

Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



September 16-17, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS



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This past weekend we celebrated our first festival at our new home, and it was a great success. I would like to thank all the volunteers who worked so hard to make this festival successful and memorable. To our sponsors who contributed to helping offset the costs of the festival rentals, food and supplies, our police officers and overnight security who kept watch over the large crowds, our electricians who got us up and running, our friends who came from Florida, Michigan, Lawrence, and Philadelphia, giving their time to help OLOP, to Maurice and Paula Daaboul for the selfless time they gave to our church, to all those who donated baskets for our special raffle, to Bishop Gregory who graced us with his presence during his visit to New England, and to those who stayed and helped break down the equipment and outside stations after the festival, a very special thank you.

I would also like to thank Charlie Hanna of Cedars Mediterranean Foods in Haverhill, Subdeacon Tony Nammour from Cedars, Ibrahim Ata from Near East Bakery in Brockton, Yia Yia Pizza in Fairhaven, and Crown Bakeries in Lawrence, for their very generous donation of food and bread for our festival.



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

As we realize the great potential this community has, we have just witnessed a glimpse of what we can do when we work together for one common goal---coming together as a unified community and making a difference in the life of this parish. We are beginning to set the bar for many years to come and we have introduced ourselves to our neighbors as a community that is giving, welcoming, caring. The many neighbors who came were so very happy and their response to our move was heartwarming. They are happy to have us here in the neighborhood.

We have much to look forward to as we begin this new journey of faith.



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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. Please contact the office for registration forms.

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

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or drop them in the collection basket.

Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR CUA AND THE MARONITE SEMINARY

As per the directive of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, there will be a second collection this weekend for the Catholic University of America and the Maronite Seminary. This money helps educate our seminarians throughout the year. Thank you for your generosity.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received - only what you have given: a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage.”

St. Francis of Assisi



LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 16, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage). Liturgy is being offered for the soul Sandy Potoak requested by Joann David. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Marie Kenyon requested by family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, September 17, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Sophia and her 3 Daughters). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of the deceased members of the Hardin Family Society. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Peter and Raja Saba Bou Eassy (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Saturday, September 23, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Jonah the Prophet). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Peter and Mary David and the deceased members of their family requested by Mariam David and family. May they rest in peace.

Sunday, September 24, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Thecla, the First Woman Martyr). Remember Me In Your Kingdom Liturgy. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Jean D'Arc ElKhoury requested by Family. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of the deceased members of the Thomas family requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Magda Moosa, 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 September is offered for Jean D'Arc ElKhoury requested by Jacques and Amal Barbour.

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.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 9/18-9/23/23

Monday:

Book of Revelations 1: 1-8
Mark 8: 34-9:1

Tuesday:

Book of Revelations 1: 9-20
Mark 9: 33-37

Wednesday:

Book of Revelations 2: 1-7
Mark 9: 38-50

Thursday:

Book of Revelations 2: 8-11
Mark 10: 17-27

Friday:

Book of Revelations 2: 12-17
Mark 10: 28-31

Saturday:

Book of Revelations 2:18-29
Mark 20: 1-16

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for Thomas David and the deceased members of his family requested 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.

LECTORS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

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).

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9-10, 2023

Sunday Collection	\$	754.00
Festival Sponsorship	\$	1,200.00
Festival Raffle	\$	40.00
Festival Food	\$	45.00
Festival Donations	\$	200.00
Total	\$	2,239.00

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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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.

Extra Parking available at the
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at the old AMR Ambulance Center
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featuring

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Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Andre Ibrahim
Saturday

DJ Gabriel Massih
Friday, Saturday & Sunday

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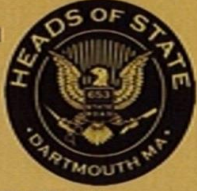
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Eternally in our hearts and in our thoughts. We miss seeing your face, hearing your voice, seeing your smile and hearing your laugh. We cherish the day we will join you in GOD's Heavenly Kingdom. We Love you and miss you even more with each passing day.

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