



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



October 28-29, 2023

SUNDAY OF THE CHRIST THE KING

REMEMBERING THE PAST -
PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE



This weekend will end one chapter in the life of Our Lady of Purgatory Church. I know this weekend will be filled with tears and sadness and tears of hope for a new beginning. As we embark on this new journey of faith, I pray that each of us will hold on to the beautiful memories that have been shared over the past 100 years. I also pray that each of us will begin to make this new beginning filled with new and wonderful memories for our children and our children's children.

We will all have different feelings about this move and on many levels, different reactions once we settle in our new home. But Jesus reminds us that "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20) These words will be the words that sustain each of us as we transition to our new home.

We must continue to reach out to those who are having difficulties with this transition, and to ensure them that although the location has changed,

Christ's Church is still alive and waiting for them. May this Feast of Christ the King, enlighten our hearts to continue to honor Christ as the King of the Universe and the King of our hearts by allowing him to take control of our lives. No matter where we worship Him, may we remind ourselves to "Love God with all our being, and love others as He loves us."

May all the founders and parishioners of this parish who have gone to their resting place continue to watch over this community they built, so that generations after them, may bear witness to the Maronite beauty and the worship of our Lord for years to come. May their souls 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.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"O Jesus, our Eternal King,
reign in our hearts. O Jesus,
Most Merciful King, reign in
our hearts."*

*Litany to
Christ the King*

ALL SAINTS HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

As you know, the main altar is being disassembled on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Therefore, I will not have a place to offer Divine Liturgy for All Saints Day. I will be celebrating Divine Liturgy at Saint Anthony of the Desert in Fall River on Tuesday, October 31, at 7:00 PM, for the Vigil of All Saints Day. Msgr. Jim will also offer Liturgy on Wednesday, November 1, at 10:00 AM. Please join us on either day. If you are not able to come to Saint Anthony in Fall River, please fulfill this Holy Day of Obligation at a local parish near you. Thank you for your understanding.

WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of October is offered for Joe and Tillie Thomas requested by family.

SAINT JOSEPH SODALITY NEWS

Sodality will sponsor the Festival of Trees during the Christmas Bazar, if you would like to help please see Amal Barbour.

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

SUNDAY OF CHRIST THE KING



In the Church's calendar, Christ the King is the parallel of the Super Bowl trophy or the Final Four in college basketball or the last game of the World Series. The Church's liturgical year concludes with this feast of Christ the King, instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to celebrate the Jubilee Year and the 16th centenary of the Council of Nicaea. Instituting this feast, Pope Pius XI proclaimed: "*Pax Christi in regno Christi*" ("The peace of Christ in the reign of Christ"). This feast was established and proclaimed by the Pope to reassert the sovereignty of Christ and the Church over all forms of government and to remind Christians of the fidelity and loyalty they owed to Christ, who by his Incarnation and sacrificial death on the cross had made them both adopted children of God and future citizens and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven. The Feast was also a reminder to the totalitarian governments of Mussolini, Hitler and Stalin that Jesus Christ is the only Sovereign King. Christ is our spiritual King and Ruler who rules by truth and love. We declare our loyalty to him by the quality of our Christian commitment, expressed in our serving of others with sacrificial and forgiving love, and by our solidarity with the poor. Although emperors and kings with real ruling power exist today only in history books, we nevertheless honor Christ as the King of the Universe and the King of our hearts by allowing him to take control of our lives. In thousands of human hearts all over the world, Jesus still reigns as King. The Cross is his throne and the Sermon on the Mount, his rule of law. His citizens need obey only one

major law: "*Love God with all your being, and love others as I have loved you.*" His love is selfless, compassionate, forgiving, and unconditional. He is a King with a saving and liberating mission: freeing us from all types of bondage, enabling us to live peacefully and happily on earth, and promising us an inheritance in the eternal life of heaven.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2019-11/sunday-reflection-vatican-news1.html>

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.

MAAMOUL DAY

We will be preparing Maamoul for the Christmas Bazaar on Thursday, November 2, 2023, from 10:00 AM till 6:00 PM. If anyone can come and help with these, it would be greatly appreciated. Please join us for as long as you can. Thank you.

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.

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.

LECTORS FOR OCTOBER

Saturday, October 28,

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, October 29,

Ann Dupre / Hiba Chdid

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 28, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Terence and His Companions). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph Saba requested by Annemarie Espindola. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Sarkees and Frouena Peters and the deceased members of their family requested by Joann, Anthony, and Lorraine David. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, 29 October, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Anastasia of Rome). Remember Me In Your Kingdom Liturgy. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Charlie Murray requested by family (40-Day Mass). May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joe, Tillie, and Bobby Thomas requested by family. May their souls rest in peace.

Saturday, November 4, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saints Vitalis and Agricola). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Annie and Thomas Farris requested by Helena Tavares and family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Thomas, Helen and Mary Anna David and the deceased members of the family requested by Mariam David and Family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, November 5, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Asya the Righteous). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Souad Keiruz Yazbeck requested by Raed and Viviane Yazbeck and family. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for all the veterans of the United States of America from Our Lady of Purgatory Church.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Michael Bruce, 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.

NEEDED GIFTS FOR THE CARAVAN AUCTION, BASKET RAFFLES, SILENT AUCTION AND THE KID'S ZONE GAMES FOR THE CHILDREN



Items needed include:

Electronics, housewares, giftware, tools, gift cards, gift baskets, sporting event tickets, jewelry, toys, sporting goods etc. We also need small children's gifts for the game tables such as:

Books, coloring books and crayons or markers, small cars and trucks, dolls, stuffed toys, puzzles models, games etc.

