

Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



September 28-29, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

PRAYING FOR LEBANON AND ALL THE MIDDLE EAST

This past weekend, we dedicated the Saint Sharbel Shrine as a place for peace, solice and prayer. As Bishop Gregory elequently said, "The Shrine is a place of silence in the midst of all of the noises of our world." The noises of war and destruction continue to ring louder and further in the Middle East and all we can do is to continue to pray that this all ends soon. But this will take mutual respect and restraint on all sides of the aisle. And until this happens, too many lives will continue to be killed, and the glimpse of hope and security will become a thought that lives far away.

We try and do everything to we can to help our brothers and sisters in Lebanon and in the Middle East. The Consul General of Lebanon to the United States, the Honorable Majdi Ramadan, is asking all of us to help once again. The crisis right now is medical supplies. I would like to ask each of you to contribute what you can with items that are listed on their website for medicines and medical supplies. They will assist us in making sure they get to the right place and the right people. Below is his request to us. If you have any questions, please reach out to me. As always, I thank you for your help and we continue to pray for our brothers and sisters who are suffering.

Dear Members of the Lebanese Community and Friends of Lebanon: In view of the ongoing war and the unfolding humanitarian crisis, the Ministry of Public Health of Lebanon has identified two lists of medications and medical supplies that are urgently needed to meet the growing demands on the healthcare system in the country.

In this regard, the representative of the UN World Health Organization in Lebanon, described the situation as "unprecedented, both for the country and the health system." The lists are available on the following links:

[Medications](#)

[Medical Supplies](#)

DISCERNMENT WEEKEND FOR MEN

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."

Hearing God's call in a world where there is so much noise is never easy. Nonetheless, we know there are men in our parishes called to the priesthood. Can we help them hear this call?

Let us discern with them, to the best of our abilities, and put them on the right path. In this way we will be privileged to accompany men who show signs of a vocation to the priesthood, as well as promote the beauty of the priesthood in all that we do.

We will be holding a Discernment Weekend **Friday November 1, 2024, to Sunday November 3, 2024, at the Maronite Seminary, in Washington DC.**

If you know of any man discerning a vocation to the priesthood, or would like to know more, please call Fr. Dominique Hanna's phone number (718-624-7228).

The men will be able to experience seminarian life during the weekend. They will join for Liturgy, Adoration, meals, prayers and social life. The weekend is a great opportunity for men to come and see what a weekend in the life of a seminarian is like!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Our Lord does not come from Heaven every day to stay in a golden ciborium; He comes to find another heaven, the heaven of our soul in which He loves to dwell."

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus



DISCERNMENT AT MARONITE SERVANTS OF CHRIST THE LIGHT

Come & See Retreat Weekend for Women, Dartmouth MA

Fiat: "I am the servant of the Lord" — Luke 1:38

Is Jesus calling you to *Come and See*? Are you seeking to learn more about prayer, discerning God's voice and the gift of religious life. The Maronite Servants of Christ the Light located in Dartmouth MA, invite young adult women (ages 18-39) to prayerfully consider joining them for a Come & See Retreat Weekend, November 29 - December 1, 2024. The weekend is designed to give young adult women a glimpse into our prayer and communal life and to enjoy some adoration time with Jesus, our Eucharistic Lord. To register visit:

maroniteservants.org.

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

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, October 19, Festival Volunteers Appreciation Dinner and Meeting, Church Hall, at 5:30 PM. I ask all volunteers to join us for this day to enjoy dinner and have a post festival meeting.

Saturday, October 26, Mezza, drinks, games, backgammon, and card games after a short presentation and meeting about the plans of the Church. We will begin at 6:00 PM. The entire community is invited and encouraged to come.

Please RSVP to officeolop@gmail.com

MYO PARENTS MEETING

On October 2nd, via Zoom at 8:00 PM, we will have a meeting with the parents of our MYO members. This is an opportunity to discuss our plans for this group and to have your input on ideas you may have as well. We are looking forward to bringing our youth together in the spirit of our traditions and faith. It will be a joyful and beautiful year. Please send me your email address and any new children that would like to join us.

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Preparation for First Penance & First Communion

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30pm, at the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light Convent at 856 Tucker Road, Dartmouth, MA.

Sr. Mary Emily will instruct the children, and at least one parent is requested to stay and will be with one of the Sisters for the session. Reach out to register at sister@maroniteservants.org or call Mother Marla Marie 202-213-7700.

Fall 2024 Dates Tuesdays

October: 8/15/22/29/

November: 12/19/26

December: 3/10/17

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for the deceased family members of Daniel and Helena Tavares by Daniel and Helena Tavares. 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.

