



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



August 17-18, 2024

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



MANY THANKS TO THE DUPRE FAMILY

We are so grateful to Joseph Dupre and the Dupre family for their generous contribution of time, labor, and materials for our sidewalk that leads to the side entrance of our Church. This upgrade to our property will allow anyone to access the side entrance of the Church easily and safely. Thank you again to the Dupre's and their workers for making this happen. God bless!



MYO POOL PARTY WAS A SPLASH

Last Sunday, Vivianne and Raed Yazbeck hosted the regional MYO groups to a pool party at their house. Over 30 MYO members from Lawrence to Fall River came to enjoy each other's company, food, and friendship.

The beautiful array of BBQ and salads were a hit and a special visit from Playa Bowl in Dartmouth capped off the evening with desserts. We thank the Yazbek family for hosting this wonderful gathering. It is a joy to see so many MYO members celebrating our faith, culture, and traditions. God bless them all!

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.

WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of August is offered in memory of Charbel Baroody by Philip and Jano Baroody.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible."

St. Thomas Aquinas



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

SPONSORSHIP DUE DATE

Festival Sponsorships are needed by September 1, 2024, in order to have the banners made in time for the festival. If you would like to be a sponsor for our 2024 festival, please fill in the card and send it to the office by September 1. Thank you all in advance for your commitment and generosity as our sponsors help with the costs of a successful festival. God bless you.

OLOP Summer Lebanese Festival - Sponsorship Form

Yes, I would like to support the Summer Lebanese Festival as a:

Bronze Sponsor ☐ \$ 100.00 Platinum Sponsor ☐ \$ 1000.00

Silver Sponsor ☐ \$ 250.00 Diamond Sponsor ☐ \$ 2500.00

Gold Sponsor ☐ \$ 500.00 Ruby Sponsor (Band) ☐ \$ 5000.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cel: _____

Please indicate how you want to be acknowledged on the Banner:

1- Family Name: _____

2- In Memory of: _____

3- Business Name: _____

SPONSORSHIPS FOR THE 2024 LEBANESE FESTIVAL

The summer festival is an important fundraiser for our Church. It showcases our culture, faith, food, and hospitality not only to other Maronite Churches, but also to the local community. Every year gets better and better because of your help and participation.

Becoming a sponsor for our annual festival helps us to pay for expenses for putting on such an event. This year, the proceeds will be going to help our Capital Campaign to help pay and complete the work at our new church.

I am asking that you consider becoming a sponsor for our festival this year and by doing so, you will help us get closer to reaching our goal for the capital campaign. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Fr. Vincent. I thank all of you in advance for your help and dedication in making OLOP a thriving and active community.

MAHARJAN 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

or officeolop@gmail.com.

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. Anyone who would like to donate a theme basket, please contact:

Smitty Cabral at: (508)-961-8599
(oliviasmitty88@gmail.com).

Lorraine David at: (508)-965-8824
(lorraineadavid@msn.com), or
the Church office at: (508)-996-8934
(officeolop@gmail.com).

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.

NEEDS LIST

FOR FESTIVAL BAR

6 Large Bottles Tonic Water

6 Large Bottles Club Soda

3 Bottles Cranberry Juice

3 Gallons Orange Juice

10 Cases Coke

4 Cases Sprite

4 Cases Coke Zero

3 Cases Ginger Ale

2 Cases Orange Soda

SAVE THE DATES

FESTIVAL PREP DAYS

August 21: Festival meeting
@ 6:30PM, Church Hall.

August 21-22: Grape leave day
starting @ 10:00 AM.

August 29-30: Kibbie day
starting @ 10:00 AM.

