



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



November 9-10, 2024

RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH

BLESSED VETERANS DAY TO ALL OF OUR HERO'S



Today we give thanks to the brave men and women who serve this country and protect our freedoms and liberties. This is why we honor our veterans and those who serve in the armed forces. These brave men and women serve during peaceful time and wartimes for every American citizen. We owe them our prayers and thanks for their service. To all our veterans at Our Lady of Purgatory Church, we Thank You!!!!!!

God bless you and God bless America!

WHAT IS VETERANS DAY?

“While those who died are also remembered, Veterans Day is the day set aside to thank and honor **ALL** those who served honorably in the military - in wartime or peacetime,” the Department of Veterans Affairs says.

It explains the holiday “is largely intended to thank **LIVING** veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served - not only those who died - have sacrificed and done their duty.”

Memorial Day, the VA says, is meant to honor those who have died while serving.

WHAT IS THE HISTORY BEHIND THE HOLIDAY?

The roots of Veterans Day go back nearly 100 years.

Fighting during WWI stopped on Nov. 11, 1918, due to an armistice between the Germans and the Allies, the VA notes. Nov. 11 was commemorated as Armistice Day by President Woodrow Wilson in 1919, it adds.

A resolution passed by Congress in 1926, according to the federal agency, called for Nov. 11 to be remembered “with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations.”

In 1938, Armistice Day was officially made a legal public holiday, the VA says. Many American soldiers lost their lives during WWII and the Korean War. In the wake of these wars, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

VETERAN ASKS PEOPLE TO TAKE A KNEE AT VETERANS' GRAVES

In 1968, a bill was passed which called for Veterans Day to be observed on the fourth Monday in October starting in 1971. The change was part of a move to give federal workers several three-day holiday weekends, the Navy History and Heritage Command blog The Sextant says online.

But in 1971, two states observed Veterans Day on Nov. 11 instead, The Sextant says, adding that over time, other states did the same.

President Gerald Ford signed a bill in 1975 which pushed Veterans Day back to Nov. 11, with the changes taking place in 1978.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Father, bless our veterans and all who serve our nation defending our freedom.

For those who bravely gave their lives, grant them eternal rest.

For those who are serving, give them courage.

For those who served, we offer our gratitude.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Ford said in a statement that he felt “restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 will help preserve in the hearts and lives of all Americans the spirit of patriotism, the love of country, and the willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good symbolized by this very special day.”

<http://www.foxnews.com/us>

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

November: 12/19/26

December: 3/10/17

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

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.

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

On behalf of the entire community of Our Lady of Purgatory Church, we extend our deepest sympathy to Halim and Rana Choubah and the Choubah family for the loss of their beloved mother Yvonne Choubah who passed away last week. We ask Almighty God to welcome Yvonne into His kingdom and may her soul rest in peace, and may her memory bring comfort to her family. Allah yerhamma!

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.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT ANGEL PROGRAM

Will you consider being an Angel for our Children's Christmas Pageant? The proceeds of the Angel Program will benefit the children's pageant, and the other half will be sent to **Caritas Lebanon**. Please fill out a form that is located at the entrances of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

BAZAAR NEEDS LIST

8 Cases Water Bottle

4 Cases Coke

3 Cases Coke Zero

2 Cases Orange Soda/ 2 Cases Sprite

MASSABKI PILGRIMAGE

Our Lady of Purgatory Church, along with Saint Anthony of the Desert Church, attended the canonization of the Massabki Brothers in Rome, Italy. It was a week filled with great celebration as we welcomed our newest saints in the Maronite Church. Thank you for representing our community for this special celebration.



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

NEEDED GIFTS FOR THE CARAVAN AUCTION, BASKET RAFFLES, SILENT AUCTION AND THE KID'S ZONE GAMES FOR THE CHILDREN

Items needed include:

Electronics, housewares, giftware, tools, gift cards, gift baskets, sporting event tickets, jewelry, toys, sporting goods etc.

We also need small children's gifts for the game tables such as: Books, coloring books and crayons or markers, small cars and trucks, dolls, stuffed toys, puzzles models, games etc.

