



# Our Lady of Purgatory

## Maronite Catholic Church



July 05 - 06, 2025

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



#### CELEBRATING THE 4th OF JULY:

##### A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

As we approach the **4th of July**, a day synonymous with barbecues, fireworks, and parades, it's essential to remember the deeper meaning behind the celebration.

For us Catholics, this day holds a unique significance. It's not just about celebrating the birth of our nation; it's also about reflecting on our faith and the role it plays in our lives and our country. The 4th of July is a celebration of freedom, a concept deeply ingrained in our Catholic faith. Our faith teaches us that true freedom comes from God and is a gift to be cherished and protected.

As we celebrate our nation's independence, let's also celebrate the spiritual freedom we enjoy through our faith. As Catholics, we are called to be active participants in our society, contributing to the common good and upholding the principles of justice and peace.

The 4th of July is an excellent opportunity to reflect on **how we can better serve our communities and live out our faith in our daily lives**. While enjoying the festivities, let's also take a moment to pray. **Pray** for our nation, for peace, and for the protection of the freedoms we hold dearly. Pray for those who have sacrificed for our freedom and those who continue to do so.

In the spirit of celebration, we invite you to browse through our collection of Catholic items. Whether you're looking for a new rosary, a saint's medal, or a holy card to deepen your understanding of our faith, we have something for everyone. Each item in our shop is carefully selected to support you on your faith journey.

As we celebrate this 4th of July, let's remember to carry the light of our faith into the world. **Let's be beacons of hope, love, and peace in our communities.**

And let's continue to pray for our nation and for each other.

In conclusion, the 4th of July is more than

just a day of fun and festivities. It's a day to reflect on our freedoms, both as Americans and as Catholics. It's a day to celebrate our faith and the role it plays in our lives and our nation. And it's a day to come together as a community, united in our faith and our love for our Country.

<https://catholically.com/blogs/news/celebrating-the-4th-of-july-a-catholic-perspective?srsltid=AfmBOooL6eJ5ho5YH805Qa5f8j5Rf23MBYfEOiFSpFoiEIPN8Fau0a0e>

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*He loves, He hopes, He waits.  
Our Lord prefers to wait Himself  
for the sinner for years rather than  
keep us waiting an instant.  
Saint Maria Goretti.*



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



## Prayer for America

Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, Intercede for us, your children in America, as we pray for our nation, our military, and our families.

We pray for our government leaders, that they will make just decisions and govern us in accordance with truth and the principles upon which our nation was founded.

We ask protection for those serving in the military and for our first responders. Bless them and their families as they sacrifice themselves to keep us safe.

We pray for our families. In a culture that seeks to destroy the morals and values upon which this country was founded, may our families be united in faith and charity.

Reclaim this great country for your Son's glory, that under His protection and guidance, we may stand together as a people of faith and trust in Him for the changes we seek.

*Amen.*

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

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Michael Murad, 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.

## 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.

A flyer for a pilgrimage. At the top is a photo of the Our Lady of Lebanon Shrine. Below it, the title '60TH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO BASILICA & NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON' is in bold. The travel dates are 'August 13-16, 2025'. There are sections for 'Flight Information', 'Hotel Information', 'Reservation Assistance', 'Additional Information', and 'Payment'. The flight section mentions JetBlue flights and a roundtrip airfare of \$335.90. The hotel section mentions Fairfield Inn & Suites and a room rate of \$375.00. The reservation section lists contact information for Evan Massoud, Sharon Andrews, and the Parish Office. The payment section mentions checks, credit cards, and online payment options.

**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**

**Field Inn & Suites Youngstown/Austintown: \$375.00 (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: 508-988-0882 or [magictravelwithsharon@gmail.com](mailto:magictravelwithsharon@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/KABVJ4B11A9EX/checkout/504CXBQM32LFNDABRPW5WNRN>

**Hotel:**

- A Credit Card will be needed to reserve your room. Payment will be processed directly by Hotel upon check-out.

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, July 5, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Macarius of the Cross).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Florence Dyer (FM). May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls Sam Akeekke and Najebe Kazen (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, July 6, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Maria Goretti).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Saba Mike Barkett and Joseph and Mary Courry requested by the family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

**Tuesday, July 8, @ 12:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Procopius).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Ruth David requested by Annie Costa (FM). May her soul rest in peace.

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

**Wednesday, July 9, @ 12:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Pancras).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Radha Peter J. David and her father Peter requested by the family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

**Thursday, July 10, @ 12:00 PM, (Feast of The Three Massabki Brothers).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Michael and Ann David (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

**Saturday, July 12, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saints Rufina and Secunda, Feast of Saint Susanna of Rome).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Patricia Anne Foskett Thomas requested by the family (40-Day Mass). May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul Anthony Cabral requested by Lou and Smitty Cabral. May his soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, July 13, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Maria Goretti).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Mike and Christine Brunette requested by a friend. May their souls rest in peace.

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a special intention by Lou and Smitty Cabral. 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.

## 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 July is offered for the living and deceased members of the Daher and David families requested by Mariam David and family.

## LECTORS FOR JULY, 2025

**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 unable to read on your given day, please contact Mae Dickinson).

## DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 07/07-07/12/25

### Monday:

Acts of the Apostles 9: 19b-30

Matthew 10: 8-15

### Tuesday:

Acts of the Apostles 9: 31- 43

Matthew 13: 9-13

### Wednesday:

Acts of the Apostles 10: 1-10,19-23a

Matthew 10: 21-26

### Thursday:

Acts of the Apostles 10: 23b-27,34-43

Matthew 10:27-33

### Friday:

Acts of the Apostles 10: 44-48

Matthew 10: 34-39

### Saturday:

Acts of the Apostles 11: 19-30

Matthew 10: 40-11:1

## WEEK OF JUNE 28-29, 2025

|                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Sunday Collection</b> | <b>\$ 1,683.00</b> |
| <b>Matching Grant</b>    | <b>\$ 200.00</b>   |
| <b>Second Collection</b> | <b>\$ 101.00</b>   |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>\$ 1,984.00</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.

## MYA GATHERINGS

The MYA are invited to a BBQ and Social gathering on Friday, July 11, 2025, at OLOP. Please RSVP to Abouna Vince by July 7, at 508-996-8934. Look forward to seeing you there.

**MYA**

**NEW DATE**

**BBQ**

**DINNER GATHERING & DISCUSSION**

**6:30 PM BBQ & SOCIAL**

**07/11/2025**

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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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