



# Our Lady of Purgatory

## Maronite Catholic Church



May 17-18, 2025

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

CELEBRATING THE MINISTRY AND RETIREMENT  
OF  
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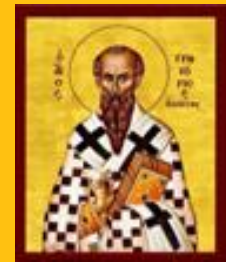
JUNE 21, 2025  
DIVINE LITURGY 4:30 PM  
OUR LADY OF PURGATORY CHURCH  
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DINNER RECEPTION 6:00 PM  
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#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Christ held Himself in His  
hands when He gave His  
Body to His disciples saying:  
'This is My Body.' No one  
partakes of this Flesh before  
he has adored it."*  
St. Augustine



#### WELCOME FR. GEORGE AND FR. NEEMTALLAH

We welcome Fr. Neemtallah Oneissy and Fr. George Antaby to our parish as they will be celebrating Divine Liturgy on Saturday, May 17, and Sunday, May 18. They are no stranger to our community and they offered their assistances to our parish. Thank you and please know you are always welcome to our humble community.

#### 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.

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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.

## 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.

## CALLING ALL GRADUATES

Please inform the office if your child(ren) are graduating from High School or College this year. We would like to acknowledge them and offer a special Liturgy in their honor. Please let me know what High School they graduated from and what college they will be attending. Congratulations to all of our graduates.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2025 EDUCATION FOUNDATION RECIPIENTS

The Education Foundation Committee has chosen three recipients for the 2025 scholarships. We congratulate Nathalia Sarkis, Joseph W. Chedid, and Emmanuel Chedid. I would also like to thank the committee members: Lorraine David, Leilah Moses Silveira, Sarah Hitchings, Annemarie Espindola, and Matthew Thomas. Their vision and dedication in raising money for this program is so greatly appreciated. Mabrook to all the recipients for 2025.

## ANNUAL LEBANESE FESTIVAL - SAVE THE DATES-

September may sound like a long time away but as we prepare for our Annual Lebanese Festival, it is never too early to begin preparations. The festival will be held on the weekend of September, 12, 2025.

In the next few weeks, I will be sending out information and asking you to volunteer. For this major fundraiser to be a success, your help is needed. I ask you in advance to think about how you can help make this festival a great success. Younger and older alike, your participation will make a great difference.





## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**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.

**Tuesday, May 20, @ 12:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Thalaleus of Lebanon). NO LITURGY.**

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

**Wednesday, May 21, @ 12:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Constantine the Emperor and His Mother Saint Helen). NO LITURGY.**

**Thursday, May 22, @ 12:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Rita of Casia). NO LITURGY.**

**Saturday, May 24, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Simeon the Stylite, Disciple of Saint Maron).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Olivia and Harold Smith and Alfred LeBeau requested by Smitty and Lou Cabral. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Roberta Albert requested by Ida Farhat. May her soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, May 25, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saints Eleutherius and His Mother, Feast of Saint Basilla of Rome). Remember Me In Your Kingdom Liturgy.** Liturgy is being offered for all the souls in the Book of Life. May all the souls in the Book of Life rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the Soul of Abouna Boutros Nasr requested by the family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of David Dickinson requested by Mae Dickinson and family. May his soul rest in peace.

## CONFESSION

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

## WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of May is offered for Anthony and Margaret Thomas requested by family.

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a Shirley Roy by family. 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.

## 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

**Sunday, May18,**

Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

**Saturday, May24,**

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 05/19-05/24/25

**Monday:**

Philippians 1: 1-11

Luke 22: 28-34

**Tuesday:**

Philippians 1: 12-20

John 1:35-42

**Wednesday:**

Philippians 1: 21-30

Matthew 16: 11-20

**Thursday:**

Philippians 2: 1-11

Matthew 16:21-28

**Friday:**

Philippians 2:12-18

Matthew 18: 18-22

**Saturday:**

Philippians 2: 19-30

Matthew 17: 24-27

## WEEK OF MAY 10-11, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$	1,975.00
Coffee Hour	\$	88.00
Donations	\$	250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,313.00</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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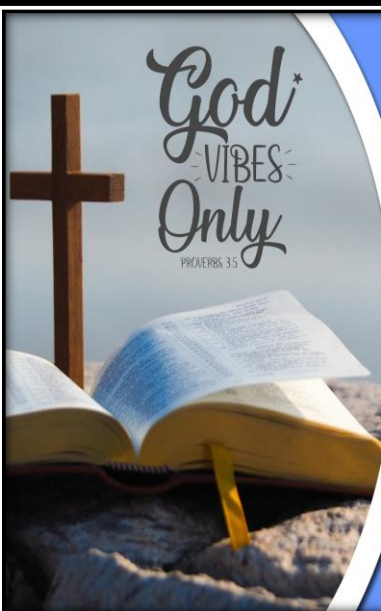
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*Eternally in our hearts and in our thoughts. We miss seeing your face, hearing your voice, seeing your smile and hearing your laugh. We cherish the day we will join you in GOD's Heavenly Kingdom. We Love you and miss you even more with each passing day.*

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