not long after, on a different mount, the Mount of Olives, these three would become witnesses of Christ's Agony, at which time His divinity would be hidden in the darkness of the Passion.

Interestingly, the two events are also connected by apostolic sleepiness: in both instances Peter, James, and John are overtaken by sleep at the critical moment. They manage to stay awake for the Transfiguration, but it seems that the devil

was highly invested in none of them observing either Christ's glory or His suffering.

In his brilliant work *Jesus of Nazareth*, Pope Benedict XVI delves deeply into the integral unity of the Transfiguration with the Passion. He notes that the subject of Christ's conversation with Moses and Elijah on Mount Tabor is the Passion (Luke's account calls it His "departure," or, you might say, *exodus*). Moses led the people of Israel to freedom through the Red Sea, a clear image of the new Moses bringing His people to freedom through the Red Sea of His Passion.

The lesson, says Pope Benedict, that Our Lord is teaching the disciples is that the glory of God is only reached through the Passion. The Cross is His chosen way to redeem us and bring us into His divine life; and we must be willing to walk with Him if we are to see His glory.

Get to know the Son of God by delving into the events of His earthly life. Pope Benedict's *Jesus of Nazareth* is your guide to understanding the principal episodes covered in the Gospels, from the Baptism to the Transfiguration. Your knowledge of Christ and love for Him will grow as Pope Benedict uncovers the vast and often hidden mysteries of His life.

<https://catholiccompany.com/getfed/what-is-the-meaning-of-the-transfiguration>

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER OF THE FLOCK

Congratulations to George and Maria Abi Rachid on the arrival of their new baby girl Naya. Congratulations also to the Baroody and Abi Rachid families. May Almighty God cradle Naya in His loving hands and protect her in His loving arms. Mabrook!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Jesus goes before us to show us the way, both up the mountain and into heaven and — I speak boldly — it is for us now, to follow him with all speed . . . Let us run with confidence and joy to enter into the cloud like Moses and Elijah, or like James and John. Let us be caught up like Peter to behold the divine vision and to be transfigured by that glorious transfiguration. Let us retire from the world, stand aloof from the earth, rise above the body, detach ourselves from creatures and turn to the Creator, to whom Peter in ecstasy exclaimed: 'Lord, it is good for us to be here.'"

St Anastasius



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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

GRAPE LEAF DAYS



We will be preparing grape leaves for the festival on **Tuesday, August 8, and Wednesday August 9, from 10:30-6:00 PM**, at the church hall located at 4256 Acushnet Avenue. We welcome all those who can help. Thank you for your support.

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, Hoolas, Raffles, Dancing

Our Lady Of Purgatory Church

Lebanese Festival

Friday, September 8, 2023	Saturday, September 9, 2023
5:00PM - 11:00PM	12:00PM - 11:00PM

Live Entertainment

Mitchel Katsunas (Friday) & Rami Baadr (Saturday)

With Bashir El-Khairy 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 5, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Moses the Prophet). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Rachel David and the deceased members of their family requested by Joann, Anthony, and Loraine David. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Steven Espindola requested by Annemarie Espindola. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, August 6, @ 10:30 AM, (Transfiguration of Our Lord). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Samir and Georgette Sawaya and Milad Chedid requested by Hiba and Zakhia Chdid. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for a special intention.

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 all the souls in purgatory rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered in thanksgiving of Our Lady of Elige.

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.

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 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.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a special intention by Claire Barbour. 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 AUGUST 2023

Saturday, August 5,

Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, August 6,

Mae Dickinson/Hiba Chdid

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 8/7-8/12/23

Monday:

Acts of the Apostles 23:12-22

Luke 12: 13-21

Tuesday:

Acts of the Apostles 23: 23-35

Luke 12: 22-31

Wednesday:

Acts of the Apostles 21: 27-28,30b-40a

Matthew 23: 23-26

Thursday:

Acts of the Apostles 21: 40-22:10

Luke 12: 1-5

Friday:

Acts of the Apostles 22: 17-29

Luke 12: 6-9

Saturday:

Acts of the Apostles 22:30-23:11

Luke 12: 10-12

CONFESSION

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

WEEK OF JULY 29-30, 2023

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,134.00
Online Giving	\$ 760.61
Festival Sponsorship	\$ 300.00
Festival Raffle	\$ 200.00
Donations	\$ 20.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 39.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$ 40.00
Candles	\$ 50.00
Total	\$ 2,543.61

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.

51ST ANNUAL LEBANESE MAHIRAJAN
ST. ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH, LAWRENCE, MA
LABOR DAY WEEKEND
Homemade Lebanese Food and Pastries, Hookah, Raffles, Arts and Crafts, Souvenirs, Folkloric Dance and Belly Dancing Free Cooking and Belly Dancing Classes, Children Activities.

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

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