



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



February 10-11, 2024

SUNDAY OF THE ENTRANCE INTO LENT MIRACLE AT CANA IN GALILEE

ENTRANCE INTO LENT

“I yearn for your pardon, O Lord, give me tears to repent in this season of Lent. Lord have mercy.
I beg for your favors, O Lord, for your mercy I thirst, for your kindness and love. Lord have mercy.
Against you, O Lord, I have sinned, hear the cry of my voice, turn your ear to my prayer. Lord have mercy.
O wash me, O Lord, from my guilt, purify me and I shall be whiter than snow. Lord have mercy.
O Jesus our Lord and our God, you have saved all your flock, in your mercy and love. O Good Shepherd.
You came to return all the sheep who had wandered and strayed, from the love of our God. O Good Shepherd.”
With these words, we begin to prepare ourselves for Ash Monday, the beginning of our Season of Lent. May these words give us understanding, acceptance of our shortcomings, and the capacity to forgive one another and to ask God for the same forgiveness to us. It is only through this mercy that God extends to us that we are able to extend this same mercy to everyone around us. I pray that this season of purification, repentance, and fasting will allow us to begin anew in this community, in our families, and in the world. Have a blessed Lenten journey.

LENTEN FASTING OBSERVANCES

The Most Reverend Bishops Gregory Mansour and Elias Zaidan have issued the following Lenten guidelines for the Maronites of the U.S.:

- All Maronites who are physically capable are to abstain from meat on Ash Monday and all Fridays of Lent.
- Ash Monday and Great Friday of the Crucifixion are also days of fasting. Fasting in the Maronite Church involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken, but without meat. All Maronites who are physically capable are to fast on these two days.

Personal Devotion

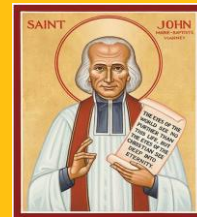
Clergy, religious, and laity who wish to observe the more traditional Maronite practice of fasting and abstinence are encouraged to do so. That practice is summarized in the following, taken from the Synod of Mt. Lebanon (1736):

Every weekday of Lent (Monday through Friday) is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat and dairy products (eggs, butter, milk, etc.) Fasting involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Nothing afflicts the heart of Jesus so much as to see all His sufferings of no avail to so many.”

Saint John Mary Vianney



The rest of the day normal meals can be taken, but without meat or dairy products. Dairy products are excluded because they are animal byproducts. Saturdays and Sundays are exempt from fasting and abstaining as are the following feast days: St. Maron- February 9, The 40 Martyrs- March 9, St. Joseph- March 19, and the Annunciation- March 25.

St. John Neumann Parish

Cordially invites you to our Lenten Themed Sunday Taize’ Service Sunday, February 18th at 7 pm.

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

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

I received the sad news that Alice Daher passed away on Monday, February 4. She was the wife of the late Joseph T. Daher, the mother of the late Charles Murray, and the sister of the late Thomas Hart, Earle Hart and Catherine Perry. We extend our condolences to her daughter Mary Ann and her husband Anders Jensen and her grandchildren Garret and Rachel. May Almighty God welcome Alice into His kingdom and may her soul rest in peace. Allah yerhamma.

UPCOMING LENTEN EVENTS AT OLOP

Friday, March 1, Fish Fry following Stations of the Cross/Adoration of the Cross at 7:30 PM.

Friday, March 22, Fish Fry following Stations of the Cross/Adoration of the Cross at 7:30 PM.

Tickets will be sold in advance for the fish fry dinner.

Sunday, March 24, MYO Palm Sunday Bake Sale

Friday, March 29, GOOD FRIDAY MERCY MEAL: After the burial of Jesus on Good Friday, we will have a potluck Mercy Meal in the church hall. Everyone is encouraged to bring a meatless dish to pass. Dinner will follow the Good Friday service.

2023 TAX LETTERS

As we begin the new year, all of you are preparing for your tax returns for 2023. If you would like a copy of your contributions to the Church, please contact the office via email or calling the office. For those who used envelopes or wrote checks, these reports are in our system and a printout will be available upon request. Thank you all for your support and dedication to the Church.

WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of February is offered for Jean and Danielle Hojeily requested by Adele Hojeily.

CONFESSION

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

ASH MONDAY SERVICES/ADORATION & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our Lent begins on Monday, **February 12**, just a few weeks away. Our Ash Monday services will be held on **Monday, February 12, at 11:00 AM** and **at 7:00 PM**. Ashes will be distributed during these times.

Beginning **Friday, February 16**, and every Friday up to Good Friday, we will have Adoration/Stations of the Cross. These services will be offered on **Fridays at 12:00 Noon in English** and **at 7:00 PM in English and Arabic**. I hope you will join us.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Muriel Moline, Patricia Farhat, Ghada Karam, Beverly Parlapiano, Anne Ramundo, Michael Bruce, Magda Moosa, Sharon Conti, David Techlin, Debbie Freedenberg, Josephine Chedid, Efrangieh Daou, Reggie Thomas, Peter Helmer, Renee Helmer, 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, Ed Da Rocha, and Edmond Salameh. If anyone is missing from this list, please contact the Church office.

OLOP CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Our Capital Campaign is still underway. I am happy to inform you that we are over halfway to our goal. We are continuing the Capital Campaign through June. I thank all of you who have contributed thus far. May God continue to bless Our Lady of Purgatory Church.

2024 REGIONAL EPARCHIAL LENTEN RETREATS

SATURDAY MARCH 2 10 AM - 7 PM **NEW ENGLAND** SAINT ANTHONY OF THE DESERT - FALL RIVER MA

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 10, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Apollonia). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Marie Kenyon and for the souls of Herve and Yvette LeBlanc requested by Michael and Diane LeBlanc. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Peter and Raja Bou Essay requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, February 11, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Feast of Saint Charalampus). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Youssef and Hanneh Daher and the deceased family members requested by Mariam David and family.

Monday, February 12, @ 11:00 AM, and @ 7:00 PM, Ash Monday, (Feast of Saint Meletius of Antioch).

Tuesday, February 13, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Catherine de Ricci, Feast of Saint Beatrice of Ornacieux).
Wednesday, February 14, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Feast of Saint Valentine the Priest).

Thursday, February 15, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saints Faustinus and Jovita).

Saturday, February 17, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Agapitus, Bishop of Synnada). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Marie (Peter) Barckett and Diane (Barckett) Moses requested by Joe Barckett. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul Joseph M. Thomas requested by his children and grandchildren. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, February 18, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Pope Saint Leo the Great, Doctor of the Church). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Regis and Marthe Valois requested by Reggie Thomas and family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Roy ElKhoury requested by family (1 year anniversary). May his soul rest in peace.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Jimmy Kalife, Wassim Chedid, Rose Dupre, Rana Choubah, Nigel Hitchings, and Joseph Barckett.

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THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a Muriel Moline by 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 FEBRUARY 2024

Saturday, February 10,
Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, February 11,

Ann Dupre / Gaby Baroody

Monday, February 12,

11:00 AM: Smitty Cabral / Hiba Chdid
7:00 PM: TBA

Saturday, February 17,

Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, February 18,

John Barbour / Jano Baroody

Saturday, February 24,

Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

Sunday, February 25,

Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

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

PARISH COUNCIL

MEMBERS:

Fadi Bark, Johnny Kalife, Vicki Thomas Marini, Jacques Barbour, and Smitty Cabral.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 02/12-02/17/24

Monday:

Ephesians 5: 3-13

Mark 5: 1-20

Tuesday:

1 Timothy 1: 1-8

Mark 6:47-56

Wednesday:

Ephesians 6: 1-9

Luke 7: 11-17

Thursday:

2 Timothy 1: 6-14

Mark 4: 33-41

Friday:

Philippians 2:12-19

Luke 4: 31-44

Saturday:

Colossians 3: 23-4:7

Mark 7: 31-37

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 3-4, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,289.00
January Online Giving	\$ 1,039.45
Donations	\$ 1,100.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$ 40.00
Candles	\$ 194.00
Total	\$ 3,662.45

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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Joseph & Marie Kenyon

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