



# Our Lady of Purgatory



## Maronite Catholic Church

July 27-28, 2024

### ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

#### LOVE DEMONSTRATED

by Jay Launius

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8. God did not just tell us He loved us and then left it there. As the preceding verse states, God demonstrated, revealed, and validated His love for mankind by allowing Jesus to be crucified, thus bearing the sins of all undeserving people. After showing us the greatest act of love, He now commands us to love others. (1 John 4:11). As we comply to the second greatest command, "love your neighbor" (Mark 12:29-31), it becomes so easy to shake the hand or hug the neck of a fellow Christian and say, "I love you." However, the love that the Lord requires of us is much more than a verbal acknowledgment. The love which God demands is not a love spoken, but a love shown.

Notice how we are to demonstrate love:

- Doing good and showing mercy for our enemies (Luke 6:35-36)
- Giving preference to each other (Romans 12:10)
- Serving one another (Galatians 5:13)
- Putting up with each other's imperfections (Ephesians 4:2)
- Sacrificing ourselves for our family (Ephesians 5:25)
- Being ready to meet urgent needs of others (Titus 3:14)
- Encourage one another to do good works (Hebrews 10:24)
- Being enthusiastic in expressing our love for each other (1 Peter 1:22)
- Showing compassion for each other (1 Peter 3:8).

#### UPDATE ON FRANKLIN AND MERRIMAC STREETS PROPERTY

We have officially received signed Purchase and Sale Agreements on the Lebanese Center in the amount of \$525,000.00 and the Church and lots on Franklin Street for \$400,000.00. These properties are scheduled to close on September 16, 2024. This is excellent news for this community. What does this mean to this community?

By the end of September, we will owe the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fall River the remaining \$840,000.00 left on the purchase of the new church property. This will allow us to pay the Diocese of Fall River in full and in doing so, we will not have to pay any interest on the purchase price of 1.6 million.

The note for the Knights of Columbus will be transferred to the new property which is on the Lebanese Center. This will continue to be paid monthly until we are able to pay it off completely in full.

The Capital Campaign is still underway. We have collected \$390,000.00 thus far. When this plan was put together over 2 years ago, we stated that between the sale of the property, the Capital Campaign, and the loan from the Knights of Columbus, we needed to raise \$650,000.00, to make everything work. We have raised more than half of this Capital Campaign and we are very close to our goal.

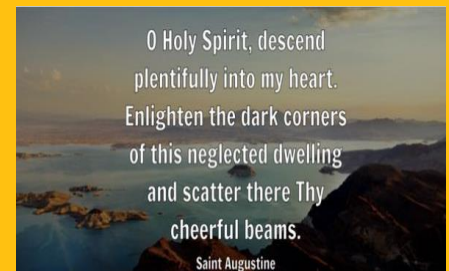
So many of you have pledged and donated toward this Capital Campaign and for that I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Because of your support and enthusiasm, you have seen the potential in our future and believe in this new mission we have embarked upon on Acushnet Avenue. Our new church grounds have been a

source of new life for this community. With the newly renovated Church and rectory, our spacious hall, our church grounds, and now the new addition of OLOP's Saint Sharbel Shrine that is expected to be completed by mid-August. We are beginning to see the investment in this move paying off.

As you can see, there is still some work that needs to be completed. The landscaping of the Church, the repair of the parking lot, the punch list for the Church and rectory, to name a few, which we hope to complete during the month of August.

Your help is still needed. It begins with a prayer that Our Lady will continue to bless this community and to help us see the fruition of our hard work. We are also asking those who can help us reach our goal for the Capital Campaign to consider a donation at this essential time. As we come so close to the completion of this project, we are securing the future of our faith and traditions for many generations to come. We have so much to look forward to as a community of faith and I am so happy to be a part of this journey with you. Thank you for your support and belief in our mission. God bless all of you.

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK



O Holy Spirit, descend  
plentifully into my heart.  
Enlighten the dark corners  
of this neglected dwelling  
and scatter there Thy  
cheerful beams.

Saint Augustine

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

## ANNUAL LEBANESE FESTIVAL

### - SAVE THE DATES -

September may sound like a long time away but as we prepare for our Annual Lebanese Festival, it is never too early to begin preparations. The festival will be held on Friday, September 13, and Saturday, September 14, 2024.

In the next few weeks, I will be sending out information and asking you to volunteer. For this major fundraiser to be a success, your help is needed. I ask you in advance to think about how you can help make this festival a great success. Younger and older alike, your participation will make a great difference

### MAHARJAM MEETING AND VOLUNTEER LIST

Volunteers are vital to this fundraiser. If you are willing and able to give of your time, before, during, after, or all the above, please give us your name and information on the sign-up sheets. You may also call Fr. Vincent or the office at: (508)-996-8934. Or by email @:

[ourladyofpurgatory@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofpurgatory@gmail.com)  
or [officeolop@gmail.com](mailto:officeolop@gmail.com).

A meeting will be scheduled soon. I thank you in advance for all your help.

### RAFFLE BASKETS NEEDED

We are adding an additional booth for this year's festival. It will be called the Avenue of Theme Baskets. We are hoping to have 30 baskets that will be raffled off at the end of the festival

If you do not know what to buy for the basket, we will accept donations towards a basket and we will prepare one for you. In addition to baskets, this raffle can include electronics such as TV's, ear buds for Apple or Samsung phones, etc. Thank you for your consideration.

