



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



June 7- 8, 2025

PENTECOST SUNDAY



COME O HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." John 3:7-8

Do you sense the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life? In this passage, Jesus offers an image of how the Holy Spirit works in us. He analogizes the Holy Spirit to the wind. We can hear the wind blowing but cannot see it. We do, however, perceive the effects of the wind. For example, when you see a tree swaying, you know that the wind is blowing.

So it is with the Holy Spirit in our lives. Though we may not be able to tangibly perceive where the Holy Spirit comes from, we will be able to see the effects of the Spirit. When we perceive a new strength within us, or an increase in virtues, or an ability to forgive, etc., we are aware of the fact that the Holy Spirit

is present, leading us, transforming us, and guiding us.

Additionally, we do not know where the wind goes once it passes. So, it is with the Holy Spirit. If our lives are under the power and care of the Holy Spirit, we do not know where we will be led. The Holy Spirit leads us in the moment but does not typically reveal our whole future. We must be content to be led by the daily gentle presence of God, allowing ourselves to be moved here and there. This requires much trust and abandonment.

Reflect, today, upon the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit in your life. Look for the effects of the Holy Spirit to discern whether or not you are being truly led by God. Allow yourself to be led and moved by the Breath of God and anticipate great things in your life.

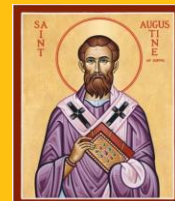
Come Holy Spirit, renew within me the grace of my Baptism and lead me each and every day in accord with Your divine will. I abandon myself to Your glorious care and trust in the promptings of Your presence in my life. Jesus, I trust in You.

FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH

There will be Father's Day Brunch after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 15. Please join us as the ladies of the parish prepare this special brunch honoring all the fathers and men of the parish.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams."
St. Augustine



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

MATCHING GRANT FROM ANTHONY ABRAHAM FOUNDATION

Many thanks to all who have contributed towards this matching grant. We are getting much closer towards our goal. God bless this community.

Total Grant: \$10,000.00
Total Matching: \$ 6,100.00
Match Needed: \$ 3,900.00

HONORING OUR GRADUATES

Congratulations to all our graduates from OLOP. We are so proud of you and wish you all the blessings as you begin the next chapter in your life. We will celebrate your achievements on Sunday, June 15, at 10:30 Divine liturgy. The following are graduating from our Parish:

High School Graduates:

Joseph W. Chedid
Natalya Sarkis
Jamile Tavares
Dominic Thomas
Daniel Yazbeck

College Graduate:

Christina Chedid

OUR CONDOLENCES

We received the sad news that Elias Ghanem passed away in Lebanon last week. Elias is the brother of Lillian and Maroun El Khoury. We offer our prayers for his soul and consolation to Lillian and her entire family. Once Lillian returns from Lebanon, we will offer a mass for his soul. May Almighty God welcome Elias into His kingdom and may his soul rest in peace.

PREP DAY FOR CHORBISHOP MICHAEL'S DINNER

We will be preparing grape leaves and kibbee for the banquet dinner for Msgr. Michael's reception on Wednesday, June 11, at 10:30 AM, in the Church Hall. Your help is greatly appreciated.

NEEDS LIST:

- 4 Cases of Water
- 2 Cases of Coke
- 2 Cases of Coke Zero
- 2 Cases of Sprite
- 2 Cases of Orange Soda
- 3 Cases of Beer
- 1 Case of Red Wine
- 1 Case of White Wine

SECOND COLLECTION

As per the directive of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, there will be a second collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This collection helps spread the word of God and assists with the Maronite Voice Publication. Thank you for your generosity.



MYA GATHERINGS

The MYA are invited to Divine Liturgy followed by a BBQ and Social on Saturday, July 11, 2025, at OLOP. Please RSVP to Abouna Vince by July 6, at 508-996-8934.

Look forward to seeing you there.



Stand out for Life!

