



# Our Lady of Purgatory

## Maronite Catholic Church



March 8-9, 2025

# SEASON OF LENT HEALING OF THE LEPER

### OBSERVANCES

The Most Reverend Bishops Gregory Mansour and Elias Zaidan have issued the following Lenten guidelines for the Maronites of the U.S.:

. All Maronites who are physically capable are to abstain from meat on Ash Monday and all Fridays of Lent.

. Ash Monday and Great Friday of the Crucifixion are also days of fasting. Fasting in the Maronite Church involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken, but without meat. All Maronites who are physically capable are to fast on these two days.

### Personal Devotion

Clergy, religious, and laity who wish to observe the more traditional Maronite practice of fasting and abstinence are encouraged to do so. That practice is summarized in the following, taken from the Synod of Mt. Lebanon (1736):

*Every weekday of Lent (Monday through Friday) is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat and dairy products (eggs, butter, milk, etc.) Fasting involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon.*

*The rest of the day normal meals can be taken, but without meat or dairy products. Dairy products are excluded because they are animal products. Saturdays and Sundays are exempt from fasting and abstaining as are the following feast days: The 40 Martyrs- March 9, St. Joseph- March 19, and the Annunciation- March 25.*

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

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

### WELCOME TO THE FLOCK

Congratulations to John and Danielle Kalife on the baptism of their daughter Sophie Kalthleen Kalife. Sophie was baptized on March 1. We also congratulate Gido Jimmy Kalife and grandparents Chris and Angela Ciccolo, Godparents Cameron and Bridget Durant and their family. May Almighty God keep Sophie in His loving arms and protect her always. Mabrook!

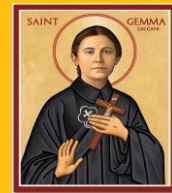
### SAINT JOSEPH SODALITY NEWS

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 Barody, George Saba or contact the church office. Looking forward to seeing you there.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"If you really want to love Jesus, first learn to suffer, because suffering teaches you to love."*

*St. Gemma Galgani*



### CHILDREN'S HERITAGE DAY

Next Saturday, March 15, we have our Religious Education Heritage Program for the children from 3 to 7 PM at St. Anthony of the Desert Church in Fall River. We encourage you to send your children Grades K-6<sup>th</sup> (7<sup>th</sup> gr. and up can be helpers). We appreciate all the parents joining us at 6 PM for dinner and our parent session.

### SAINT JULIE'S CRAFT FAIR

#### Clothing & Toy Sale!

Gently used clothing for the entire family, toys, games & jigsaw puzzles. All at bargain prices.

Boutique corner with new & special items **Fri., March 21**, 1-7 pm & **Sat., March 22**, 9 am-1 pm

*Saturday special:* Fill a bag for \$3 & Boutique items 50% off.

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



## THE ROMEIRO'S JOIN US IN PRAYER

**The Romeiro's will be at Our Lady of Purgatory Church on Saturday, April 5, at 11:15 AM. Please join us in prayer and witness the beauty and faith of these faithful disciples of Christ.**

## WHO ARE THE ROMEIRO'S

**A pilgrimage of faith: Romeiros carry on Azorean Lenten tradition in New Bedford Lurdes C. da Silva**

The Herald News Mon, March 25, 2024  
**NEW BEDFORD** - Despite the torrential rain and cold wind, 101 Romeiros walked the New Bedford streets on March 23, from morning until the early evening, spreading their hymns and soulful prayers in Portuguese and stopping along the way at several Catholic churches to petition God for peace, healing, and divine protection.

They wore shawls and scarves around their necks and carried backpacks on their backs - while holding wood staffs in one hand and rosaries in the other - to remind themselves of Christ's crucifixion. The shawl represents Jesus' cloak, the scarf his crown of thorns, and the backpack his cross.

The Romeiros are a tradition from the island of São Miguel, Azores. The original Romaria (pilgrimage) dates back to the 16th century when a massive earthquake rocked the Azorean Island and local residents decided that the only way to stop it was to appeal directly to God by marching from village to village for a week during Lent in a show of faith.

