



# Our Lady of Purgatory

## Maronite Catholic Church



October 7-8, 2023

### FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

#### PLANNING FOR THE MOVE

As we begin to complete the renovations at the new church, we have put together a schedule to transition to the property on Acushnet. After meeting with the contractors this past week, we will be celebrating our final Divine Liturgy on Franklin Street the weekend of October 28th and 29th.

The following week, the remaining sacred vessels and treasures of the Church will be moved, and we will celebrate the Consecration and Renewal of the Church at our new Church the weekend of November 4th and 5th.

We will never forget the beautiful memories that have been made over the many years on Franklin Street. I hope and pray that we can begin this new journey of faith filled with many beautiful new memories while maintaining those that will always be in our hearts.

#### VETERANS DAY REMEMBRANCE

On November 5, the Consecration and Renewal of the Church, we will celebrate Divine Liturgy in honor of our veterans who have served from our parish. The new plaques that were updated and restored with the names of those men and women who served from Our Lady of Purgatory will be displayed in the new Church Hall. There will also be a breakfast immediately following Divine Liturgy.

Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime. We thank our veterans for their honorable service, and we pray for the fallen heroes who have served to uphold peace, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for others.

#### FAMILY PICTURES FOR DEDICATION PROGRAM

As we move closer to completion of the new Church construction, Bishop Gregory has set aside December 8-10, for the dedication of the new Church and Church grounds. That weekend will be filled with many activities and functions, including a Commemorative Church Dedication Program.

Along with many pages of the history of OLOP, it will also include family pictures for each family in the parish. I am asking each of you to please email me a very good quality picture of you and your family to include in this program book. We need to have these pictures by Sunday, November 5, 2023.

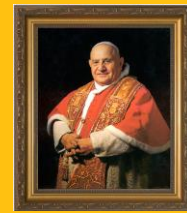
For those of you who do not have a current picture, Bruce David and Beth David have offered their services to take your family picture after the Divine Liturgy on Saturday, November 4, after the 4:30 PM Liturgy, as well as on Sunday, November 5, after the 10:30 AM Liturgy. I thank both of them in advance for their talents and help. I am hoping that every family will send a picture for this special booklet. Should you have any questions, please contact me at the office.

#### 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.

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“A peaceful man does more good than a learned one.”  
Pope Saint John XXIII*



#### 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.)

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.

## 2023 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Christmas Bazaar is now underway for planning. This year our bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 11, from 10AM- 6PM, and Sunday, November 12, from 10AM- 3PM. Baked Kibbee presale is now available online or by using the order forms. **The kibbee trays are \$35.00 each. All presale orders for kibbee must be in the office by Sunday, October 22, 2023,** so that we can prepare accordingly. You may order online, or contact:

**Smitty Cabral (508-961-8599), Hiba Chdid (508-617-3888), or the Church office (508-996-8934).**

If anyone would like to donate Holiday raffle baskets, items for the Caravan Auction, or monetary donations for the food, we would certainly appreciate this. More details will follow next week. Please mark your calendars and join us for this beautiful celebration.

## 2023 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

It is that time of year as we begin to prepare for the 2023 Children's Christmas Pageant which will be held on **December 9, 2023.** Children of all ages are encouraged to participate in this beautiful expression of love and dedication. Please register your children for this special event in the life of the Church. This year will be performed for Bishop Gregory and our invited guests as we celebrate our dedication that weekend. I look forward to seeing all of our children participate, spreading the joy of Christ's birth to our community and beyond. For more information, please contact Fr. Vincent or Matthew Thomas.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Magda Moosa, 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, 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.

*Our Lady Of Purgatory*  
**ANNUAL LEBANESE HOLIDAY  
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

Saturday, November 11, 2023  
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday, November 12, 2023  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

MONEY & BASKET RAFFLES  
CARAVAN & SILENT AUCTIONS  
DELICIOUS LEBANESE FOOD  
DESSERTS

Location:  
4254 Acushnet Avenue  
New Bedford, MA 02745

## BISHOP STANG HIGH SCHOOL OEPN HOUSE

Bishop Stang High School will be hosting an open house for their school. They have invited anyone who would like to know more about the education they offer to please join them on the following days.

