

# Our Lady of Purgatory

## Maronite Catholic Church



October 5-6, 2024

### FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

#### 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](mailto:officeolop@gmail.com)

#### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 16, and Sunday, November 17, in the Church Hall. Mark your calendars so that you can join us for these 2 days. Great food, raffles, vendors, and performances from your children will make this event truly special.

#### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Our Annual Christmas Pageant will be held on December 7, 2024, at 6:00 PM, immediately following our 4:30 Divine Liturgy. A reception will be held in the Church Hall immediately following the pageant. Come and support our children as they reenact the Nativity of our Lord and lead us in Christmas Carols.

#### WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of October is offered in memory of Joe and Tillie Thomas by family.

#### 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.

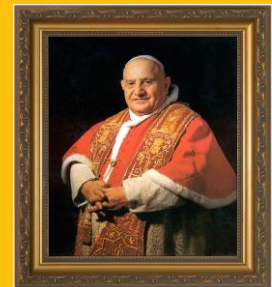
We try and do everything to we can to help our brothers and sisters in Lebanon and in the Middle East. The Consul General of Lebanon to the United States, the Honorable Majdi Ramadan, is asking all of us to help once again. The crisis right now is medical supplies. I would like to ask each of you to 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.

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"O Jesus, come back into our society, our family life, our souls and reign there as our peaceful Sovereign. Enlighten with the splendor of faith and the charity of Your tender heart the souls of those who work for the good of the people, for Your poor. Impart to them Your own spirit, a spirit of discipline, order and gentleness, preserving the flame of enthusiasm ever alight in their hearts... May that day come very soon, when we shall see You restored to the center of civic life, borne on the shoulders of Your joyful people."*

Pope Saint John XXIII



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](#)

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

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We extend our condolences to the family of Smitty and Lou Cabral. Smitty's sister Deanna Geggatt passed away on September 20<sup>th</sup>. We ask Almighty God to welcome Deanna into His kingdom and may her soul rest in peace. Allah yerhamma.

I received the sad news that Elvis Moujahed passed away in Lebanon this past week. Elvis is the nephew of Nouhad and Jean Imad and the cousins of Marwan, Tonia and Jad Imad. We extend our condolences to Elvis' family in Lebanon and to the Imad family on their loss.

**A memorial liturgy will be offered for his soul on Saturday, October 5, at 6:00 PM, at OLOP Church.** May Almighty God welcome Elvis into His kingdom and may his soul rest in peace. Allah yerhammo.

## 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: [maroniteservants.org](http://maroniteservants.org).

## 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](mailto: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

## 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!

## MARONITE HERITAGE FORMATION CLASSES

**LIGHT OF LIFE (LOL)  
2024**

### MARONITE HERITAGE CLASSES

COMBINED PROGRAM:

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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

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a special intention. 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.

## Multi parish Marriage Enrichment Day Reflection & Prayer

Hosted by Our Lady of the Cedars Parish and  
Eparchy of St. Maron Marriage Ministry



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## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**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.

**Saturday, October 5, @ 6:00 PM.** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Elvis Moujahed requested by Jean and Nouhad Imad and Family. 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.

**Saturday, October 12, @ 4:300 PM, (Feast of Saint Edno).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of the deceased members of the Kenyon and Daher Families. May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, October 13, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saints Carpus and Papyrus and Their Companions).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph Chedid requested by family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Shirley David requested by family (FM). May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Salma Joseph requested by family (FM). May her soul rest in peace.

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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.

## LECTORS FOR OCTOBER, 2024

**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

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

## 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.



*Come Celebrate With Us*

The 40th Jubilee in Religious Life of  
**Mother Marla Marie Lucas**  
&

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](mailto: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](http://Maroniteservants.org/donate)  
Venmo @MaroniteServants.

## DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 10/07-10/12/24

### Monday:

Book of Revelations 15: 1-8

John 12: 20- 28

### Tuesday:

Book of Revelations 18: 1-8

John 16: 20-24

### Wednesday:

Book of Revelations 19: 1-2,5-9,11-13,16

Luke 12: 16-21

### Thursday:

Book of Revelations 21: 1-12, 14

Luke 13: 6-9

### Friday:

Book of Revelations 21:22-22:5

Luck 15: 3-7

### Saturday:

Book of revelations 22:16-21

Luke 15: 8-10

## WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28-29, 2024

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,098.00</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b>\$ 2,295.40</b>
<b>Donations</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>
<b>Festival Sponsorship</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,543.40</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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