SAINT ANTHONY OF THE DESERT ANNUAL PARISH HAFLI

Msgr. James Root and the Parishioners of Saint Anthony of the Desert will be hosting their annual Hafli on Saturday, October 5, beginning at 7:30 PM featuring Chris Hawat with Bachir Khoury & Band. Tickets are \$100.00 VIP and \$80.00 General Admission per person. Full Dinner Buffet, cash bar, and dancing. Please contact the Parish Office at 508-672-7653, Tony Akouri at 401-241-1976, or Fadi Heneine at 774-526-9994.

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40TH ANNIVERSARY FOR SISTER MARLA

In celebration and gratitude to 40 years of service of Sister Marla Marie Lucus to the Lord, you are cordially invited to attend a special Divine Liturgy commemorating this Rudy milestone.

This Anniversary Liturgy & Reception will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2024, at Our Lady of Purgatory Church in New Bedford at 4:30pm. Bishop Gregory will preside for this special occasion and a meal will follow immediately after the Divine Liturgy.

This also marks the 16th Anniversary of the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light. Please RSVP via email or phone call to: sister@maroniteservants.org or call 508-996-1753.

May God continue to bless Sister Marla and the Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light for many more years.

Come Celebrate With Us

The 40th Jubilee in Religious Life of
Mother Marla Marie Lucus
&
The 16th Anniversary of the
Maronite Servants of Christ the Light

We cordially invite you to join us for

Liturgy of Thanksgiving
With His Excellency, Bishop Gregory Mansour

Saturday, November 2, 2024 at 4:30 PM
Our Lady of Purgatory Church
4254 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford, MA

-Reception to Follow-

RSVP by Friday, Oct. 18 at 508-996-1753 or sister@maroniteservants.org
with the number of attendees. If you need overnight accommodation, there
is a room block rate.

To support our mission, visit Maroniteservants.org/donate
Venmo @MaroniteServants.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 28, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Chariton). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of the deceased members of the Jones and Jukiewicz families requested by Sean, Marie and Keira McLaughlin. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Frances Monteiro requested by Dan and Helena Tavares. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, September 29, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Romanos (Cyriacus), Known as Rouhanna the Cantor). Remember Me In Your Kingdom Liturgy. May all the souls in the book of life rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of the deceased members of the Thomas family requested by Mrs. George Thomas (FM). May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the blessings of the good health of Maria Sousa requested by Marco Sousa. May God bless her.

Saturday, October 5, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Paul the Simple, Feast of the Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Michael J. David requested by the Macedo family (FM). May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of George Morad requested by family (FM). May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, October 6, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Thomas the Apostle). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Samir Sawaya requested by Zakhia and Hiba Chdid. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Margo Chedid requested by Zakhia and Hiba Chdid. May her soul rest in peace.

WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of September is offered in memory of Jean D'Arc ElKhoury by Jacques and Amal Barbour.

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.

LIGHT OF LIFE (LOL) 2024

MARONITE HERITAGE CLASSES

COMBINED PROGRAM:

ST. ANTHONY OF THE DESERT FALL RIVER & OUR LADY OF PURGATORY NEW BEDFORD MONTHLY ON SATURDAYS | 3 — 7 PM

\$50 FEE PER CHILD TO DEFRAY EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR.



**UPDATED LOCATIONS
SAVE THE DATES:**

**OCTOBER 12 — FALL RIVER
NOVEMBER 16 — FALL RIVER
DECEMBER 14 — NEW BEDFORD**

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 OCTOBER

Saturday, September 28,

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, September 29,

Ann Dupre / Jano Baroody

Saturday, October 5,

Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

Sunday, October 6,

Rana Choubah / Gaby Baroody

Saturday, October 12,

Eric Tavares

Intercessions: Mae Dickinson

Sunday, October 13,

Ann Dupre / Jano Baroody

Saturday, October 19,

Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, October 20,

John Barbour / Joumana Chedid

Saturday, October 26,

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola

Sunday, October 27,

Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 09/30-10/05/24

Monday:

Book of Revelations 7: 9-17

Matthew 24: 32- 44

Tuesday:

Book of Revelations 10: 1-11

Luke 6: 20-26

Wednesday:

Book of Revelations 11: 1-12

Luke 5: 33-39

Thursday:

Book of Revelations 12: 1-12

Luke 21: 34-38

Friday:

Book of Revelations 13:1,2b-4, 6-7,11-12, 15-18

John 5: 17-23

Saturday:

Book of revelations 14:1-8,13

John 5: 24-30

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21-22, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 2571.00
Donations	\$ 472.00
Festival Sponsorship	\$ 600.00
Festival Donations	\$ 800.00
Food Sales	\$ 360.00
Memorial Donations	\$ 150.00
Sanctuay Candle	\$ 50.00
Candles	\$ 325.00
Total	\$ 5,328.00

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.

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