For the weekends of September 30, October 7 and October 14:

**Bishop Stang, a Catholic, college preparatory high school in Dartmouth, MA, welcomes parents and students of all middle school grades to attend an Open House Event on Sunday, October 15, from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm. Faculty and students are excited to highlight all that makes Bishop Stang an outstanding faith-based, college preparatory program. Pre-register at [bishopstang.org](http://bishopstang.org).**

For the weekends of October 21, October 28.

**Bishop Stang, a Catholic, college preparatory high school in Dartmouth, MA, welcomes parents and students of all middle school grades to attend a modified Open House Event on Thursday, November 2, from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. This open house is geared to families unable to attend the previous event. Faculty and students are excited to highlight all that makes Bishop Stang an outstanding faith-based, college preparatory program. Pre-register at [bishopstang.org](http://bishopstang.org).**

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for Gaby and Amal Baroody family by Amal Baroody. 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.



## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, October 7, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saints Sarkis and Bacchus).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Michael David requested by the Macedo family (FM). May his soul rest in peace. 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.

**Sunday, October 8, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Pelagia of Antioch).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Penny Farhat requested by Ida Farhat. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for a special intention requested by Theresa John.

**Saturday, October 14, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Isaiah the Monk).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of the deceased members of the Kenyon and Daher families requested by family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Charles Murray requested by Mariam David and family. May his soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, October 15, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph Chedid requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

## DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 10/9-10/14/23

### Monday:

Book of Revelations 15: 1-8  
John 12: 20-28

### Tuesday:

Book of Revelations 18: 1-8  
John 16: 20-24

### Wednesday:

Book of Revelations 19: 1-2,5-9,11-13,16  
Luke 12: 16-21

### Thursday:

Book of Revelations 21: 1-12,14  
Luke 13: 6-9

### Friday:

Book of Revelations 21:22-22:5  
Luke 15: 3-7

### Saturday:

Book of Revelations 22:16-21  
Luke 15: 8-10

## 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 October is offered for Joe and Tillie Thomas requested by family.

## LECTORS FOR OCTOBER 2023

**Saturday, October 7,**  
Mae Dickinson

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, October 8,**

Rana Choubah / Hiba Chdid

**Saturday, October 14,**

Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, October 15,**

Ann Dupre / Gaby Baroody

**Saturday, October 21,**

Rachel Higgins

Intercessions: Anna and Helen Higgins

**Sunday, October 22,**

Mae Dickinson / Jano Baroody

**Saturday, October 28,**

Smitty Cabral


Intercessions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, October 29,**

Ann Dupre / Hiba Chdid

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

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## THE SEVEN MYSTERIES (SACRAMENTS)

HOSTED BY THE MARONITE SERVANTS OF CHRIST THE LIGHT

### VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

OCT. 12: BAPTISM & CHRISMATION - CHORBISHOP SEELY BEGGIANI	OCT. 24: HOLY EUCHARIST - FR. GARY GEORGE
OCT. 19: CONFESSION & ANOINTING OF THE SICK - FR. CLAUDE FRANKLIN	NOV. 2: MARRIAGE & ORDINATION - CHORBISHOP MICHAEL THOMAS



Via Zoom on Thursdays 8:00-9:30PM EST  
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## WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30-October 1, 2023

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,256.00</b>
<b>Festival Sponsorship</b>	<b>\$ 250.00</b>
<b>Festival Food</b>	<b>\$ 130.00</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>
<b>Sanctuary Candle</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$ 15.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,701.00</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.**

## DISCERNMENT TO THE PRIESTHOOD

If you feel that God is calling you to the priesthood, Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary is sponsoring a Weekend of Discernment for men 18 years or older. This weekend will take place in Washington, DC, on November 3-5, 2023. Please feel free to contact Fr. Vincent if you have any questions. The information is included on this flyer. We pray for all vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



THE MARONITE SEMINARY PRESENTS  
**A WEEKEND OF DISCERNMENT**  
ADULT MEN ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND TO DISCERN GOD'S CALL TO THE PRIESTHOOD  
**NOVEMBER 3-5, 2023**  
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