



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



April 19-20, 2025

THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION



MASSIH QAM! HAKKAN QAM!

Christ is Risen, truly He is Risen. I wish all of you a happy and blessed Easter. We have come to the completion of the Season of Lent--- following Jesus' ministry, His suffering and death on the cross, and His Glorious Resurrection. His resurrection is the reason for this journey and now we remember throughout the year His promise to us---"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." We have followed Jesus during this season of Lent, and we continue to follow Jesus every day of our lives so that we, as St. John's gospel tells us, will be with Him.

"Whoever serves me must follow me" is what we keep with us as we walk this earthly life. This, my brothers and sisters, is our challenge! And what a challenge it is. What must we do to serve and follow Jesus? Well, we have heard His message especially during this season of Lent. We have heard the gospel readings, and you have patiently listened to my homilies asking us to love one another, to forgive one another, to serve one another through

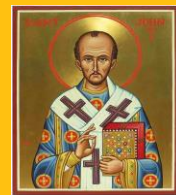
charity and hospitality, and to build up one another. Jesus asks much of us. However, if we remember His sacrifice and His promises, we will realize that our duty to one another is possible; that our actions toward one another are paramount in serving Jesus Christ. And we will realize that these requests Jesus asks of us cost us nothing---charity, forgiveness, love, and peace cost us nothing. But what we gain is priceless. We gain inner peace with one another and more importantly we gain the prize of eternal life in paradise. My wish for all of us is that we keep these feelings and emotions that we have carried throughout this season of Lent every day of our lives. That we remember His ministry of healing body and soul; His compassion and suffering for His people so that we may believe and inherit the Kingdom of God; His example of forgiving those who persecuted Him, who intentionally hurt Him. These are the acts of the Pharisees and scribes; acts we must not follow or subscribe to.

Our goal is to strive to be better followers of Jesus Christ because of this blessed season of Lent and that is what Jesus intended for all of us to do. It is up to us, as a community of faith, to help each

other, to "build each other up in our faith" as St. Paul tells us. We cannot do this alone my friends. We must rely on Almighty God to walk with us. We must place our trust in the power of the Most Holy Trinity. My prayer for you and for me is to unite ourselves to the faith that Jesus sacrificed His life for. To follow his example and to be reunited as a family of Jesus Christ for the eternal life that awaits us. May we build each other as one community in faith, hope, and love. Messiah Qam---Hakkan Qam!!! Christ Is Risen---Truly He Is Risen!!!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Easter is not just a day to celebrate; it is a season to live with renewed faith and hope."
Saint John Chrysostom*



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

WITH DEEPEST SYMMPATHY

We extend our condolences to Raed and Viviane Yazbeck and family on the passing of Viviane's uncle Simon Khalife. He passed away in Lebanon last week. We extend our condolences to his brothers Joseph and Raymond Khalife and their families, as well as his family here and in Lebanon. May Almighty God welcome him into His kingdom and may his soul rest in peace. Allah yerhammo!

WELCOME BABY ISAIAH SU

Congratulations to Greg and Leah Su on the arrival of their baby boy Isaiah who was born April 10. We also congratulate Tim and Madeline (Thomas) Su, Aunt Kristin Su, great-grandmother Sophie Thomas, and all of Isaiah's aunts and uncles. May Almighty God keep Isaiah in His loving arms and protect him always. Mabrook!!

OLOP EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The applications for the OLOP Education Foundation Scholarships have been emailed to all the parishioners. These applications must be submitted by May 7, 2025. I encourage our High School Seniors and Undergraduate College students to apply. The Education Foundation can offer three scholarships this year. Blessings to all of our students.

NAM CONVENTION REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

Details for the 2025 NAM Convention have been mailed to each of you. This year, the NAM Convention is being sponsored by Fr. Robert Farrah and the Parishioners of St. Sharbel in Raliegh, North Carolina. The convention will be held on July 3-6, 2025, at the Hilton Raliegh North Hills Hotel. I hope many of you can attend. Please referto your email for registration details.

HOLY ROSARY SUNDAY

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

WITH THANKS AND GRATITUDE

There are no words to thank the beautiful people who worked so long and tirelessly in bringing our season of Lent to fruition. Those who prepared for our weekly fish fry, prepared pastries for the Palm Sunday Bake Sale, those who cleaned the Church, decorated the Church, dressed the Church, the choir, and those who brought the Church to others who couldn't be with us in person.

The warmth and kindness of this parish resonated throughout the Church community and to the neighboring community around us. Our neighbors we so grateful and pleased with who we are and what we do as a community. Thank you all for being a shining beacon on Acushnet Avenue.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

As per the directive of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, the collection on Good Friday is sent through the USCCB to the Holy Land and to the Maronite Eparchy of Haifa. Thank you for your generosity.

