

# Our Lady of Purgatory

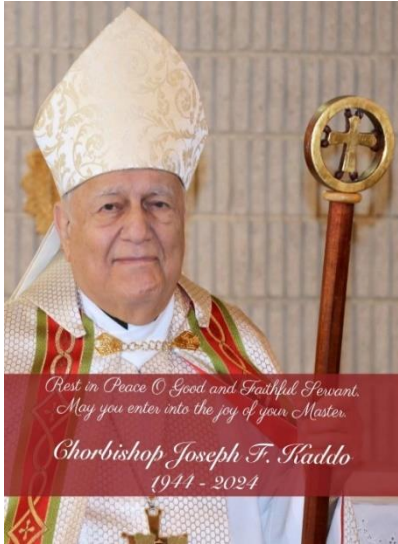
## Maronite Catholic Church



May 4-5, 2024

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

#### REST IN PEACE CHORBISHOP JOSEPH KADDO



Our dear friend and servant of God, Chorbishop Joseph Kaddo, passed away in Fall River on April 26, 2024. Chorbishop Joseph gave his life to Christ, to feed His lambs, tend His sheep, and to feed His sheep. A man of God who loved the Church and the people he served, our communities were blessed to have known him.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, May 5, 2024, at Saint Anthony of the Desert Church from 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM, with the prayer of Ginnez beginning at 6:00 PM. Visitation will continue on Monday, May 6, from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM, with Divine Liturgy to begin at 12:00 noon. A mercy meal will follow in the Church Hall.

May Almighty God welcome His faithful servant into His kingdom with the words, “Job well done my good and faithful servant.”

May his soul rest in peace. Allah yerhammo!

#### REFLECTION ON PRIESTHOOD BY SAINT OSCAR ROMERO

*It helps, now and then, to step back and take the long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God’s work. Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.*

*No statement says all that could be said.  
No prayer fully expresses our faith.  
No confession brings perfection.  
No pastoral visit brings wholeness.  
No program accomplishes the Church’s mission.*

*No set of goals and objectives includes everything.*

*This is what we are about:  
We plant seeds that one day will grow.  
We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.  
We lay foundations that will need further development.*

*We provide yeast that produces effects beyond our capabilities.*

*We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.*

*This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.*

*It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for God’s grace to enter and do the rest.*

*We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.*

*We are workers, not master builders, Ministers, not messiahs.*

*We are prophets of a future not our own.*

#### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON



In Lebanon, where Christians can freely express their faith, the deep-rooted love the Lebanese have for the Blessed Mother is evident everywhere.

Throughout the course of an ordinary day, one constantly encounters statues and images of Mary: through roadside and sidewalk shrines; in grocery stores, mini-markets and restaurants; in entrances to office and apartment buildings; on buses, taxis and cars, often with a rosary dangling from the rear-view mirror. Even in barbershops and hair salons.

The tiny Middle Eastern country, about half the size of New Jersey, has more than 300 churches bearing the name of Our Lady.

And when there is an emergency or a moment of distress, “Ya Adra” (O Virgin!) is typically the first petitionary plea that arises from their hearts.

“In history, the Lebanese people love the Virgin Mary,” said Maronite Father Younan Obeid, vice rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon in Harissa.

Located 16 miles north of Beirut, the towering Our Lady of Lebanon statue, her arms outstretched, graces a 1,866-foot summit above the Mediterranean Sea. Painted white, the bronze statue is nearly 28 feet high and 18 feet wide.

<https://www.ncregister.com/features/lebanon-s-love-for-the-blessed-mother>

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

## WEEKLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration will be available every Monday evening from **5:00 PM – 8:00 PM**. This is a beautiful time to spend with Jesus Christ in prayer and reflection. If you would like to be offer an hour with Jesus each week, please contact Fr. Vincent. We will have the changing of the guards every hour between 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

This time of the year is extra special as our children receive their First Communion. With the help of the Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light, Amina David Camacho, Nailah Gabriel, and Marianne Hojeily, will receive their First Communion this weekend. Please keep these children in your prayers as they receive our Lord for the first time.

## THE 2024 MASSABKI AWARD



This year, Our Lady of Purgatory awarded the Massabki Brothers Award to Hiba Chdid. This award is given out to NAM Members who have gone above and beyond for their Church community.

Hiba has given so much to this Church in different ways. She is the Church secretary, prepares and changes the altar clothes, works tirelessly for our hafli's, maharjan's, serves as a delegate for the National NAM Conventions on behalf of this church, teaches Arabic to our community, and is always willing to do whatever is needed to help make this community thrive. We all thank Hiba for her tireless efforts and ask Almighty God to continue to bless her and her family. Mabrook!!!

## TO OUR ORTHODOX BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Massih Qam! Hakkan Qam! We would like to wish our brothers and sisters of the Orthodox faith a blessed Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord.

