



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



November 2-3, 2024

CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH

WELCOME SAYEDNA GREGORY



We welcome Bishop Gregory to Our Lady of Purgatory Church as he celebrates Mother Marla's 40th anniversary. We also celebrate his birthday which is on November 11. We wish you many more years of good health and selfless service in the vineyard of the Lord. Thank you for shepherding the flock that Christ entrusted to you. Happy Birthday Sayedna!

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.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY MOTHER MARLA MARIE LUCAS



This weekend we celebrate Mother Marla Marie's 40 years of dedicated service in her religious vocation. Mother Marla has dedicated her life to serve the Latin Church as well as the Maronite Church. She has certainly touched the lives of so many people and her dedication to the Maronite Church, and in particular, Our Lady of Purgatory, has been so greatly appreciated.

We thank Almighty God for her love for the Church and her ministry. May our Blessed Mother continue to guide her and the Maronite Sisters of Christ the light for many years as we also celebrate their 16th anniversary as a congregation in the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, Mabrook!

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.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Nothing great is ever achieved without enduring much."
St. Catherine of Siena*



BISHOP STANG HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE NOVEMBER 2

Bishop Stang, a Catholic, college preparatory high school in Dartmouth, MA, welcomes parents and students of all middle school grades to attend a modified Open House Event on Monday, November 4, from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. This open house is geared to families unable to attend the previous Open House event. Faculty and students are excited to highlight all that makes Bishop Stand an outstanding faith-based, college preparatory program. Pre-register at bishopstand.org

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.

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

FALL BACK AND CHANGE YOUR CLOCK



This is a friendly reminder to change your clocks for one hour this Sunday, November 3rd, at midnight. You will get an extra hour of sleep so we will see everyone on time at the Church.

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

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.

BAZAAR NEEDS LIST

- 8 Cases Water Bottle
- 4 Cases Coke
- 3 Cases Coke Zero
- 2 Cases Orange Soda
- 2 Cases Sprite

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.

BAZAAR PREP DAYS

We will be preparing food for the Christmas Bazaar on the following days:

November 6: Grape leave day starting @ 10:00 AM.

November 7: Maamoul day Starting @ 10:00 AM

If anyone can come and help with these, it would be greatly appreciated. Please join us for as long as you can. Thank you.

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.



Our Lady of Purgatory Catholic Church

Annual Lebanese Holiday Christmas Bazaar

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

Money & Basket Raffles

Delicious Lebanese Food

Caravan & Silent Auction

Craft Tables

Desserts



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

4254 Acushnet Avenue
New Bedford, MA 02745

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 2, @ 4:30 PM, (Commemoration of the Faithful Departed). Liturgy is being offered for a special intention requested by Mariam David and Family. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Elizabeth Grenier requested by Annie Costa (FM). May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, November 3, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saints Capitolina and Eroteis of Cappadocia). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Helen Yamine requested by Milad and Sousou Maalouf and Family. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of John, Sophie, Julia, Alex, and Nicholas Kalife and for the soul of Joseph Saseen requested by Family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

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 Norma Barbour 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 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.

LECTORS FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER, 2024

Saturday, November 2,
TBA

Sunday, November 3,
Ann Dupre / Jano Baroody

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

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 11/4-11/9/24

Monday:

Hebrews 10: 11-18

John 17: 1-8

Tuesday:

Hebrews 10: 19-25

John 17: 9-13

Wednesday:

Hebrews 10: 26-31

John 17: 14-19

Thursday:

Hebrews 10: 32-39

John 17: 20-23

Friday:

Romans 5:12-16

John 17: 24-26

Saturday:

Romans 5:17-21

John 15: 15-21

WEEK OF October 26-27, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$	861.00
Donations	\$	30.00
Bazaar Food Sales	\$	245.00
Bazaar Raffle Tickets	\$	70.00
Total	\$	1,206.00

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.

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**

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