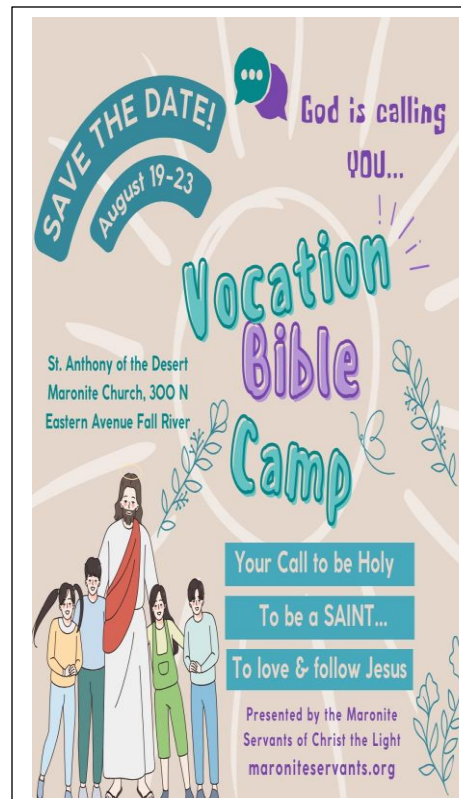
September 4-5: Maamoul day
Starting @ 10:00 AM

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY FOR CANONIZATION OF THE MASSABKI BROTHERS

OLOP and St. Anthony of Desert are planning a pilgrimage to Rome for the canonization of the Massabki Brothers, that will take place on October 20, 2024. We are in the planning process however the dates will be Oct 16 to Oct 22. The Eparchy is also sponsoring a pilgrimage that is also during that time, but a little more extended. More information will be shared once things can be finalized. If you have any interest in going, please contact the office or Jacques Barbour.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a special intention by Charbel and Antoinette Chedid. 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.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 17, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Myron of Cyzicus). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Elham Azzi requested by Ida Farhat. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for a Special intention requested by Annemarie Espindola. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Alfense and Mabel Gabello, and Nassar and Mariam Joseph requested by Family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, August 18, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of The Letter of King Abgar to Christ). Liturgy is being offered for the soul Rose Mattar requested by Zakhia and Hiba Chdid. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Nizar Salim requested by Elkhoury family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of George and Mary Thomas, Joseph Thomas, and Joseph Peter requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Saturday, August 24, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Eutyches of Sebastia). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Father Tanios Abi Ramia requested by Rafic Abi Ramia and family (40-Day Mass). 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, August 25, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Titus, one of the 72 Disciples). Remember Me In Your Kingdom Liturgy. May all the souls in the Book of Life and all the souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul Rose Mattar requested by Reggie Thomas and family. May her soul rest in peace.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Sophie Correa, Stephen Dacosta, Kenneth Macedo, Muriel Moline, Patricia Farhat, Ghada Karam, Beverly Parlapiano, Michael Bruce, Debbie Freedenberg, Magda Moosa, Efrangieh Daou, Sharon Conti, David Techlin, 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 AUGUST 2024

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 31,

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Mae Dickinson

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

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 08/19-08/24/24

Monday:

1 John 3: 23-4:6

Luke 15: 1-7

Tuesday:

1 John 4: 7-21

Luke 15: 8-10

Wednesday:

1 John 5: 1-12

Luke 16: 1-8

Thursday:

1 John 5: 13-21

Luke 16: 9-12

Friday:

2 John 1: 1-13

Luke 16: 13-17

Saturday:

3 John 3: 1-15

Luke 17: 1-4

WEEK OF AUGUST 10-11, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,882.00
Hall Memorial	\$ 600.00
Festival Raffle Tickets	\$ 290.00
Festival Sponsorship	\$ 650.00
Festival Donations	\$ 100.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$ 10.00
Candles	\$ 108.00
Total	\$ 3,640.00

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.

Our Lady Of Purgatory Church



Lebanese Festival

Food . Bar . Live Music . Saji . Raffles . Dancing . Hookah .

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

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

Live Entertainment



George Maalouf & Band



George & Katsunias Dib



Mitchel
With Bashir El-Khoury Band



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

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