Noon-2PM, Saturday June 14th
2 Bourne Rotary, Buzzards Bay MA

Please join us in supporting the Right to Life of innocent babies! We'll hold pro-life signs at the Bourne Rotary, pray the Rosary, and hear a guest speech from Ellen D'Ovidio of the Cape Cod Pro-Life Alliance! To sign up, please scan the QR Code or email dionisi@aol.com

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 7, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Susanna the Judean). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of MaryLou Viveiros requested by Joann David. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Susan, Amy and Butch Cabral requested by Lou and Smitty Cabral. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, June 8, @ 10:30 AM, (Discovery of the Nails of Christ, Feast of Saint Cyrilla). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Rose Mattar requested by Deacon Jean and Martha Mattar and family. May her soul rest in peace.

Tuesday, June 10, @ 12:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Barnabas, One of the 72 Disciples). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Alfred and Afeefy Nassr requested by the family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

From 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration.

Wednesday, June 11, @ 12:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Bartholomew, One of the 12 Disciples).

Thursday, June 12, @ 12:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Onuphrius).

Saturday, June 14, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Elisha the Prophet). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of the deceased members of the Kenyon and Daher families requested by family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of David and Louise Pimentel requested by Norma Barbour and family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, June 15, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Basil the Great, Doctor of the Church). Liturgy is being offered for all the fathers living and deceased. Liturgy is being offered for all our graduates. May God bless you all.

WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of June is offered for Abraham and Amelia Sarkes requested by the family.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for our family by the Charbel and Antoinette Chedid. 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 JUNE,

Saturday, June 7,

Eric Tavares

Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola

Sunday, June 8,

Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

Saturday, June 14,

Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

Sunday, June 15,

Ann Dupre / Elie Abou Kheir

Saturday, June 21,

TBA

Sunday, June 22,

Cayla Barbour / Halim Choubah

Saturday, June 28,

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, June 29,

Mae Dickinson / Gaby Baroody

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 06/09-06/14/25

Monday:

Acts of the Apostles 2: 22-28

John 3: 5-8

Tuesday:

Acts of the Apostles 2: 29-39

John 4: 21-24

Wednesday:

Acts of the Apostles 2: 40-47

John 7: 37-39

Thursday:

Acts of The Apostles 3: 1-10

John 14:1-7

Friday:

Acts of the Apostles 3: 11-21

John 14: 8-14

Saturday:

Acts of the Apostles 3: 22-4:4

John 14: 27-31

WEEK OF MAY 31- JUNE 1, 2025


Sunday Collection	\$	883.00
May Online Giving	\$	783.71
Ascension Feast Collection	\$	170.00
Matching Grant	\$	100.00
Memorial Donation	\$	550.00
Advertisement Ads	\$	300.00
Altar Wine And Host	\$	150.00
Sanctuary Candles	\$	30.00
Coffee Hour	\$	72.00
Total	\$	3,038.71

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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OF
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THE DISTINGUISHED MINISTRY AND PRIESTHOOD
OF
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**JUNE 21, 2025
DIVINE LITURGY 4:30 PM
OUR LADY OF PURGATORY CHURCH
4254 ACUSHNET AVENUE
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**DINNER RECEPTION 6:00 PM
OUR LADY OF PURGATORY PARISH CENTER**

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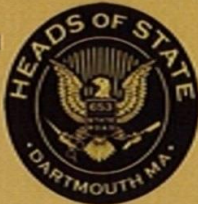
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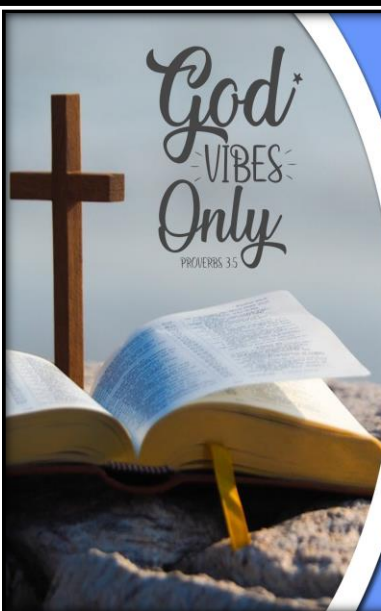
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