



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



July 26 - 27, 2025

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



MATCHING DONATION FOR SPRINKLERS

OLOP has received a donation for the installation of the sprinkler system for the Church grounds contingent on a matching donation for the repair of the parking lot. As you know, the parking lot needs repair, and we have received 3 quotes for repairing the parking lot. The cost will be \$18,000.00 for the repairs.

I am very grateful for the donation of the sprinkler system which will beautify the church grounds. If anyone is able and willing to help with the parking lot and make it safe for everyone, please contact Fr. Vincent. As always, I thank you for your dedication and help in making our home complete. Blessings always.

MANY THANKS

Thank you to Gaby Baroody and his crew for enclosing and finishing the backyard fence behind the Saint Sharbel Shrine as well as to Gaby and Amal for your donation towards this project. We are very grateful for your hard work on this. God bless you.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

SUNDAY ROSARY



Beginning on August 3, 2025, Deacon Jean will lead the rosary on each Sunday beginning at 9:45 am. Weather permitting, this will be prayed in Our Lady of Fatima. Please come early to pray with us before we begin Divine Liturgy. Our Lady of Purgatory, pray for us!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We have to look together how to be a missionary Church, building bridges, dialogue, always open to receiving with open arms for everyone, like this square, open to all, to all who need our charity, our presence, dialogue, love."
Pope Leo XIV



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 Daniel Tavares by Helena Tavares 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.

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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.

Total Grant:	\$10,000.00
Total Matching:	<u>\$ 8,000.00</u>
Match Needed:	\$ 2,000.00

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.

Eid El Saydeh Summer Festival - 2025
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Sunday, August 3rd
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Speakers:
Mitch Kaltsunas Saturday
George Keifar Sunday
DJ CEDROPHOENIX

Your support is needed. Banners are available for business and memorials.
Note: This is a church fundraiser, NO outside food/drink/hooks. Thank You

Lebanese Mahrajan Food Festival
St. Anthony of the Desert Church, 300 N. Eastern Avenue, Fall River, MA

Fri, Aug 8th ~ 5pm to 10pm
Sat, Aug 9th ~ Noon to 11pm
Sun, Aug 10th ~ 11am to 5pm

Authentic Lebanese Food and Pastry
Alcoholic Beverages
Hookah
Basket Raffles
THROWBACK
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Speakers/Entertainment:
Mitchell Kaltsunas and Ensemble
Fri. 6pm-10pm
Sat. 7pm-11pm
DJ, Raymond
Fri. 5pm-6pm
Sat. 3pm-7pm
Sun. 11am - 5pm
The Khourys Featuring Marlon
Sun. 1pm-3pm

All are invited to come and join us
Festivities will go on come rain or shine!
Under the tents or in the open air!

Facebook: St Anthony of the Desert Melkite Catholic Church
Website: <https://stard-j.org/> Phone: 508-672-7683

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 26, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Bridget of Sweden). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph ElKhoury Tanios Harden requested by Rafic Abi Ramia and family. May his soul rest in peace. 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). Remember Me In Your Kingdom Liturgy. Liturgy is being offered for all the souls in the Book of Life. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Leo A. Farhat, Sr. requested by the family. May his soul rest in peace.

Tuesday, July 29, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Martha, the Sister of Lazarus, Feast of Ezekiel the Prophet).

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

Wednesday, July 30, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saints Abdon and Sennen, Feast of the Blessed Solanus Casey).

Thursday, July 31, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of The 350 Martyrs, Disciples of Saint Maron, Feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola).

Saturday, August 2, @ 4:30 PM, (Translation of the Relics of Saint Stephen, the First Martyr). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Michael David requested by Robert Macedo (FM). May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, August 3, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of David the Prophet).

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 07/28-08/02/25

Monday:

Acts of the Apostles 15: 36-16:1-3,6-10

Luke 11: 1-4

Tuesday:

Acts of the Apostles 16: 11-23

Luke 11: 5-8

Wednesday:

Acts of the Apostles 16: 25-34

Luke 11: 9-13

Thursday:

Acts of the Apostles 17: 1-12

Luke 11: 14-23

Friday:

Acts of the Apostles 17: 16-20,22-24,30-34

Luke 11: 24-26

Saturday:

Acts of the Apostles 18: 1-11

Luke 11: 27-32

LECTORS FOR JULY/AUGUST, 2025

Saturday, July 26,

Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Smitty Cabral

Sunday, July 27,

Rana Choubah / Elie Abou Kheir

Saturday, August 2,

Eric Tavares

Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola

Sunday, August 3,

Halim Choubah / Joumana Chedid

Saturday, August 9,

Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

Sunday, August 10,

Ann Dupre / Hiba Chdid

Thursday, August 14,

Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

Saturday, August 16,

Mae Dickinson

Intercessions: Smitty Cabral

Sunday, August 17,

Cayla Barbour / Elie Abou Kheir

Saturday, August 23,

Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, August 24,

Mae Dickinson / Gaby Baroody

Saturday, August 30,

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola

Sunday: August 31,

Rana Choubah / Jano Baroody

(If you are unable to read on your given day, please contact Mae Dickinson).

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.

WEEK OF JULY 19-20, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 822.00
Festival Sponsorship	\$ 500.00
Matching Grant	\$ 100.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 43.00
Candles	\$ 128.00
Total	\$ 1,593.00

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.



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