

# Our Lady of Purgatory

## Maronite Catholic Church



June 21 - 22, 2025

### SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS PENTESOST THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



#### WELCOME CHORBISHOP MICHAEL THOMAS

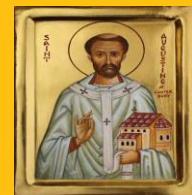
We welcome Chorbishop Michael to his home Parish as we celebrate his retirement from active ministry of priesthood. He has dedicated over 40 years of service to the vineyard of the Lord. Thank you for your zeal and sacrifice to His people and to the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn. Although you will be missed for your knowledge and wisdom, we pray that this well-deserved retirement brings you many years of happiness, good health, and peace. Congratulations!

#### POPE PIUS XII TO AMERICAN SEMINARIANS: BE HOLY, BE HEROES, BE OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH MILITANT ~~ 1953

*"In the priesthood man is elevated to an almost staggering height, a mediator between a world in travail and the celestial kingdom of peace. Christ's ambassador, steward of God's mysteries, he exercises a divine power. Heir to the priestly and kingly offices of the divine Redeemer, he is commissioned to carry on the task of salvation, bringing souls to God and giving God to souls. Never, then,*

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"You have made us for  
yourself, O Lord, and our  
hearts are restless until they  
rest in You."  
Saint Augustine*



*unmindful of the supreme importance of such a vocation, the priest will not busy himself with useless things. Modeling his life on that of Him he represents he will gladly spend and be spent on behalf of souls. Souls he seeks everywhere and always, not what the world can offer him. «To be a priest and to be a man dedicated to work is one and the same thing», wrote Bl. Pius X; and he liked to quote the words of the synod presided over by St. Charles Borromeo: «let every cleric repeat again and again: he has been called not to a life of ease and leisure, but to hard work in the spiritual army of the Church.»*

#### 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.

Fr. Vincent Farhat, Pastor | Rev. Mr. Jean Mattar, Deacon

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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: \$ 7,400.00  
Match Needed: \$ 2,600.00

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jimmy and Laura Kalife who were married on June 14, 2025, at Our Lady of Purgatory Church. We wish them both many years of happiness and may Almighty God continue to bless their marriage with peace and love. Mabrook!!

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Every Sunday we gather in our Parish Center to enjoy coffee, food, and fellowship after Divine Liturgy. This is a special time and many of us enjoy the benefits of these gatherings. However, it is too much for one or two people to take care of every week. This is where I need your help.

I am looking for a couple of people to take charge of this task by asking each family every week to sponsor our coffee hour. There are several times when the families who are offering a mass for a loved one sponsor this which is a great help. Also, the Saint Joseph Sodality offers the coffee hour once a month, the first Sunday of each month, which is also a great help. Some have donated towards coffee hour, which is also appreciated, however, that also leaves the workload for one or two people who have taken this responsibility every week.


If you can assist me with this ministry, please let me know. This will be a great burden lifted off my shoulders. This aspect of community life is important, and I want to continue it. Thank you in advance for your help.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

## PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF LEBANON SHRINE

Msgr. James Root has invited anyone from our OLOP to join Saint Anthony of the Desert on their pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lebanon Shrine in North Jackson, Ohio. Please see the attached flyer for information and reservation details. Thank you, Msgr. Jim, for including us in this beautiful celebration.



**60TH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO  
BASILICA & NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON**

**Travel Dates: August 13-16, 2025**

**Flight Information**  
Outbound JetBlue Flight 385 (nonstop, BOS to PIT) & Return JetBlue Flight 386 (nonstop, PIT to BOS)  
**Roundtrip Airfare: \$335.90 per passenger, which includes:**  
• Standard seat selection (extra legroom seats available at an additional cost)  
• 2 checked bags and 1 personal item that fits under the seat (overhead bin usage is not allowed for groups)  
**You must provide at time of booking: Full Name (as it appears on your driver's license) & Date of Birth, as well as any accommodations needed for travel (i.e.: wheelchair assistance, etc.)**

**Hotel Information**  
**Fairfield Inn & Suites Youngstown/Austintown: \$372.00 (plus tax) per room, which includes:**  
• 3-Night stay: Check-in Wednesday, August 13th / Check-out Saturday, August 16th  
• 2 double beds, with up to 4 occupants per room  
• Free breakfast daily  
**Hotel Reservations must be made by calling the Hotel Front Desk at 1-330-505-2173 and using Room Block Code: "SAOTD"**

**Reservation Assistance**  
If you would like **Reservation Assistance**, please contact any of the following people:  
• Evan Massoud: 774-644-7221 or [evan.massoud@yahoo.com](mailto:evan.massoud@yahoo.com)  
• Sharon Andrews: 508-369-0862 or [magicairtravelwithsharon@gmail.com](mailto:magicairtravelwithsharon@gmail.com)  
• Parish Office: 508-672-7653 or [office@saotd-fr.org](mailto:office@saotd-fr.org)

**BOOKING DEADLINE FOR BOTH AIRLINE & HOTEL: TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025**

**Additional Information**  
**Ground Transportation** will be determined once we have a final count of travelers. A full itinerary will be provided after booking closes.

