



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



July 19 - 20, 2025

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



FEAST OF SAINT SHARBEL LITURGY AND BBQ

We will be celebrating the Feast of Saint Sharbel on Tuesday, July 22, at 7:00 PM. We will celebrate Divine Liturgy at the Saint Sharbel Shrine, weather permitting. Immediately following Divine Liturgy, we will have a traditional Lebanese BBQ dinner outside. Please mark your calendars. I ask you to please RSVP to officeolop@gmail.com or call the office at 508-996-8934.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

WELCOME BABY LUCIA BARBOUR

Congratulations to Joshua and Rafka Barbour and Theresa on the arrival of their new baby girl and sister Lucia. We also congratulate Lucia's grandparents Jacques and Amal Barbour, Pierre and Sousou Hage, Great-grandparents Tony and Elaine Barbour, and all her aunts and uncles and extended family. May Almighty God protect Lucia in His loving arms and bless her with His graces. Mabrook!!!

SAINT SHARBEL BBQ PREP HELP

On Monday, July 21, we will be gathering to prepare food for the Feast of Saint Sharbel BBQ. We will begin preparations at 11:00 AM. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

The items that need to be prepared are as follows:

- Chop parsley, tomatoes, and onions for tabouli.
- Skewer beef and chicken kabobs.
- Prep kafta.

We are also looking for donations for the following items:

- Desserts.

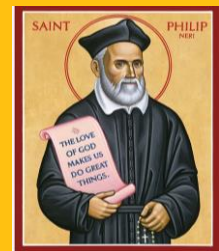
If you would like to bring any of these items, please contact the Church office at:

officeolop@gmail.com
or call: 508-996-8934

Looking forward to celebrating this beautiful Feast of Saint Sharbel with all of you.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We must sometimes bear with little defects in others, as we have, against our will, to bear with natural defects in ourselves. If we wish to keep peace with our neighbor, we should never remind anyone of his natural defects."
Saint Philip Neri



IN OUR PRAYERS

Beverly Landreth, Dawn Marie Hogan, Michael Morad, 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.

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.

CONTINUING CHURCH PROJECTS



In addition to our Capital Campaign to pay off the Diocese of Fall River, our Church grounds need two projects. The first is the paving of our parking lot. At this time, we are not in a financial position to have this area blacktopped in the way I would like. However, I have received quotes that would include jack hammering the old tar and disposing it, applying gravel, followed by an application of 4" Macadam. This is a composite of crushed stone to create a durable surface. It would be rolled out and made smooth. This project would encompass all the way up to the sidewalk entrance of the church parking lot. Later, when funds are available, we can then have the entire parking lot black topped and restriped. This project is estimated to cost \$18,000.00 and is my first priority as this is more of a safety issue than anything else.

The second project is to install the lawn sprinkler system. I have also received estimates on this project which range between \$18,000.00 to \$21,000.00. It is my hope that our Church grounds can be as beautiful as possible and something that makes each of us proud.

Once I can raise the funds for one or both projects, we will begin the work on them. It is my hope that we can accomplish this before the summer festival.

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.

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| Total Grant: | \$10,000.00 |
| Total Matching: | \$ 7,700.00 |
| Match Needed: | \$ 2,300.00 |

ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL UPDATE

Our annual Summer Festival will be held on Friday, September 12 and Saturday, September 13. This two-day festival is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Volunteers are vital to the success of this festival.

Sponsorships and flyers will be sent out in the next two weeks. I am asking everyone for help in promoting our sponsorships to friends and businesses. These sponsorships are tax deductible, and I will provide a letter for tax purposes.

We will also have two meetings for all volunteers. As we adjust ways to better serve our guests and be more productive in our execution of this event, these meetings will be vital in making this festival smooth and seamless.

As always, I thank you for your help, dedication, and zeal for OLOP. Every year our festival grows larger than the year before. This is a testament to the quality of our food, hospitality, and genuine kindness to everyone who supports us. God bless you, Our Lady of Purgatory, and God bless America.

LUMINARIES FOR MARY



The St. Joseph Sodality will be offering Luminaries for the Blessed Virgin Mary for \$10 each. These can be purchased from any of the board members, or by calling the office.

