



## Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Catholic Church

August 25, 2025

Re: First Communion/First Penance Classes and Registration

Dear Parents of First Communion Children:

I am happy to inform you that the Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light will be offering instruction for our First Penance/First Communicants this year. These classes will take place at the Convent in Dartmouth. I am grateful to the Maronite Sisters for their help.

We will be having First Holy Communion classes on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30. Classes will be held on October 28, November 4, 11, 25, and December 2, 9, 16. The dates for 2026 will be announced in the near future. Attendance is required and at least one parent should attend with the child. The parents will have their own session with one of the sisters.

Attendance is crucial not only for the class instruction, but also for Divine Liturgy. It is more important that our children understand why we gather every Sunday and the importance of this beautiful sacrament. Therefore, there will only be three excused absences from Saturday or Sunday Divine Liturgies throughout the year. I am mindful that at times our children can get a cold or other emergencies arise.

If there are more than three absences I cannot in good faith allow your child to participate in First Communion. I say this from the beginning so that there is no confusion regarding this issue. I am asking each parent to sign this letter and return it to the Maronite Sisters or to me at the Church Office.

I am looking forward to this new year and to assisting our children in receiving this blessed grace of First Penance/ First Holy Communion. Thank you for your commitment to your children in bringing them up in the Maronite faith at Our Lady of Purgatory Church.

In Christ,

Rev. Vincent W. Farhat/ Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light  
Pastor

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Pastor Signature

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