



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



August 2-3, 2025

NINTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

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.

Our first meeting will be held on Saturday, August 16, immediately following 4:30 Divine Liturgy and on Sunday, August 17, immediately following 10:30 Divine Liturgy. The second meeting will be held on Wednesday August 27, at 6:30 PM, in the church hall.

It is important that you attend these meetings as we will go over the new set up and new service plans. This will make things run more smoothly and efficiently.

Sponsorships and raffle tickets have been sent out. 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.

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

WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of August is offered for Charbel Baroody requested by Philip and Jano Baroody.

FESTIVAL BASKET RAFFLE DONATIONS

Once again, we will be having our Basket Raffle at the festival this year. This has been a great success for us and every year, because of you, our basket selection increases. If you can donate any theme baskets this year, please let Smitty Cabral or Lorraine David know. If you are unable to make one but would like to donate to have one made, we can do this as well. Once again, thank you for your generosity.

THE ORDER OF SAINT SHARBEL RETREAT

The Order of Saint Sharbel Retreat will be September 12 – 14, 2025 at the Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center in Pittsburgh, PA.

This will be a weekend for members and friends of the Order of Saint Sharbel to deepen their personal relationship with Christ. Renowned retreat master Father Boniface Hicks O.S.B. will co-lead this special weekend with Bishop Gregory Mansour. They will speak about the “The Jubilee Year – Facing All Challenges With Hope”.

For more information and to register, please visit:

<https://saintsharbelcenter.org/retreats/the-order-of-saint-sharbel-retreat-with-bishop-gregory-mansour-september-12-14-2025>

Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center:

<https://saintsharbelcenter.org/>

Order of Saint Sharbel:

www.orderstsharbel.org

Eparchy of Saint Maron:

<https://www.stmaron.org/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The Church is holy not because of our actions but because her head is Christ Himself. Our task is to live in conformity with Him, not to shape the Church in our own image.”
Pope Leo XIV



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY – EID ALSAYDEE

We will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary on Thursday, August 14, at 7:00 PM. Weather permitting, we will celebrate this Divine Liturgy outside in the Saint Sharbel Shrine. There will be dinner immediately following Divine Liturgy. The Social Committee is organizing this dinner which will be “bring a dish to pass.” Please see Deacon Jean, Amal Baroody or Amal Barbour if you would like to bring a dish to pass. Drinks and Coffee will be provided.

CONFESSION

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

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

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!

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

I received the sad news that Isabelle Salibi Ayoub, the grandmother of Cosette and Thomas Gabriel and Lizbeth Ayoub, passed away in Lebanon this week. We extend our condolences to Cosette and Tom and her children, Lizbeth, and to the entire Ayoub family. May Almighty God welcome Isabelle into His kingdom and may her soul rest in peace. Allah yerhamma.

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:	\$ 8,000.00
Match Needed:	\$ 2,000.00

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.

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.

MATCHING DONATION FOR PARKING LOT

Cost needed:	\$18,000.00
Donations to date:	\$ 1,100.00
Donations needed:	\$ 16,900.00

THANK YOU DUPRE FAMILY



I would like to thank the Dupre Family for their generous gift of the beautiful granite used to finish the top of the Church sign and the caps for the pillars for Our Lady of Fatima Shrine. This beautiful edition has now completed the church sign. May God continue to bless your family.

Ablan wa Sablan!

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LEBANESE FESTIVAL

AUGUST 22-24
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ALL WEEKEND
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Our Lady Of Purgatory Church

Lebanese Festival!
Food . Bar . Live Music . Saji . Raffles . Dancing . Hookah .

Friday, September 12, 2025
5:00PM - 11:00PM

Saturday, September 13, 2025
12:00PM - 11:00PM

Live Entertainment
Mitchel Kattounas
With Bashir El-Khourey Band
Tarek Abdelhak

Money Raffles Prizes
\$1,000 - \$500 - \$200
Drawing
Saturday, September 13, 2025
10:30PM

NO OUTSIDE FOOD, DRINK OR HOOKAH
4254 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford, MA 02745

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Isabelle Ayoub requested by Thomas and Cosette Gabriel and Lizbeth Ayoub. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for a special intention requested by Zakhia and Hiba Chdid. May your intention be answered.

Tuesday, August 5, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Moses the Prophet).

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

Wednesday, August 6, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord).

Thursday, August 7, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Doumit).

Saturday, August 9, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Matthias). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Steven Espindola requested by Annemarie Espindola. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for a special intention requested by Annemarie Espindola. May your intention be answered.

Sunday, August 10, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Lawrence). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of George and Mary Thomas, Joseph Thomas and Joseph Peter (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Daniel Tavares, 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.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for our family by 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.

LECTORS FOR AUGUST,

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).

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 08/04-08/09/25

Monday:

Acts of the Apostles 18: 18-28

Luke 11: 33-36

Tuesday:

Acts of the Apostles 19: 1-10

Luke 11: 37-41

Wednesday:

Acts of the Apostles 19: 11-22

Luke 11: 42-46

Thursday:

Acts of the Apostles 19: 23-29, 35-40

Luke 11: 47-51

Friday:

Acts of the Apostles 20: 6-16

Luke 11: 52-54

Saturday:

Acts of the Apostles 20: 17-24, 28, 32, 35

Matthew 23: 1-12

WEEK OF JULY 26-27, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$	1665.00
Festival Sponsorship	\$	250.00
Matching Grant	\$	1100.00
Donations	\$	360.00
Altar Host & Wine	\$	75.00
Coffee Hour	\$	41.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$	35.00
Candles	\$	510.00
Total	\$	4,036.00

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.

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

Mitchell Katsunas and Ensemble
 Fri. 6pm-10pm
 Sat. 7pm-11pm

Alcoholic Beverages

The Khourys Featuring Marlon
 Sun. 1pm-3pm

Basket Raffles

Hookah

DJ, Raymond
 Fri. 5pm-6pm
 Sat. 3pm-7pm
 Sun. 11am-5pm

THROWBACK
 Sat. 1pm-3pm

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Facebook: St. Anthony of the Desert Maronite Catholic Church
 Website: <https://www.saints.org/> Phone: 508-372-7632

YOU ARE INVITED...

SCAN CODE TO PURCHASE TICKETS OR FOR SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.

BENEFIT DINNER

To Support the Mission of the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light

SATURDAY OCTOBER 4, 2025 | 5:30PM - 9:00PM

SAINT ANTHONY OF THE DESERT CHURCH HALL
 300 N EASTERN AVE FALL RIVER MA

Special Guest: Bishop Gregory J. Manour
 Gourmet Dinner | Cash Bar
 Entertainment
 Silent Auction | Wine Pull | 50-50

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