[https://www.yahoo.com/news/pilgrimage-faith-romeiros-carry-azorean-160522554.html?fr=sycsrp\\_catchall](https://www.yahoo.com/news/pilgrimage-faith-romeiros-carry-azorean-160522554.html?fr=sycsrp_catchall)

## 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.



Remember Me in Your Kingdom  
 Would like to invite you to a Day Retreat  
 On Saturday March 29, 2025  
 9 AM to 3 PM at  
 Our Lady of the Annunciation Cathedral  
 7 VFW Parkway, West Roxbury, MA, 02132

### The Day Retreat Schedule:

- 9:00 Mass
- 9:45 Coffee break
- 10:15 First talk & discussion
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:00 Second talk & discussion
- 3:00 Final prayer

For more information and to register contact Zeina at 781-789-0432 or Karen 857-222-9777

# March

| Sunday   | Monday                       | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday                     | Friday  | Saturday  |
|--|------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------|---|---|
| 9<br>Healing of the Leper                                    | 10<br>X                      | 11<br>Eucharistic Adoration 5-7 pm<br>Divine Liturgy 7 pm           | 12<br>Divine Liturgy 12 Noon                              | 13<br>Divine Liturgy 12 Noon | 14<br>Stations/Adoration of the Cross<br>12 pm English<br>7 pm English/Arabic<br><br>Fish Fry 5-8PM | 15<br>Hemorrhaging Woman  |
| 16<br>Hemorrhaging Woman<br><br>Saint Joseph Sodality Brunch | 17<br>X                      | 18<br>Eucharistic Adoration 5-7 pm<br>Divine Liturgy 7 pm           | 19<br>Divine Liturgy 12 Noon<br><br>Feast of Saint Joseph | 20<br>Divine Liturgy 12 Noon | 21<br>Stations/Adoration of the Cross<br>12 pm English<br>7 pm English/Arabic<br><br>Fish Fry 5-8PM | 22<br>Prodigal Son  |
| 23<br>Prodigal Son   | 24<br>Clergy Retreat Florida | 25<br>Clergy Retreat Florida<br><br>Annunciation to the Virgin Mary | 26<br>Clergy Retreat Florida                              | 27<br>Clergy Retreat Florida | 28<br>Stations/Adoration of the Cross<br>12 pm English<br>7 pm English/Arabic<br><br>Fish Fry 5-8PM | 29<br>Healing of the Paralytic<br><br>MYO Lenten Retreat Danbury CT |
| 30<br>Healing of the Paralytic                               | 31<br>X                      |   |   |                              |   |   |

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, March 8, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Frances of Rome).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Malvina and Joseph J. David requested by the Family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Marie Kenyon requested by Family. May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, March 9, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of the Forty Martyrs).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Georgette and Samir Sawaya requested by Zakhia and Hiba Chdid Family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Theresa Macedo requested by the Family. May her soul rest in peace.

**Tuesday, March 11, @ 7:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Sophronius, Bishop of Jerusalem).**

**Wednesday, March 12, @ 12:00 PM, (Feast of Pope Saint Gregory the Great, Doctor of the Church).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Coury and Zailah requested by the Family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

**Thursday, March 13, @ 12:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Theophanes the Chronicler).** Liturgy is being offered for Mariam David and the living and deceased members of her family requested by Mariam David.

**Friday, March 14, @ 12:00 PM and @ 7:00 PM, Station/ Adoration of the Cross. (Feast of Saint Euphrasia).**

**Saturday, March 15, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Benedict, Founder of Monastic Life in the West).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph Tavares requested by Dan and Helena Tavares and Family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of the deceased members of the Saba Family requested by Annemarie Espindola. May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, March 16, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of The First Council of Constantinople, Feast of Saint Pappas).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Margueritte Chedid requested by the Family. May their souls rest in peace.

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a special intention by Zakhia and Hiba Chdid. 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.



## WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of March is offered in memory of Samir and Georgette Sawaya by Zakhia and Hiba Chdid.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Genevieve Tayeh, 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.

## LECTORS FOR MARCH, 2025

**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 03/10-03/15/24

**Monday:**

2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Matthew 6: 22-24

**Tuesday:**

Galatians 2: 11-17

Matthew 7: 1-12

**Wednesday:**

Romans 3: 19-27

Matthew 12: 38-45

**Thursday:**

Philippians 4: 4-10

Luke 8: 4-15

**Friday:**

Romans 1: 18-25

Matthew 18: 23- 35

**Saturday:**

Hebrews 12: 28- 13:9

Mark 11: 19-25

## WEEK OF MARCH 1-2, 2025

|                               |    |                 |
|-------------------------------|----|-----------------|
| <b>Sunday Collection</b>      | \$ | <b>1,279.00</b> |
| <b>February Online Giving</b> | \$ | <b>669.46</b>   |
| <b>Bishop Appeal</b>          | \$ | <b>45.00</b>    |
| <b>Donations</b>              | \$ | <b>440.00</b>   |
| <b>Sanctuary Candle</b>       | \$ | <b>10.00</b>    |
| <b>Lebanese Market</b>        | \$ | <b>20.00</b>    |
| <b>Coffee Hour</b>            | \$ | <b>16.00</b>    |
| <b>Total</b>                  | \$ | <b>2,479.46</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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**APRIL 26**

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