



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



February 22-23, 2025

SUNDAY OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

WHAT IS PURGATORY?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* defines purgatory as a “purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven,” which is experienced by those “who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified” (CCC 1030). It notes that “this final purification of the elect . . . is entirely different from the punishment of the damned” (CCC 1031). The purification is necessary because, as Scripture teaches, nothing unclean will enter the presence of God in heaven (Rev. 21:27) and, while we may die with our mortal sins forgiven, there can still be many impurities in us, specifically venial sins and the temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven.

What Happens in Purgatory?

When we die, we undergo what is called the particular, or individual, judgment. Scripture says that “it is appointed for men to die once, and after that comes judgment” (Heb. 9:27). We are judged instantly and receive our reward, for good or ill. We know at once what our final destiny will be. At the end of time, when Jesus returns, there will come the general judgment to which the Bible refers, for example, in Matthew 25:31-32: “When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.” In this general judgment all our sins will be publicly revealed (Luke 12:2-5).

Augustine said in *The City of God* that “temporary punishments are suffered by

some in this life only, by others after death, by others both now and then; but all of them before that last and strictest judgment” (21:13). It is between the particular and general judgments, then, that the soul is purified of the remaining consequences of sin: “I tell you, you will never get out till you have paid the very last copper” (Luke 12:59).

<https://www.catholic.com/tract/purgatory>

FISH FRY FRIDAYS

Fish Fry Fridays are here once again. We will begin Friday Lenten Dinners on **Friday, March 7**, beginning at 5:00 PM and ending at 8:00 PM. Tickets are available for purchase by contacting the office at: **508-996-8934** or by email to: officeolop@gmail.com

You may join us before or after Stations/Adoration of the cross.

MYO YOUTH NIGHT

We will sponsor the MYO Youth night on **Friday, February 28, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM**, at Our Lady of Purgatory Church Hall. I ask that the parents of the MYO please RSVP to the group or the Church office by **Sunday, February 23**. Look forward to seeing our MYO.

2024 TAX CONTRIBUTION LETTERS

If you would like a letter from the Church for your 2024 tax contributions, please call or email the Church office and we will prepare this letter for your tax records. This can only be done for those who use envelopes and/or pay with checks as these are the only way we can record them in our system. Thank you for your support.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Go forth in peace, for you have followed the good road. Go forth without fear; for He that created you has sanctified you, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Blessed be Thou, O God, for having created me.”

St. Clare, on her deathbed speaking to herself



HOLY ROSARY SUNDAY

Beginning **March 23**, we will pray the Rosary beginning at **10:00 AM**, before Sunday Divine Liturgy. This will be held on the third Sunday of each month. Please join us as we send our prayers through the intercession of our Blessed Mother to our Lord Jesus.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

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.

Fr. Vincent Farhat, Pastor | Rev. Mr. Jean Mattar, Deacon

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

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Cana Sunday
2 Cana Sunday	3 Ash Monday Services: 11 am 7 pm	4 Eucahristic Adoration 5-7 pm Divine Liturgy 7 pm	5 Divine Liturgy 12 Noon	6 Divine Liturgy 12 Noon	7 Stations/Adoration of the Cross 12 pm English 7 pm English/Arabic Fish Fry 5-8PM	8 Healing of the Leper
9 Healing of the Leper	10 X	11 Eucahristic Adoration 5-7 pm Divine Liturgy 7 pm	12 Divine Liturgy 12 Noon	13 Divine Liturgy 12 Noon	14 Stations/Adoration of the Cross 12 pm English 7 pm English/Arabic Fish Fry 5-8PM	15 Hemorrhaging Woman
16 Hemorrhaging Woman Saint Joseph Sodality Brunch	17 X	18 Eucahristic Adoration 5-7 pm Divine Liturgy 7 pm	19 Divine Liturgy 12 Noon Feast of Saint Joseph	20 Divine Liturgy 12 Noon	21 Stations/Adoration of the Cross 12 pm English 7 pm English/Arabic Fish Fry 5-8PM	22 Prodigal Son
23 Prodigal Son	24 Clergy Retreat Florida	25 Clergy Retreat Florida Annunciation to the Vrgin Mary	26 C lergy Retreat Florida	27 Clergy Retreat Florida	28 Stations/Adoration of the Cross 12 pm English 7 pm English/Arabic Fish Fry 5-8PM	29 Healing of the Paralytic MYO Lenten Retreat Danbury CT
30 Healing of the Paralytic	31 X					

SAINT JOSEPH SODALITY NEWS

On Sunday, March 16, we will be celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph. All Saint Joseph Sodality members are asked to attend the Divine Liturgy. After the Liturgy there will be a Breakfast/ Brunch served in the church hall. The cost is \$30.00 per person, 10 and under \$15.00 per child. For tickets, please see any of the Board Members; Jacques Barbour, Rana Choubah, Jano Baroody, George Saba or contact the church office. Looking forward to seeing you there.

CONFESSION

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

IN OUR PRAYERS

Nayeli Nassif, Maria Baptista, Ligia Baptista, Sophie Correa, Stephen DaCosta, Kenneth Macedo, Muriel Moline, Patricia Farhat, Ghada Karam, Beverly Parlapiano, Michael Bruce, Debbie Freedenberg, Efrangieh Daou, Sharon Conti, David Techlin, Peter Helmer, Renee Helmer, Octavia David, Jacob Rego, Amal Assaf, Denise Magaletta, Fernanda Thomas, Theresa John, Angela Scorza-Anderson, 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.