### FOR ANY EMERGENCY

I ask all of you to please direct any calls pertaining to mass intentions, office related needs, etc., to:

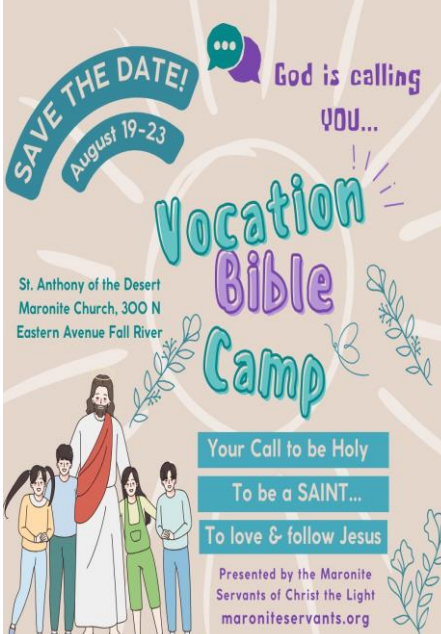
Hiba Chdid at the office, 508-996-8934, by email, [officeolop@gmail.com](mailto:officeolop@gmail.com), or after hours on her cell, 508-617-3888.

Any emergencies, concerns or questions liturgically, I ask you to contact:

Deacon Jean Mattar at 774-217-9232.

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

This past week we heard that Leila Boulos passed away. Leila is the mother of Elias (Lena) Boulos and Randa (Hares) Yazbeck. She is the sister of Tony (Elaine) Barbour, Hayatt Thomas and her late husband John of Taunton, Najet Barber of Norwood, the late Filomena Barbour and her late husband Yousef Rouhana, the late Elias Barbour and his surviving wife Marie Boulos, and the late Mansour Barbour and his surviving wife Norma Jean Barbour. We extend our condolences to her children, grandchildren, and family members. May Almighty God welcome Leila into His kingdom and may her soul rest in peace.



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## Our Lady Of Purgatory Church

# Lebanese Festival

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Friday, September 13, 2024  
5:00PM - 11:00PM

Saturday, September 14, 2024  
12:00PM - 11:00PM

### Live Entertainment



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Money Raffles Prizes  
\$1,000 - \$500 - \$200  
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Saturday, September 14, 2024  
10:30PM

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## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, July 27, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Pantaleon).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Clarence and Mildred Hahn, Sandra Stevenson and Robert Allen Wellner requested by Sean, Marie and Keira McLaughlin. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Kay Sarrif requested by Helena Tavares and family. May her soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, July 28, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of The Third Council of Constantinople, Feast of Saint Anthusa, Feast of the Blessed Stanley Rother). Remember Me In Your Kingdom.** May all the souls in the book of life rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Leo Farhat requested by family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of all the deceased members of Victoria Lahoud family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

**Saturday, August 3, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of David the Prophet).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Rachel David 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, Josephine and Sophie Kenham requested by Sean, Marie and Keira McLaughlin. May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, August 4, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint John Vianney, the Curé D'Ars).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Josephine Chedid requested by family (40-Day Mass). May her soul rest in peace.

## WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of July is offered for the living and deceased members of the Daher and David families by Mariam David and family.

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a special intention by Smitty and Lou Cabral. 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.

### FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Sophie Correa, Stephen Dacosta, Kenneth Macedo, Muriel Moline, Patricia Farhat, Ghada Karam, Beverly Parlapiano, Michael Bruce, Magda Moosa, Sharon Conti, David Techlin, Debbie Freedenberg, 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.

## LECTORS FOR JULY/AUGUST 2024

**Saturday, July 27,**  
Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola

**Sunday, July 28,**

Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

**Saturday, August 3,**  
Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, August 4,**

Ann Dupre / Hiba Chdid

**Saturday, August 10,**  
Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Anna and Helen Higgins

**Sunday, August 11,**

Eric Tavares / Joumana Chedid

**Wednesday, August 14, @ 7:00 PM**

**Vigil of the Assumption:**

Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

**Saturday, August 17,**

Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Smitty Cabral

**Sunday, August 18,**

Mae Dickinson / Jano Baroody

**Saturday, August 24,**

Eric Tavares

Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola

**Sunday, August 25,**

John Barbour / Gaby Baroody

**Saturday, August 26,**

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Mae Dickinson

(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 07/29-08/03/24

### Monday:

Acts of the Apostles 23: 12-22

Luke 12: 13-21

### Tuesday:

Acts of the Apostles 23: 23-35

Luke 12: 22-31

### Wednesday:

Acts of the Apostles 24: 1-2a,5-6b, 9-13,17-21

Luke 12: 32-34

### Thursday:

Acts of the Apostles 24: 27-25:12

Luke 12: 35-40

### Friday:

Acts of the Apostles 25: 13-14a,22-27

Luke 12: 42-48

### Saturday:

Acts of the Apostles 26: 1-2a,6-10, 12-19

Luke 12: 49-53

## WEEK OF JULY 20-21, 2024

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,745.00</b>
<b>Festival Raffle Tickets</b>	<b>\$ 440.00</b>
<b>Festival Sponsorship</b>	<b>\$ 800.00</b>
<b>Donations</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$ 43.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,128.00</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.**



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