



# Our Lady of Purgatory

## Maronite Catholic Church



May 10-11, 2025

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION



#### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

As we approach the celebration of Mother's Day, we invite you to reflect on the mothers in your life and lift them up in prayer. Mother's Day is an opportunity to honor the women we know and love who follow the selfless example of our collective mother, the Mother of God. Here at the Basilica, you will find representations of Mary fulfilling her dynamic role as the Blessed Mother through every generation and culture, reflecting the resilience, devotion, and strength shown among all mothers. Mary, the Ultimate Example of Motherhood.

The vocation of a mother, to nurture human life and raise future generations, requires incredible selflessness. This selflessness is shown by our Blessed Mother, who trusted that the Lord would accompany her and St. Joseph in their difficult journey.

In our devotion to the Blessed Mother, we recognize Mary's enduring and tender

love for Jesus and her commitment to us. The strength of a mother's love for her child is present through each step of life. Motherhood forms a unique bond between mother and child that is evidence of the divine gift of creation which unites mothers with God in a special way. Pope Francis once said "A society without mothers would be a dehumanized society, for mothers are always, even in the worst moments, witnesses of tenderness, dedication and moral strength," (General Audience, 2015). A mother's devotion can usher new members into the body of Christ, bringing vibrance and warmth to our Church.

As we grow older, we find in the Church a mother that provides endless grace. As you spend time with your family this Mother's Day, remember the words of Pope Francis: "We are not orphans, we are children of the Church, we are children of Our Lady, and we are children of our mothers," (General Audience, 2015).

<https://www.nationalshrine.org/blog/the-endless-grace-of-mary-a-mothers-day-reflection/>

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"That special power of loving that belongs to a woman is seen most clearly when she becomes a mother. Motherhood is the gift of God to women. How grateful we must be to God for this wonderful gift that brings such joy to the whole world, women and men alike!"*

*Saint Mother Theresa of Calcutta*



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

## PROJECTS FOR THE NEAR FUTURE

In an effort to keep everyone up to date regarding plans for the OLOP, I would like to mention some items that will need our attention before summer approaches. As you know, we are still fundraising for the Capital Campaign to pay the balance of \$200,000.00 to the Fall River Diocese. This amount is due to them by the end of June 2025. We are also raising towards the \$5,000.00 matching grant that was given to us by the Anthony Abraham Foundation which is due by September 1, 2025.

We need to fix our main parking lot of the Church. Originally, we were getting quotes to replace the parking lot, however, this has proven to be more costly than what we can handle at the present time. I will be getting quotes about filling the holes and sealing the larger portion of the parking lot so that it will be safe for everyone to walk on.

Lastly, we are finishing the beautification of the Church and Parish Hall with plants and perennials, along with quotes for a lawn sprinkler system. It is my hope that by the time the festival comes in September, everything can be completed. Once I receive the quotes needed, I will publish them in the bulletin.

I truly thank all of you who have contributed to our Capital Campaign thus far. Because of you we have been able to achieve where we are right now. This has been a blessing for our parish. We are almost there brothers and sisters. Through our hard work, prayers, and God's graces, we are closer to our goal in securing the future of this beautiful community. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to Our Lady of Purgatory Church. Our Lady of Purgatory, pray for us!

## 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 refer to your email for registration details.

## MATCHING GRANT FROM ANTHONY ABRAHAM FOUNDATION

OLOP has been given a matching grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Anthony Abraham Foundation. Our parish must match this amount by September 1, 2025. If you would like to contribute to this grant, please earmark your check in the memo as "Matching Grant". We thank the Anthony Abraham Foundation for thinking of us and I thank you for your help in reaching this goal.

## FINAL MARONITE HERITAGE DAY

**Saturday, May 10** is our final Maronite Heritage Day for this semester. It will take place at **St. Anthony of the Desert Parish**, from **3:00 PM to 7:00 PM**. I encourage all our children to come and enjoy the evening celebrating our faith and culture.