These Luminaries will be displayed during the Eid Saide Divine Liturgy, around the St. Sharbel Shrine. You can purchase them in Honor or in Memory of a Loved one. A list of all Luminaries will also be published.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 19, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Margaret of Antioch). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Peggy Sherman requested by Ida and Leo Farhat. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of George and Mary Saba requested by the family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, July 20, @ 10:30 AM, (Celebration of Saint Sharbel Feast, Feast of Elias the Prophet). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of George F. Thomas requested by the family. May his soul rest in peace.

Tuesday, July 22, @ 7:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Sharbel Vigil, Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene, Feast of Saint Nohra). Liturgy is being offered for the parishioners of OLOP.

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

Wednesday, July 23, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Sharbel, actual feast). Liturgy is being offered for Mariam David and the living and deceased members of her family requested by Mariam David.

Thursday, July 24, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Christina of Tyre). NO LITURGY.

Saturday, July 26, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Bridget of Sweden). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of the deceased members of Victoria Lahoud family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, July 27, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Pantaleon). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Leo A. Farhat, Sr. requested by the family. May his soul rest in peace.

LECTORS FOR JULY

Saturday, July 19,

Smitty Cabral

Intentions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, July 20,

Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

Saturday, July 26,

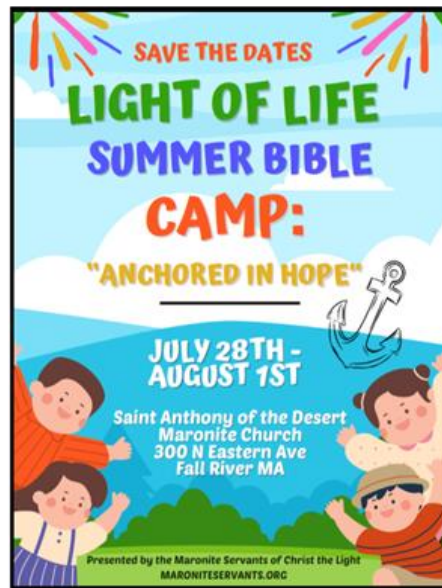
Annemarie Espindola

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).



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.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a special intention by Mariam David and 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.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 07/21-07/26/25

Monday:

Acts of the Apostles 14: 1-7

Luke 10: 8-12

Tuesday:

Acts of the Apostles 14: 8-18

Luke 10: 13-16

Wednesday:

Acts of the Apostles 14: 19-28

Luke 10: 17-20

Romans 8: 28-39

Matthew 13: 36-43

Thursday:

Acts of the Apostles 15: 1-12

Luke 10: 25-28

Friday:

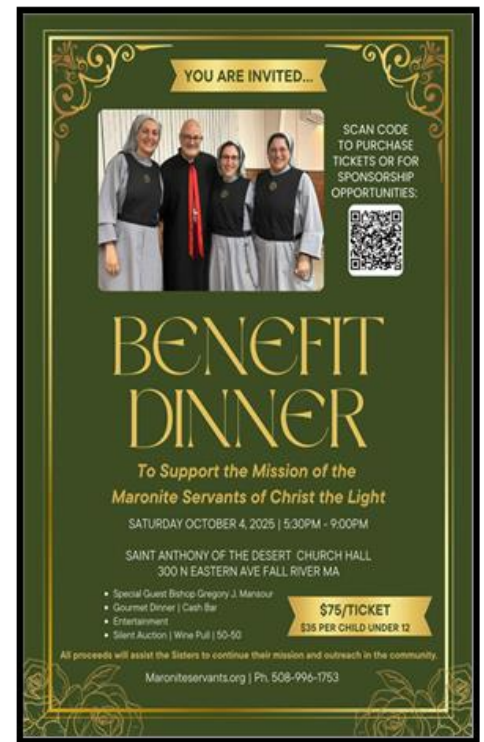
Acts of the Apostles 15: 13-21

Luke 10: 29-37

Saturday:

Acts of the Apostles 15: 22-30

Matthew 10: 38-42



WEEK OF JULY 12-13, 2025

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| Sunday Collection | \$ 1,433.00 |
| Donations | \$ 900.00 |
| Matching Grant | \$ 100.00 |
| Lebanese Market | \$ 70.00 |
| Total | \$ 2,503.00 |

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.

Eid El Saydeh
Summer Festival - 2025
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 Phone: (401) 722-1345
 office@stbasilthegreatchurch.com

Mitch Kaltsunias
 Saturday

George Kentar
 Sunday

DJ CEDROPHOENIX

FREE ADMISSION
Saturday, August 2nd
 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm
Sunday, August 3rd
 from noon to 7:00 pm

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