



# Our Lady of Purgatory



## Maronite Catholic Church

December 6-7, 2025

### SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST



#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE DEACON JEAN

Dear Deacon Jean and Martha:

Thank you for the many years of service to Our Lady of Purgatory Church, your Church! We will cherish all the memories and landmarks that we have made as a community, and we will most remember your unending commitment and selfless sacrifice you have made to OLOP.

As you embark on your new journey of faith at Saint Theresa in Brockton, take with you all our prayers and best wishes that we offer you. We ask Almighty God to continue to bless your vocation and journey towards priesthood, and may He bless your beautiful family.

Be assured of our prayers and support for you. Although this is a bittersweet farewell, the end result is for the greater glory of God. We look forward to the day we call you Abouna Jean. God be with you always!



**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.

## WITH DEEPEST SYMATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Lou and Smitty Cabral for the passing of Lou's brother-in-law Ronald Cunha. May Almighty God welcome Ronald into His kingdom and may his soul rest in peace. A memorial mass will be scheduled for Ronald and Lou's sister Mariann soon. Allah yerhammo.

## CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Beginning December 15, we will begin our Christmas Novena. The schedule is posted below. I hope to see you for this beautiful prayer service.

**Monday, December 15,**

**Divine liturgy begins at 6:30 PM,**

**Novena will begin at 7:00 PM**

**Tuesday, December 16,**

**Divine liturgy begins at 6:30 PM,**

**Novena will begin at 7:00 PM**

**Wednesday, December 17,**

**Divine liturgy begins at 6:30 PM,**

**Novena will begin at 7:00 PM**

**Thursday, December 18,**

**Divine liturgy begins at 6:30 PM,**

**Novena will begin at 7:00 PM**

**Friday, December 19,**

**Divine liturgy begins at 6:30 PM,**

**Novena will begin at 7:00 PM**

**Saturday, December 20,**

**Divine liturgy begins at 4:30 PM,**

**Novena will begin at 5:30 PM**

**Sunday, December 21,**

**Divine liturgy begins at 10:30 PM,**

**Novena will begin at 11:30 AM**

**Monday, December 22,**

**Divine liturgy begins at 6:30 PM,**

**Novena will begin at 7:00 PM**

**Tuesday, December 23,**

**Divine liturgy begins at 6:30 PM,**

**Novena will begin at 7:00 PM**

## CHRISTMAS DIVINE

### LITURGIES

**Christmas Eve Vigil,**

**Wednesday, December 24,**

**Divine Liturgy will begin at 5:00 PM**

**Christmas Morning,**

**Thursday, December 25,**

**Divine Liturgy will begin at 10:30 AM**

**Friday, December 26,**

**Praises of the Mother of God**

**Divine Liturgy will begin @ 12:00 PM**

**New Year's Eve,**

**Wednesday, December 31,**

**Divine Liturgy will begin @ 5:00 PM**

**New Year's Day**

**Thursday, January 1, 2026,**

**Divine Liturgy will begin @ 12:00 PM**

## 2026 YEARLY ENVELOPES

This year we will begin a new system for the contribution envelopes. The weekly envelopes will be mailed out every four months to all the parishioners. Nothing else will change and those who use the envelopes will be able to obtain their tax deduction letters from the church. Thank you for your generosity and understanding.

## 2026 OLOP DINING BOOK

Dining Books are now on sale just in time for Christmas. These are great gifts for family and friends. These books contain 6 dinners that are planned over the next few months. They are:

**Ham and Bean Supper, Saturday, January 24, beginning at 5:30 PM.**

**Lenten Fish Fry, February 27, beginning at 5:00 PM.**

**Lenten Fish Fry, Friday, March 13, beginning at 5:00 PM**

**Lenten Fish Fry, Friday, March 27, beginning at 5:00 PM**

**A Taste of Italy, Saturday, April 18, beginning at 5:00 PM**

**Saj Sunday, May 17, start at 11:30 AM**

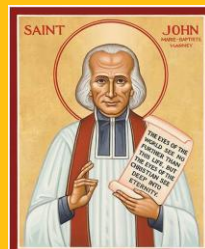
A \$100.00 value all yours for \$85.00. If you would like to purchase these books, please contact the office at 508-996-8934 or email the office at