We need gifts of various values from \$2-\$25, \$25-\$50 and \$50 and up.

If you wish to donate but have no time to shop, you can donate the money and we will shop for you.

All help in any amount is greatly appreciated.

WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of November is offered in memory of John, Malvina and Joseph David by Joann, Anthony and Lorraine David.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Our Church will be sponsoring an annual Thanksgiving Food Drive to help families in need in our community. I ask you all to bring **non-Perishable** food or **canned goods** items. Your kindness and generosity have helped many families in the past and I thank each of you once again in these efforts. Please have all items here no later than Sunday, November 24, as this will be the day to deliver the food to the needy. God bless you and God bless Our Lady of Purgatory Parish.

SAINT ANTHONY OF THE DESERT/OLOP MEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Msgr. Jim and the Saint Joseph Men's Society have once again invited the men of OLOP to join them for their annual Christmas party. If anyone is interested in attending this with me, please let me know so that I can confirm with Msgr. Jim for reservations. Last year was a wonderful gathering and I hope many of you can attend. The details are included below.

The party details are as follows:

Sunday, December 8 at 4:00pm

Agoro's Restaurant

2756 County Street

Somerset, MA

Dinner will be a buffet consisting of Greek salad, rice pilaf, sauteed veggies, chicken piccata and steak tips. Cost is \$50 per person.

Look forward to seeing you there.

In Christ,

Gary Michael Co-Chair St. Joseph Men's Society

St. Anthony of the Desert Parish



LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 9, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Matrona of Pomphylia). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Arthur and Sally Perry requested by Sean, Marie and Keira McLaughlin. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, November 10, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Maura). Liturgy is being offered for the souls Daniel and Souad Keirous Yazbeck requested by Raed and Viviane Yazbeck and Family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Mansour Barbour requested by Norma Barbour and Family. May his soul rest in peace.

Saturday, November 16, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Matthew the Evangelist). 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, November 17, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Gregory the Wonderworker). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Mark Thomas requested by Family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Arnold and Lauretta Mello requested by the Mello Family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Nuno Sousa requested by Maria Sousa and Family. May his 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, 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.

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 SHEPHERD'S PANTRY, INC

All are invited to give of your time to help the food pantry at the Shepherd's Pantry. Food bagging and stocking are on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 9:00 am – 11:00 am, and distribution of food are on Saturday's from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. The Shepherd's Pantry is located at the Long Plain United Methodist Church, 1215 North Main Street, Acushnet, MA. If you have any questions, you may call 508-763-9289.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a special intention by Therese Barbour. 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 NOVEMBER,

Saturday, November 9,

Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

Sunday, November 10,

Rana Choubah / Halim Choubah

Saturday, November 16,

Mae Dickinson

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, November 17,

John Barbour / Gaby Baroody

Saturday, November 23,

Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Smitty Cabral

Sunday, November 24,

Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

Saturday, November 30,

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 11/11-11/16/24

Monday:

Hebrews 8: 1-6

John 10: 1-6

Tuesday:

Hebrews 8: 7-13

John 10: 7-10

Wednesday:

Hebrews 9: 15-23

John 10: 11-16

Thursday:

Hebrews 9: 24 -28

John 10: 17 -21

Friday:

Hebrews 10:1-1

Mark 2: 18-22

Saturday:

Hebrews 3:1-6

Mark 1: 12-28

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2-3, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$	1945.00
Online Giving	\$	752.11
Altar Host And Wine	\$	225.00
Donations	\$	130.00
Christmas Angel Program	\$	100.00
Bazaar Food Sales	\$	385.00
Memorial Donations	\$	500.00
Bazaar Raffle Tickets	\$	100.00
Donations For Lebanon	\$	593.14
Coffee Hour	\$	58.00
Candles	\$	132.00
Total	\$	4,920.25

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 Catholic Church

Annual Lebanese Holiday Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 16, 2024
10: 00 AM – 6:00 PM

Sunday, November 17, 2024
10: 00 AM – 3:00 PM

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