**Payment**  
**Airfare:**  
• Check or cash may be dropped-off at the Parish Office during normal business hours or in the weekend collection basket in a separate envelope labeled "Shrine Pilgrimage".  
• Please make checks payable to: "St. Anthony of the Desert" (memo line "Shrine Pilgrimage")  
• Credit Card payment will also be accepted by either:  
- Calling the Parish Office during normal business hours at: 508-672-7653  
- Online at: <https://checkout.square.site/merchant/KABVJ4811A9EX/checkout/504CXBQM3ZLFNDABRPW5WNRN>  
**Hotel:**  
• A Credit Card will be needed to reserve your room. Payment will be processed directly by Hotel upon check-out.

## 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.

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for Margueritte Chedid by John and Claire Barbour. 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.



## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, June 21, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Louis Gonzaga).** Liturgy is being offered for Thanksgiving to Msgr. Michael Thomas, for your dedication, ministry, prayers and friendship. We offer our heartfelt. Congratulations and pray for your well-being in this new phase of your life requested by Lucienne Rodriguez and David Coury.

**Sunday, June 22, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Eusebius).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Josephine Chedid requested by the family. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Hiam Chiab requested by the family. May her soul rest in peace.

**Tuesday, June 24, @ 12:00 PM, (Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist). NO LITURGY.**

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

**Wednesday, June 25, @ 12:00 PM, (Feast of Saints Zechariah and Elizabeth, Parents of saint John the Baptist). NO LITURGY.**

**Thursday, June 26, @ 12:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Josemaria Escriva, Feast of the Blessed Yaacub Haddad the Capuchin). NO LITURGY.**

**Saturday, June 28, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Irenaeus of Lyon, Doctor of the Church).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Alfred Dallaire requested by Norma Barbour and family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for a special intention. May all your intentions be answered.

**Sunday, June 29, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Sains Peter and Paul). Remember Me In Your Kingdom Liturgy.** Liturgy is being offered for all the souls in the Book of Life. May all the names in the Book of Life Rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Arnold and Laurette Mello requested by Michael and Joan Melo and family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Elias Ghanem requested by Maroun and Lilliane ElKhoury. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Massoud ElKhoury requested by Charbel ElKhoury. May his soul rest in peace.

## 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.



## LECTORS FOR JUNE/JULY, 2025

**Saturday, June 21,**

James Thomas

**Sunday, June 22,**

Cayla Barbour / Halim Choubah

**Saturday, June 28,**

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, June 29,**

Mae Dickinson / Gaby Baroody

**Saturday, July 5,**

Eric Tavares

Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola

**Sunday, July 6,**

Ann Dupre / Jano Baroody

**Saturday, July 12,**

Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

**Sunday, July 13,**

Cayla Barbour / Gaby Baroody

**Saturday, July 19,**

Smitty Cabral

Intentions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, July 20,**

Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

**Saturday, July 26,**

Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Smitty Cabral

**Sunday, July 27**

Rana Choubah / Elie Abou Kheir

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

## DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 06/23-06/28/25

**Monday:**

Acts of the Apostles 5: 34-42

John 16: 5-11

**Tuesday:**

Acts of the Apostles 6: 1-12

John 16: 12-15

**Wednesday:**

Acts of the Apostles 7: 1-8

John 16: 16-19

**Thursday:**

Acts of the Apostles 7: 9-16

John 16:20-24

**Friday:**

Galatians 1: 11-17

Matthew 11: 25-30

**Saturday:**

Acts of the Apostles 7: 30-38

John 16: 29- 33

## WEEK OF JUNE 14-15, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,590.00
Matching Grant	\$ 1,300.00
Donations	\$ 1,000.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 78.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,968.00</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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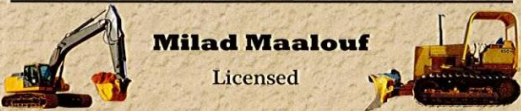
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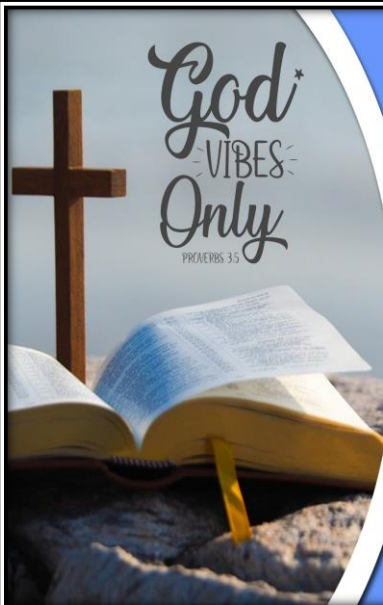
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