[officeolop@gmail.com](mailto:officeolop@gmail.com)

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"The priest is not a priest  
for himself; he does not  
give himself absolution, he  
does not administer the  
Sacraments to himself. He  
is not for himself, he is for  
you,"**

**Saint John Vianney**



## SAINT MARON'S DAY HAFLI

will be held on **Saturday, February 7,** at OLOP Church Hall. Of course you can expect great food, live entertainment, a cash bar, and desserts. Tickets are \$75.00 and Dance Floor Tickets are \$100.00. Please mark your calendars and join us for the great annual event. Tickets are now on sale. Please contact Sousou Maalouf or the Church Office.

### Our Lady of Purgatory Church

## Saint Maron's Hafli

Saturday, February 7, 2026  
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**Dance Floor Seating: \$ 100.00 (All Ages)**

**General Seating: \$ 75.00**

**Children (8-17): \$ 40.00**

**Children (under 8 yrs./general seating):  
No Charge**

**For Ticket Sales Contact:**  
Sousou Maalouf: (508)-916-1523  
Church Office: (508)-996-8934



## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 6, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Nicholas (Zakhia)).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Michel Geha requested by OLOP. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Moses P. and Annie Moses (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, December 7, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Ambrose, Doctor of the Church).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Julia Barber requested by Norma Barbour and family. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of David and Yvone Sylvia (FM). May they rest in peace.

**Monday, December 8, @ 7:00 PM, (Feast of The Immaculate Conception).**  
**Tuesday, December 9, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Francis of Paola).**

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

**Wednesday, December 10, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Pope Saint Miltiades).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Saeed, Montaha and Steve Morad and Claire Bianco requested by the family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

**Thursday, December 11, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Daniel the Stylite).**

**Saturday, December 13, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Lucy)).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Ann Farhat requested by the family. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Daniel Tavares requested by Linda Hirst. May his soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, December 14, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Nemtallah El-Hardini).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Louise Dupre requested by the family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Estephan Diab requested by Jacques and Amal Barbour. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Maurice and Nina Daou and, Habib and Marie Daou requested by the Daou family. May their souls rest in peace.

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns in Thanksgiving for a special intention by Smitty Cabral. 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.

## DELICIOUS KNAFE TRAYS

We have knafe for sale. Full tray with kaak and syrup are for sale for \$ 60.00. If you would like to purchase a tray, please contact the office.

## WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of December is offered for Estephan Diab requested by Jacques and Amal Barbour.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Beverly Landreth, Dawn Marie Hogan, Michael Morad, David Matos, Gayla Matos, Genevieve Tayeh, Nayeli Nassif, Maria 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, 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.

## DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 12/8-12/13/25

### Monday:

Hebrews 7: 11-17

Luke 11: 27-32

### Tuesday:

Romans 9: 6-13

Matthew 11: 11-15

### Wednesday:

Romans 9: 14-18

Matthew 17: 9-13

### Thursday:

Romans 9: 19-29

Matthew 21: 23-27

### Friday:

Romans 9:30-33

Matthew 11: 16-19

### Saturday:

Romans 10:1-13

John 5: 31-36

## LECTORS FOR DECEMBER, 2025

**Saturday, December 6,**  
Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

**Sunday, December 7,**

Mae Dickinson / Elie Abou Kheir

**Saturday, December 13,**  
Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, December 14,**

Ann Dupre / Jano Baroody

**Saturday, December 20,**  
Eric Tavares

Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola

**Sunday, December 21,**

Cayla Barbour / Gaby Baroody

**Saturday, December 27,**  
Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, December 28,**

John Barbour / Elie Abou Kheir

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

## MATCHING DONATION FOR PARKING LOT



**Cost needed \$ 18,000.00**

**Donations to date: \$ 7,500.00**

**Donations needed: \$ 10,500.00**

## WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29-30, 2025

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,413.00</b>
<b>Bazaar Food Sale</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>
<b>Donations</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>Lebanese Market</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>
<b>Knafe Sales</b>	<b>\$ 120.00</b>
<b>Angel Program</b>	<b>\$ 265.00</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>\$ 126.00</b>
<b>Sanctuary Candle</b>	<b>\$ 45.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,589.00</b>

**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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