## WE'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN

Congratulations to Christophe Chedid and Bianca Carreiro who are engaged to be married. We also congratulate Zakhia and Hiba Chdid, Christophe's siblings, and the family of Bianca. May Almighty God continue to bless both of you as you prepare for your sacrament of marriage. Mabrook!!

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

This is the Third Banns of Marriage for Jacob Barbour and Jillian Faria who will be married on May 10, 2024. If anyone knows of any reason that these two should not be married, speak now or forever hold your peace.

## MYO GATHERING

We will have another MYO gathering on Saturday, **May 11, at 6:00 PM** in the Church Hall. All youth are highly encouraged to participate. We will have a talk, icebreakers, dinner, and games for our youth.

## SECOND COLLECTION

Per the directive of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, there will be a second collection this weekend. This collection is taken to help with the upkeep of The Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon in Ohio. Thank you for your generosity.

## FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

We will celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord on **Wednesday, May 8, at 7:00 PM**. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

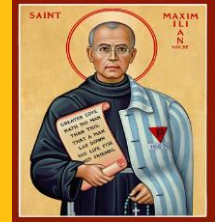
## MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

The Education Foundation is sponsoring a Mother's Day Raffle. You can enjoy a \$200.00 gift certificate to M Aesthetics Spa. All the proceeds will benefit the Education Foundation Scholarship program. This will allow this foundation to continue to offer scholarships to our high school seniors and undergraduate college students to help with their education. Please support these efforts. God bless.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion."*

*St. Maximilian Kolbe*



## SAINT JOSEPH SODALITY

The St. Joseph Sodality will not be meeting this Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> for the Monthly Devotion, so that the First Communion participants can prepare for this Blessed milestone. We keep them in our prayers and may God continue to bless them and guide them on their journey of faith.

**On Sunday, June 9, 2024**, the Sodality will be sponsoring a gourmet breakfast at the Church Hall as a fundraiser for the St. Joseph Sodality. This is open to everyone in the parish. The Tickets are \$20 each for adults and \$10 for children under 10. You can see any members of the board for tickets or contact the church office.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Abouna Tanios Abi Ramia, Kenneth Macedo, Muriel Moline, Patricia Farhat, Ghada Karam, Beverly Parlapiano, 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.

## WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of May is offered for Anthony and Margerite Thomas requested by Family.



## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, May 4, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Monica, Mother of Saint Augustine).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of George J. and Mary Saba and for the soul of George Michael requested by Annemarie Espindola. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Leo Macedo requested by family (FM). May his soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, May 5, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon, Feast of Saint Irene).** Liturgy is being offered in honor of our First Communicants and their families. May God bless them.

**Monday, May 6, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Dominic Savio).** Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent. **NO LITURGY.**

**Tuesday, May 7, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Antoninus, Bishop of Florence).** Liturgy is being offered for the living and deceased members of the Joseph Semaan Dawood family (FM).

**Wednesday, May 8, @ 7:00 PM, Vigil of The Ascension of Our Lord, (Feast of Saint John the Evangelist, Feast of The Blessed Sister Miriam Teresa Demjanovich).**

**Thursday, May 9, @ 9:00 AM, The Ascension of Our Lord (Feast of Saint Isaiah the Prophet).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of George and Marie Saba requested by family (FM).

**Saturday, May 11, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Pontius).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Roufael and Shoushlia Gabriel and the deceased members of their family requested by Joann, Anthony, and Lorraine David. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Peter and Raja Bou Eassey requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, May 12, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus).** Liturgy is being offered for All Mothers living and deceased.

## 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.

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for Shirley Azar Roy 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 MAY 2024

**Saturday, May 4,**  
Annemarie Espindola  
Intercessions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, May 5,**  
TBA

**Wednesday, May 8,**  
Vigil of the Ascension  
Mae Dickinson /Hiba Chdid

**Saturday, May 11,**  
Rachael Higgins  
Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

**Sunday, May 12,**  
Halim Choubah / Joumana Chedid

**Saturday, May 18,**  
Smitty Cabral  
Intercessions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, May 19,**  
Mae Dickinson / Jano Baroody

**Saturday, May 25,**  
Eric Tavares  
Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola

**Sunday, May 26,**  
Ann Dupre / Elie AbouKheir  
(If you are not able to read on your given day, please contact Mae Dickinson).

## DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 05/06-05/11/24

**Monday:**  
Philippians 3: 1-12  
John 11: 1-16  
**Tuesday:**  
Philippians 3: 13-21  
John 11:17-31  
**Wednesday:**  
Philippians 4: 1-7  
John 11: 32-46  
**Thursday:**  
Acts of The Apostles 1: 1-14  
Mark 16:15-20

**Friday:**  
Philippians 4:8-14  
John 3: 12-15  
**Saturday:**  
Philippians 4: 15-23  
John 14: 1-6

## WEEK OF APRIL 27-28, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$	945.00
April Online Giving	\$	603.50
Hall Rental	\$	300.00
Second Collection	\$	115.00
Memorial donation	\$	250.00
Coffee Hour	\$	42.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$	20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,275.50</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.**

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