We need gifts of various values from \$2-\$25, \$25-\$50 and \$50 and up.

If you wish to donate but have no time to shop, you can donate the money and we will shop for you.

All help in any amount is greatly appreciated.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 10/23-10/28/23

Monday:

1 Corinthians 6: 1-11
Matthew 13: 1-9

Tuesday:

1 Corinthians 6: 12-20
Matthew 13: 10-17

Wednesday:

1 Corinthians 7: 1-3,8-14, 17,24
Matthew 13: 18-23

Thursday:

1 Corinthians 7: 25-35
Matthew 13: 24-30

Friday:

1 Corinthians 9: 13-18
Matthew 13: 31-35

Saturday:

1 Corinthians 9:19-27
Matthew 13: 36-43

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.

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.

LECTORS FOR NOVEMBER 2023

Saturday, November 4,

Mae Dickinson

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, November 5,

Jacques Barbour / Rana Choubah

Saturday, November 11,

Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Anna and Helen Higgins

Sunday, November 12,

John Barbour / Halim Choubah

Saturday, November 18,

Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, November 19,

Ann Dupre / Gaby Baroody

Saturday, November 25,

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, November 26,

Mae Dickinson / Jano Baroody

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

WEEK OF OCTOBER 21-22, 2023

Sunday Collection	\$	788.00
Second Collection	\$	119.00
Bazaar Raffle	\$	145.00
Bazaar Food Donations	\$	70.00
Donations	\$	100.00
Coffee Hour	\$	15.00
Candles	\$	23.00
Total	\$	1,260.00

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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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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SUNDAY OF THE CHRIST THE KING

First Reading: Romans 12:9-21

A reading from St. Paul to the Romans. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

قرأ ءة من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل روما. 12:9-21

يا إخوتي، لتكن محبتكم بلا رياء: تجنّبوا الشرّ، ولازموا الخير. أحبوا بعضكم بعضاً محبةً أخويةً، وبادروا بعضكم بعضاً بالإكرام. كونوا في الاجتهاد غير متكاسلين، وبالروح حارين، وللربّ عابدين، وبالرجاء فرحين، وفي الضيق ثابتين، وعلى الصلاة مؤظبين، وفي حاجات القديسين مشاركين، وإلى ضيافة الغرباء ساعين. باركوا الذين يضطهدونكم، باركوا ولا تلعنوا. افرحوا مع الفرحين، وابكوا مع الباكين.

كونوا متفقيين بعضكم مع بعض، متواضعين لا متكبرين. لا تكونوا حكماء في عيون أنفسكم. ولا تبادلوا أحداً شراً بشراً، واعتنوا بعمل الخير أمام جميع الناس. سالموا جميع الناس، إن أمكن، على قدر طاقتكم. لا تنتقموا لأنفسكم، أيها الأحباء، بل اتركوا مكاناً لغضب الله، لأنه مكتوب: «لي الانتقام، يقول الربّ، وأنا أجازي». «إن جاع عدوك فأطعمه، وإن عطش فأسقهِ، فإنك بفعلك هذا تترك على رأسه جمر نار». لا تدع الشر يغلبك، بل اغلب الشرّ بالخير.

والتسبيح لله دائماً

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

The Apostle Writes:

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

إنجيل القديس متى 25:31-46

قال الرب يسوع: «متى جاء ابن الإنسان في مجده، وجميع الملائكة معه، يجلس على عرش مجده. وتجمع لديه جميع الأمم، فيميز بعضهم من بعض، كما يميز الراعي الخراف من الجداء. ويقسم الخراف عن يمينه والجداء عن شماله.

حينئذ يقول الملك للذين عن يمينه: تعالوا، يا مباركي أبي، رثوا الملكوت المعد لكم منذ إنشاء العالم؛ لأني جعت فأطعمتموني، وعطشت فسقيتموني، وكنت غريباً فأويتموني، وعزياًناً فكسوتموني، ومريضاً فرزتموني، ومحبوساً فأنتموني إلي.

حينئذ يجيبه الأبرار قائلين: يا رب، متى رأيناك جائعاً فأطعمناك، أو عطشاناً فسقيناك؟ ومتى رأيناك غريباً فأويتمنا، أو عزياًناً فكسوتنا، أو مريضاً أو محبوساً فأنتمنا إليك؟

فجيب الملك ويقول لهم: الحق أقول لكم: كل ما عملتموه لأحد إخوتي هؤلاء الصغار، فلي عملتموه! ثم يقول للذين عن شماله: اذهبوا عني، يا ملاعين، إلى النار الأبدية المعدة لإبليس وجنوده؛

لأني جعت فما أطعمتموني، وعطشت فما سقيتموني، وكنت غريباً فما أويتموني، وعزياًناً فما كسوتموني، ومريضاً ومحبوساً فما رزتموني!

حينئذ يجيبه هؤلاء أيضاً قائلين: يا رب، متى رأيناك جائعاً أو عطشاناً أو غريباً أو مريضاً أو محبوساً وما خدمناك؟ حينئذ يجيبهم قائلاً: الحق أقول لكم: كل ما لم تعملوه لأحد هؤلاء الصغار، فلي لم تعملوه.

ويذهب هؤلاء إلى العذاب الأبدي، والأبرار إلى الحياة الأبدية.»