

# **RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH**

# **OPENING WEEKEND AT OUR NEW CHURCH**



As Our Lady of Purgatory Church begins a new chapter in their Journey of Faith, we welcomed many parishioners and friends to their new home of worship. God was looking down on us with sunny skies and warmer than normal temperatures and those who attended were full of hope and happiness.

As we celebrated the Consercration of the Church and the beginning of the New Liturgical Year, we also honored our veterans who have served this country with dignity and loyalty. We also honored the founders of this Church as well as the loyal anddedicated members who have passed, thanking them for their sacrifice and the legacy they have given to all the parishioners and friends of OLOP.

As bittersweet as this day was for many, the Church was also filled with promise and hope for a bright future. As Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20) Jesus is always there with us and it was even more evident this weekend. Although there is still some finishing work that needs to be done at the Church, we are well on our way to completion. There are many people to thank, and that will come on the weekend of the Dedication of the Church on December 8-10. But for now, thank you all for your support, help, and dedication to this Church, especially during this transition to our new home.

May God continue to bless and lead this flock closer to Him and may we all continue to work for the greater glory of God. Mabrook!

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### **DEDICATION WEEKEND OF** THE NEW CHURCH

As we prepare for the dedication of the new Church on December 8 - 10, here is the schedule for that weekend.

On Friday, December 8, we will celebrate Divine Liturgy at 7:00 PM, celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, with His Excellency Gregory J. Mansour. There will be a dinner banquet immediately following Divine Liturgy in the Church Hall. There is no charge for this banquet, however, to plan accordingly for the food and seating. I am asking you to please RSVP with the number of people in your family by December 3, 2023. You may either call the office at 508-996-8934 or email your RSVP to Ourladyofpurgatory@gmail.com Donations are always welcomed for the

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There will also be a cash bar available.

On Saturday, December 9, Divine Liturgy will be held at 4:30 PM, followed by the Children's Christmas Pageant in the Church. After the pageant, there will be food and refreshments in the Church Hall sponsored by the parents of the children. On Sunday, December 10, Bishop Gregory will celebrate Divine Liturgy at 10:30 AM. There will be breakfast in the Church Hall immediately following Divine Liturgy.

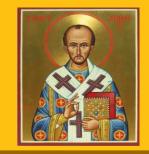
Please plan to celebrate with us all weekend as we host Bishop Gregory and many other visiting priests.

## WINE AND HOST **OFFERING**

The altar bread and wine for the month of November is offered for John, Malvina and Joseph David requested by Joann, Anthony and Lorraine David.

#### **OUOTE OF** THE WEEK

"Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness." Saint John Chrysostom



# MEN'S **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Saint Anthony of the Desert Church has invited all the men of Our Lady of Purgatory Church to their Men's Christmas Party. This will be held on Monday, December 18, at 7:00 PM, at the Cove Restaurant, in Fall River. Dinner will be \$50.00 per person, and they will also have a cash bar. Appetizers will begin at 7:00 PM.

This will be a great opportunity for the men of the two parishes to get to know each other better. If you are interested in attending, please contact the office at 508-996-8934, or Saint Anthony of the Desert office at 508-672-4540.



#### LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 11, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Mennas and His Companions, Feast of Saint Martin). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of John, Malvina and Joseph David and for their living family members requested by Mariam David and family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, November 12, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Theodore). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Helen Yamine requested by Milad and Sousou Maalouf. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Elisabeth Grenier requested by family (FM). May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph Saseen, Julia, Alex, Nicholas, John and Sophie Kalife requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Saturday, November 18, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Romanos, Feast of Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Charlie Murray requested by Mariam David and family. 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, November 19, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Pope Saint Pontian). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Marc Thomas requested by family. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Elie Irani requested by Daniel Barbour. May his soul rest in peace.

## **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 Drouin, Thomas, Zita Lucienne Rodrigues, Edmond Salameh, Ed Da Rocha, and Alice Daher. If anyone is missing from this list, please contact the Church office.

#### THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for John, Malvina and Joseph David 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 NOVEMBER 2023

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). **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.

## DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 11/13-11/18/23

Monday: Hebrews 8: 1-6 John 10: 1-6 **Tuesday:** Hebrews 8: 7-13 John 10: 7-10 Wednesday: Hebrews 9: 15-23 John 10: 11-16 **Thursday:** Hebrews 9: 24-28 John 10: 17-21 Friday: Hebrews 10: 1-10 Mark 2: 18-22 Saturday: Hebrews 3:1-6 Mark 1: 12-28

### WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4-5,

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Sunday Collection	\$ 2,331.00
Donations	\$ 1,380.00
Second Collection	\$ 417.00
Bazaar Raffle	\$ 80.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 20.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 150.00
Candles	\$ 28.00
Total	\$ 4,406.00

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.



