

OUR LADY OF PUGATORY MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH
4254 ACUSHNET AVENUE
NEW BEDFORD, MA 02745

July 15, 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Our Lady of Purgatory Church:

I am proud to announce that OLOP will be hosting our Annual Lebanese Festival, Friday and Saturday, September 12-13, 2025. This venue will take place at 4254 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA. This two-day Lebanese Festival will feature a variety of traditional Middle Eastern foods and desserts, cash bar, hookahs, cultural dancing, and live musical entertainment. Our festival will begin on Friday, September 12, from 5:00 PM-11:00 PM, and on Saturday, September 13, from 12:00 Noon – 11:00 PM.

Organizing such a weekend requires a variety of resources. Please take some time to think about how you may best help make our Lebanese Festival one of the best ever. Included with this letter are some ideas on how you can make that possible.

- Please consider volunteering with the preparation of the food before the festival and/or volunteering during the festival. This will be a great help for the Church and at the same time, build a greater relationship with each other.
- Perhaps you would like to make a financial contribution or even inquire about a Banner Sponsorship in memory of a loved one or for your business? Enclosed you will find a sponsorship form. You may name your company, as a remembrance in memory of a loved one, or have your family name appear on the banner.
- You can also take advantage of our Raffle which will feature prizes of \$1,000.00, \$500.00 and \$200.00. Just take a moment to complete the Raffle tickets and return them in the enclosed envelope with your donation or drop them off in the collection basket after Divine Liturgy. If you have any leftover Raffle tickets, you may either sell them to friends or return them in the return envelope.

Thank you for your support in celebrating and preserving our rich Maronite heritage. May God shower your family with blessings, good health, and happiness.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Rev. Vincent W. Farhat

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Pastor

BANNER SPONSORSHIP FORM

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Our Lady of Purgatory Church:

We are pleased to bring OLOP's Annual Lebanese Festival to the Greater New Bedford community. We are confident that this annual tradition will be an event filled with great food, wonderful memories, and many enjoyable moments.

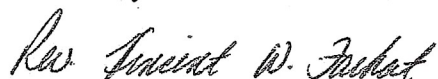
The festival is also a major fundraiser for our Church. I appeal to all of you for your financial support and invite you to be a sponsor of our Annual Lebanese Festival, so that our Church may continue to thrive and serve the people of Jesus Christ.

In return for your kindness, we will display banners throughout the "Big" tent with the names of those individuals and businesses who donated monies to make this event a success. It is only through your generosity that our Church can continue to flourish.

Kindly complete and return the form enclosed to the Church Office by September 1, 2025. **Please make checks payable to OLOP and earmark the memo with Sponsorship Donation.** You may mail your sponsorship form in the return envelope provided or drop it in the collection basket.

Thank you in advance for your dedication, generosity, and willingness to volunteer for our Church. God bless you and your families.

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OLOP Summer Lebanese Festival - Sponsorship Form

Yes, I would like to support the Summer Lebanese Festival as a:

Bronze Sponsor ☐ \$ 100.00 **Platinum Sponsor** ☐ \$ 1000.00

Silver Sponsor ☐ \$ 250.00 **Diamond Sponsor** ☐ \$ 2500.00

Gold Sponsor ☐ \$ 500.00 **Ruby Sponsor (Band)** ☐ \$ 5000.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cel: _____

Please indicate how you want to be acknowledged on the Banner:

1- Family Name: _____

2- In Memory of: _____

3- Business Name: _____