MYA GATHERINGS

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5:30 PM BBQ & SOCIAL
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The MYA are invited to Divine Liturgy followed by a BBQ and Social on Saturday, May 3, 2024, at OLOP. Please RSVP to Abouna Vince by May 1, at 508-996-8934, or email at ourladyofpurgatory@gmail.com Look forward to seeing you there.

APRIL						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13 Hosanna Sunday Palm Sunday Bake Sale	14 Divine Liturgy 7 PM	15 Divine Liturgy 7 PM	16 Divine Liturgy 7 PM Rite of the Lamp Anointing with Holy Oil	17 Holy Thursday The Last Supper 7 PM Adoration 8PM-10PM	18 Signing of the Chalice 10 AM Great Friday Burial 7 PM (Second Collection for Holy Land)	19 Resurrection of our Lord Vigil Mass 4:30 PM
20 Resurrection of our Lord 10:30 AM	21 x	22 Eucharistic Adoration 5-7 PM Divine Liturgy 7 PM	23 No Liturgy	24 No Liturgy	25 No Liturgy	26 Divine Mercy Sunday St. Theresa Church Haifi
27 Divine Mercy Sunday 10:30 AM SAJ Sunday	28 x	29 Eucharistic Adoration 5-7 PM Divine Liturgy 7 PM	30 Divine Liturgy 12:00 Noon			

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 19, Great Saturday of the Light, @ 10:00 AM, Prayer of Forgiveness, @ 4:30 PM, Resurrection of Our Lord Vigil Mass, (Feast of Saint Timon the Deacon). Liturgy is being offered for all the Parishioners and Friends of Our Lady of Purgatory.

Sunday, April 20, @ 10:30 AM, The Glorious Resurrection, (Feast of Saint Nathanael the Hermit). Liturgy is being offered for all the Parishioners and Friends of Our Lady of Purgatory.

Tuesday, April 22, @ 7:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Theodore of Sykeon).

Wednesday, April 23, @ 12:00 PM, (Feast of Saint George). No liturgy.

Thursday, April 24, @ 12:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Saba the Commander). No liturgy.

Saturday, April 26, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Pope Saint Anacletus I). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Susie Souza requested by Mike and Diane LeBlanc. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for Demi Giangrante requested by Tony and priscilla Frangie and family. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, April 27, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Simon, Brother of the Lord). Remember Me In Your Kingdom Liturgy. Liturgy is being offered for all the souls in the Book of Life. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Anthony G. and Josephine Thomas requested by the Family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Arthur and Annie Thomas and Edward and Rose Mattar requested by the Family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

IN OUR PRAYERS

David Matos, Gayla Matos, 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.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for Renee Helmer by Joann David. 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 APRIL, 2025

Saturday, April 19,
Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, April 20,

Ann Dupre / Elie Abou Kheir

Saturday, April 26,

Eric Tavares

Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola

Sunday, April 27,

Rana Choubah / Halim Choubah
(If you are not able to read on your given day, please contact Mae Dickinson).

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 04/21-04/26/25

Monday:

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Mark 16: 9-14

Tuesday:

Romans 6: 3-11

John 21:1-14

Wednesday:

Colossians 3: 1-11

John 21: 15-25

Thursday:

Ephesians 2: 1-10

Mark 16: 15-18

Friday:

Romans 10:4-12

Luke 24:36-45

Saturday:

Colossians 2: 8-15

John 20: 19-25

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.

SAINT ANTHONY OF THE DESERT WINE TASTING



The Blessed Mother Guild of Saint Anthony of the Desert Church are sponsoring a wine- tasting on Saturday, May 3. Tickets are \$ 15 per person. For reservations you can call Fall River rectory at: 508-672-7653.

WEEK OF APRIL 12-13, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,472.00
Bishop Appeal	\$ 45.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 100.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 2,637.00

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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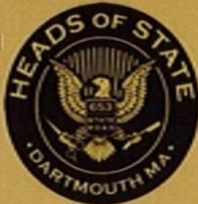
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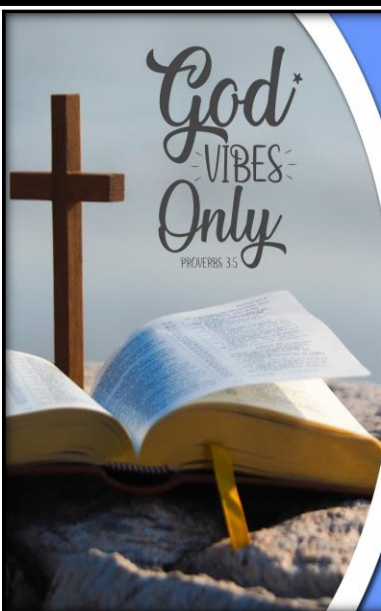
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