## DAILY LITURGIES CANCELLED

There will be no daily liturgies next week as Fr. Vincent will be out of town. Thank you for your understanding. Please call Hiba for any needs. For emergencies, please call or text Fr. Vincent.

## MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH

We will have a special Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 11, immediately following Divine Liturgy. This is our way of saying thank you to all the women in our lives. I hope you will join us on this special day honoring our mothers.

## MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

The Education Foundation of Our Lady of Purgatory Church is raffling a \$200.00 gift certificate to M Aesthetics Spa @ Stephen and Company Salon. All proceeds will go to the Education Foundation and recipients of these scholarships will be presented at the Mother's Day Brunch. Tickets go on sale this weekend.

## 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.



## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, May 10, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Simon the Zealot, Feast of Saint Damien of Molokai).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of George J. and Mary C. Saba and George Michael requested by Annemarie Espindola. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Peter and Raja Saba Bou Eassey requested by the family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, May 11, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Pontius of Cimiez)** Liturgy is being offered for all Mothers living and deceased.

**Tuesday, May 13, @ 12:00 PM, (Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, Feast of Saint Addai, One of the 72 Disciples).** **NO LITURGY.**

**From 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration.** **NO ADORATION.**

**Wednesday, May 14, @ 12:00 PM, (Feast of Saints Boniface and Aglae, and Their 20 Companions).** **NO LITURGY.**

**Thursday, May 15, @ 12:00 PM, (Feast of Our Lady of the Harvest).** **NO LITURGY.**

**Saturday, May 17, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Serapion).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Roufael and Shoushlia Gabriel and the deceased members of their family requested by Joann, Anthony and Lorraine David. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Marie Kenyon requested by the family. May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, May 18, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Theodotos and the 7 Virgin Martyrs)** Liturgy is being offered for the Souls of Anthony and Margaret Abraham Thomas requested by the family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Shirley Roy Azar requested by the family. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for all the souls and all the intentions requested for Easter flowers. May all the souls rest in peace and all intentions be answered.

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a special intention by Annemarie Espindola. 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 May is offered for Anthony and Margaret Thomas requested by family.

## 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.

## LECTORS FOR MAY, 2025

**Saturday, May 10**

Mae Dickinson

Intercessions: Smitty Cabral

**Sunday, May 11,**

Cayla Barbour / Gaby Baroody

**Saturday, May 17**

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, May 18,**

Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

**Saturday, May 24,**

Eric Tavares

Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola

**Sunday, May 25,**

Ann Dupre / Elie Abou Kheir

**Thursday, May 29,**

Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

**Saturday, May 31,**

Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Smitty Cabral

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

## 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.



## DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 05/12-05/17/25

### Monday:

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Luke 5: 1-11

### Tuesday:

1 Thessalonians 2: 1-12

Luke 8:22-25

### Wednesday:

1 Thessalonians 2: 13-20

John 6: 1-15

### Thursday:

1 Thessalonians 3: 1-13

John 6: 16-21

### Friday:

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

John 6: 22-27

### Saturday:

1 Thessalonians 5: 12-28

Matthew 14: 22-33

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

## WEEK OF MAY 3-4, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$	1,390.00
Second Collection	\$	303.00
Donations	\$	733.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,426.00</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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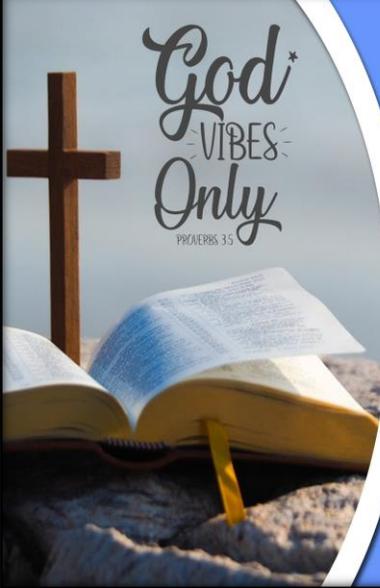


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