



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



January 31- February 1, 2026

SUNDAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE JUST



FUTURE HALL PLANS

Dear Parishioners of OLOP:

Last week I made an announcement that we would be doing a face lift in our Church Hall. Below you will see a rendition for our hall. The work that will be done will consist of painting, flooring, window treatments, lighting, and interior doors near the classrooms.

We will be doing the painting ourselves with the help of anyone who is willing. We have already received donations for seven of the eight chandeliers at the cost of \$600.00 each. The flooring will cost \$27,000.00 as shown in the drawing below. We have decided not to go with carpeting. The window treatments will cost \$5,000.00.

By doing this work, we will have the opportunity to begin renting this space which will help the church throughout the year with our expenses. It will also give

us a beautiful space to host our many functions.

To accomplish this, we need donations for the flooring and window treatments. If you would like to donate to this project, I would greatly appreciate this. Once we have most of the money needed, we can then begin this project.

I would like to thank Kyra Chomak for her help and vision for this project.

2025 TAX CONTRIBUTION LETTERS

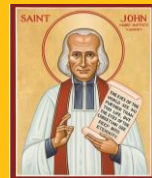
If you would like a letter from the Church for your 2025 tax contributions, please contact the Church office at:

(508)-996-8934 or by email at officeolop@gmail.com and we will prepare this letter for your tax records. This can only be done for those who use envelopes and/or pay with checks as these are the only way we can record them in our system. Thank you for your support.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Nothing afflicts the heart of Jesus so much as to see all His sufferings of no avail to so many"

Saint John Mary Vianney



HAFLI NEED LIST

5 cases water
2 cases Sprite
2 cases Coke Zero
2 cases Orange Crush

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.

GRANT FROM CATHOLIC HOME MISSION

This past week, we received from the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, a check in the amount of \$5,000.00. This check is from a grant from the Catholic Home Missions. Every year a second collection is taken for the Catholic Home Missions and this year, we are the recipients of one of their grants. This is the first of two checks that we will receive from them. We thank Catholic Home Missions for their support and generosity.

2026 DINING BOOKS STILL AVAILABLE

Our 2026 Dining Books are still available for sale. Although the first event has passed, there are still five other dining events in the book. Instead of the \$85.00 for the six events, the books are being sold for \$70.00 for the remaining 5 events. They will consist of three Fish Fry's, 1 Italian Dinner, and 1 Saj Sunday. If you would like to purchase a dining book, please contact the office, Joe Barckett, or Matthew Thomas.

DIVINE LITURGY OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

Divine liturgy for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple will be held on Monday, February 2, at 7:00 PM. We will have the blessing of candles that evening. Taper candles will be blessed and available as well as our Three Day Candles. The Three Day Candles will require a donation of \$4.00 and the glass candle holders with the insert will be available for \$10.00. If you would like to bring any of your candles for a blessing, please feel free to bring them.

WINE AND HOST MEMORIAL OFFERINGS

This year, the months of February and April are available if anyone would like to sponsor the wine and hosts in memory of a loved one. The donation is \$75.00 which covers the cost of the wine and hosts for the month. If you are interested in remembering a loved one, please contact Hiba at the office.

HAM AND BEAN FIGURES

Total Income	\$ 1,056.70
Total Expenses	\$ 430.48
Total Profit:	\$ 626.22

SAVE THE DATE 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
at
OLOP Church Hall
4254 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford, MA 02745

Live Entertainment
by
CHADI NADDAF
&
Bashir EL-Khoury Band

Doors Open
@ 7:00PM
Cash Bar & Mezza
Dinner served
@ 8:00 PM

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

LENTEN WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saint Anthony of the Desert Maronite Church, 300 N. Eastern Ave, Fall River, MA is hosting a Lenten Women's Retreat on Saturday, March 7, 2026 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at our Saint Sharbel Maronite Center. This one-day retreat is open to all women. The guest speaker will be **Johnnette Williams** of EWTN program **WOMEN OF GRACE**. A donation of \$40.00 per person is requested and a continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Through reflection on our Blessed Mother and her accompaniment of Christ during His Passion, this retreat will serve as a spiritually nourishing way to enter into Great lent. Please see the enclosed flyer for registration details.

Lenten Women's Retreat
In the Footsteps of Mary:
Walking the Way of the Cross

This one-day retreat is open to all women and will be led by Johnnette Williams of the EWTN program Women of Grace. Through reflection on our Blessed Mother and her accompaniment of Christ during His Passion this retreat will serve as a spiritually nourishing way to enter into Great Lent.

WOMEN of GRACE

Saturday, March 7th 2026
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Saint Anthony of the Desert Maronite Church
Saint Sharbel Maronite Center

Four Talks by Johnnette Williams
Maronite Morning Prayer at 9:15 AM and Liturgy at 4:00 PM
Continental Breakfast and Lunch provided
Donation \$40.00

Register online at <https://womenofgrace.com/events>
or by calling St. Anthony of the Desert (508) 672-7653

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 31, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint John Bosco). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Octavia David requested by Mariam David and family. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Mary Kenyon requested by the family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, February 1, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Pionius and His Companions). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Louise Dupre requested by the family. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Octavia David requested by Ida Farhat. May her soul rest in peace.

Monday, February 2, @ 7:00 PM, Presentation of Christ in the Temple. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Betty Grenier requested by Annie Costa (FM). May her soul rest in peace.

Tuesday, February 3, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Simeon the Elder, Feast of Saint Anna the Prophetess). NO LITURGY.

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

Wednesday, February 4, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Isidore of Pelusium). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of George and Rose David requested by the family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Thursday, February 5, @ 9:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Agatha). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Peter and Raja Bou Eassey requested by the family (FM).

Saturday, February 7, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Pope Saint Anterus I). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Dan Tavares requested by Philip and Jano Baroody. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of David David requested by the family (FM). May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, February 8, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Zechariah the Prophet). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Donna Poirier requested by Ida Farhat. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for all the intentions and names of the Christmas flowers.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

LECTORS FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY, 2026

Saturday, January 31,
Eric Tavares

Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola

Sunday, February 1,

Ann Dupre / Joumana Chedid

Saturday, February 7,

Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

Sunday, February 8,

Rana Choubah / Jano Baroody

Monday, February 9, @ 7:00 PM,

Feast of Saint Maron

Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

Saturday, February 14,

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola

Sunday, February 15,

Cayla Barbour / Gaby Baroody

Saturday, February 21,

Eric Tavares

Intercessions: Smitty Cabral

Sunday, February 22,

Mae Dickinson / Elie Abou Kheir

Saturday, February 28,

Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

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

IN OUR PRAYERS

Reggie Thomas, 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, please contact the office.

WEEK OF JANUARY 24-25, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,348.00
Grant	\$ 5,000.00
Second Collection	\$ 69.00
Lebanese Market	\$ 20.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 55.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$ 20.00
Candles	\$ 83.00
Total	\$ 6,595.00

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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