



# Our Lady of Purgatory



## Maronite Catholic Church

September 2-3, 2023

### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

#### ANNUAL LEBANESE FESTIVAL

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](mailto:oliviasmitty88@gmail.com)) or

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

#### FESTIVAL WORK SCHEDULE

As we make our final approach to kick off our summer festival, I have listed here the schedule for preparations before Friday, September 8.

**Wednesday, September 6**, 12:00 Noon to 8:00 PM Set up hall, tables, rooms, stations.

**Thursday, September 7**, 12 :00 Noon to late evening, set up tables and chairs under tents, banners, stations, skew shish kabobs, chicken kabobs, kafta, sauces, etc.

**Friday, September 8**, 9:00 AM to Midnight, final set up, station food set up, food prep, salad prep, open for business at 5:00 PM.

**Saturday, September 9**, 9:00 AM to Midnight, station food set up, food prep, salad prep, open for business at 12:00 PM. *Divine Liturgy will be held at 4:00 PM at the Church on Franklin Street.*

**Sunday, September 10:30**, *Divine Liturgy to be held at new Church on Acushnet Street*, followed by Minooshee sale and coffee hour, and tear down.

Everyone's help is needed for this great event. Thank you all in advance for your help and support.

#### 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.

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**“Do not criticize! To speak only of the faults of others does not represent total reality, for every man, in addition to his faults, also has virtues, a good side.”**  
St. Maximilian Kolbe



#### NEEDS LIST FOR FESTIVAL BAR

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

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

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

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Office: 508-996-8934 | Fax: 774-202-0758 | Evening Emergency Number: 561-371-5316 | Website: [www.ourladyofpurgatory.org](http://www.ourladyofpurgatory.org)

Email: [ourladyofpurgatory@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofpurgatory@gmail.com) | Facebook Page: Our Lady of Purgatory Catholic Church - Maronite Rite

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. Attached is the registration form long with information about days and times.

### OLOP ARABIC CLASS REGISTRATION FORMS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Level:

Adult 18 and Older

Youth Under 18 Years Old:

Classes will be held once a week for adults and for the youth. Classes will be held on the following days:

Adult classes will be held on **Tuesdays from 6:30-7:45 PM.**

Youth classes will be held on **Thursdays from 6:30-7:45 PM.**

We are looking forward to beginning the classes in October. The starting date will be announced soon. Thank you for your support.

(Arabic classes are open to all parishioners. To help with the cost of materials and books, there will be a \$50.00 registration fee for the year. If this is a hardship for anyone, please contact Fr. Vincent privately. I do not want this to be a hinderance for anyone who would like to learn Arabic.)

If you are interested in taking these classes, please fill out the registration forms and return them back to the Church office. contact the church office via email at [ourladyofpurgatory@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofpurgatory@gmail.com) or drop them in the collection basket. Thank you.

*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  
Kaltsunas  
(Friday)*

*Et*



*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**

**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](mailto:sister@maroniteservants.org) -or- Telephone: 508/996-1753.

### 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.



## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, September 2, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Mamma's 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, September 3, @ 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 all the souls in Purgatory rest in peace.

**Saturday, September 9, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Virgin Mary).** Liturgy is being offered for all the souls in Purgatory requested by Sean, Marie and Keira McLaughlin. May they rest in peace.

**Sunday, September 10, @ 10:30 AM, Exaltation of the Holy Cross. (Feast of Saint Pulcheria the Queen).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Penny Farhat requested by Family. May her soul rest in peace.

## 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.

## 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.

### 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 September is offered for Jean D'arc ElKhoury requested by Jacques and Amal Barbour.

## 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).

**Annual Lebanese Festival**  
Rain or Shine!  
LIVE MUSIC, GREAT FOOD, DANCE, RAFFLE & HOOKAH  
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Middle Eastern Cuisine  
Live Entertainment  
Friday & Saturday  
Friday, Saturday & Sunday  
St. George Maronite Catholic Church  
1493 Cranston Street, Cranston RI  
Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>: 3pm-12am  
Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>: 12pm-12am  
Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>: 11:30am-7pm  
FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING

## DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 9/4-9/9/23

**Monday:**

James 1: 1-8

Luke 17: 5-10

**Tuesday:**

James 1: 9-18

Luke 17: 11-19

**Wednesday:**

James 1: 19-27

Luke 17: 20-25

**Thursday:**

James 2: 1-13

Luke 17: 26-30

**Friday:**

2 Corinthians 4: 1-6

Luke 8: 16-21

**Saturday:**

James 3: 1-12

Luke 18: 1-8

## WEEK OF AUGUST 26-27, 2023

Sunday Collection	\$ 685.00
Festival Sponsorship	\$ 3,650.00
Festival Raffle	\$ 360.00
Festival Donations	\$ 600.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 25.00
Candles	\$ 37.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,357.00</b>

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.

**ANNUAL LEBANESE FESTIVAL**  
featuring  
Mitchell Kalatsunas  
Friday, Saturday & Sunday  
Andre Ibrahim  
Saturday  
DJ Gabriel Mussih  
Friday, Saturday & Sunday  
SAINT THERESA MARONITE CHURCH  
343 N Main Street  
Brockton, MA  
Friday, Sep 22, 5:00 PM to Midnight  
Saturday, Sep 23, 12:00 Noon to 01:00 AM  
Sunday, Sep 24, 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM  
Extra Parking available at the Angelo School at 473 N Main Street and at the old AMR Ambulance Center adjacent to our Parking Lot  
No outside Food, Drinks or Hookah allowed  
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BAR  
RAFFLE!



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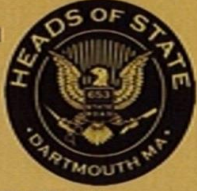
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