Come & See

MARONITE SERVANTS OF CHRIST THE LIGHT
-2025 JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE-

Prayer & Supper

Join the sisters for Maronite Evening Prayer (Ramsho) and Supper at our Mother of the Light Convent, 86 Tucker Rd Danbury from 4 to 7pm.
• Sunday February 23
• Sunday May 18

OPEN TO YOUNG ADULT WOMEN WHO ARE SINGLE (AGED 18 TO 39) AND DESIRE TO DISCOVER THEIR VOCATION WITH THE MARONITE SERVANTS.



Monthly Discernment Group

If you are seeking to learn more about prayer and exploring God's call for your life and fellowship with the sisters and other women discerning their call please contact Vocation Director, Sr. Therese Marie Touna.

TO REACH OUT OR RSVP CONTACT:
SISTER THERESE MARIA, NSCL
CALL: 958-985-6945
EMAIL: SISTERMARONITESERVANTS.ORG
WEBSITE: MARONITESERVANTS.ORG



Discernment Retreat Weekend

Join us for a "Come & See" Discernment Retreat Weekend at our Convent.
• June 6-8, 2025
• September 5-7, 2025

The retreats offer an opportunity to listen to the Lord, rest in His Love, and spend time with Sisters on the journey of discernment of a call to religious life.

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Dear Brother Priests, Deacons, Subdeacons, Consecrated Men and Women, and Lay Faithful: World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is coming up — Sunday February 2nd. Join us in praying for all the men and women religious who have generously and courageously given their lives in service of the Church including our own Maronite Monks of Adoration and Maronite Servants of Christ the Light.

In this Jubilee of Hope, the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light will be offering different opportunities for single young adult women (ages 18-39) to "Come and See" and pray with the Sisters. The Sisters would love to grow their mission and continue to serve the children, youth, young adults, elderly and families in our Eparchy.

The Sisters will be hosting two "Prayer and Supper" opportunities on February 23 & May 18; and two Come and See Retreat opportunities, June 6-8 and September 5-7. Please spread the word in your bulletins and announcements and share this flyer with young women in your parishes. We appreciate your help to plant seeds of vocations to religious life with our children, youth, young adults and families.

If you have any questions about prayer resources, or you know a young women interested in learning more about the journey of discernment, contact Sister Therese Maria, Vocation Director at sister@maroniteservants.org.

Let us pray that young women in our parishes will be inspired by God and open to receiving this beautiful calling and the gift of consecrated life.

+ Gregory

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 22, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of the Establishment of the Chair of Saint Peter in Antioch). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Marie (Peter) Barckett, Diane (Barckett) Moses and Joey Moses requested by the Barckett Family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Olivia Smith requested by Smitty and Lou Cabral. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for a special intention requested by Annemarie Espindola.

Sunday, February 23, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Polycarp of Smyrna). Remember Me In Your Kingdom Liturgy. Liturgy is being offered for all souls in the Book of Life. May all the souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Julia Maroon and the deceased members of her family (FM). May they rest in peace.

Saturday, March 1, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Domnina, Disciple of Saint Maron, Feast of Saint Eudokia (Afdokia) of Baalbek). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Susan and Amy Cabral requested by Lou and Smitty Cabral. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Ralph Machado requested by Daniel and Helena Tavares and Family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph Bou Ramia requested by the Family. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, March 2, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint John Maron, First Maronite Patriarch). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Florence Dyer requested by the Family (FM). May she rest in peace.

WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of February is offered in memory of Shirley Azar by Family.

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.

LECTORS FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH, 2025

Saturday, February 22,
Smitty Cabral
Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, February 23,
Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

Saturday, March 1,
Rachael Higgins
Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

Sunday, March 2,
Ann Dupre / Jano Baroody

Saturday, March 8,
Mae Dickinson
Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, March 9,
Rana Choubah / Hiba Chdid

Saturday, March 15,
Smitty Cabral
Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola

Sunday, March 16,
Cayla Barbour / Joumana Chedid

Saturday, March 22,
Eric Tavares
Intercessions: Smitty Cabral

Sunday, March 23,
Mae Dickinson / Gaby Baroody

Saturday, March 29,
Annemarie Espindola
Intercessions: Smitty Cabral

Sunday, March 30,
Halim Choubah / Elie Bou Kheir
(If you are not able to read on your given day, please contact Mae Dickinson)

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 02/24-03/01/24

Monday:
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Luke 12: 1-7

Tuesday:
2 Thessalonians 1: 1-12
Luke 12: 8-12

Wednesday:
2 Thessalonians 2: 1-12
Luke 12: 13-21

Thursday:
2 Thessalonians 2: 13- 3:5
Luke 12: 22-32

Friday:
1 Corinthians 15: 35-44a
Luke 12: 33- 40

Saturday:
1 Corinthians 15: 51-58
Luke 12: 49-59



WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15-16, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,454.00
Donations	\$ 100.00
Altar Wine And Host	\$ 75.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$ 50.00
Candles	\$ 49.00
Total	\$ 2,728.00

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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