



Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

June 15-16, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



A Father's Choice

We were told this is a true story, but we cannot verify it.

After a few of the usual Sunday evening hymns, the church's pastor slowly stood up, walked over to the pulpit and, before he gave his sermon that evening, briefly introduced a guest minister who was in the service that evening.

In the introduction, the pastor told the congregation that the guest minister was one of his dearest childhood friends and that he wanted him to have a few moments to greet the church and share whatever he felt would be appropriate for the service.

With that, an elderly man stepped up to the pulpit and began to speak.

"A father, his son, and a friend of his son were sailing off the Pacific coast," he began, "When a fast-approaching storm blocked any attempt to get back to the shore.

The waves were so high, that even though the father was an experienced sailor, he could not keep the boat upright and the three were swept into the ocean as

the boat capsized."

The old man hesitated for a moment, making eye contact with two teenagers who were, for the first time since the service began, looking somewhat interested in his story.

The aged minister continued his story.

"Grabbing a rescue line, the father had to make the most excruciating decision of his life: to which boy he would throw the other end of the line. He only had seconds to make the decision. The father knew that his son was a Christian, and he knew that his son's friend was not. The agony of his decision could not be matched by the torrent of waves.

As the father yelled out 'I love you, son', he threw out the lifeline to his son's friend. By the time the father pulled the friend back to the capsized boat, his son had disappeared beneath the raging swells into the black of night. His body was never recovered."

By this time, the two teenagers were sitting up straight in the pew, anxiously waiting for the next word to come out of the old minister's mouth.

"The father", he continued, "knew his son would step into eternity with Jesus and he

could not bear the thought of his son's friend stepping into eternity without Jesus. Therefore, he sacrificed his son to save the son's friend. How great is the love of God that He should do the same for us. Our Heavenly Father sacrificed His only begotten Son so that we could be saved. I urge you to accept his offer to rescue you and to take hold of the lifeline He is throwing out to you in this service"

With that, the old man turned and sat back down in his chair as silence filled the room.

The pastor again walked slowly to the pulpit and delivered a brief sermon with an invitation at the end. However, no one responded to the appeal.

Within minutes after the service ended, the two teenagers were at the old man's side.

"That was a nice story," politely stated one of the boys, "But I don't think it was very realistic for a father to give up his only son's life in the hopes that the other boy would become a Christian."

"Well, you've got a point there," the old man replied, glancing down at his worn Bible. A big smile broadened his narrow face, he once again looked up at the boys and said,

"It sure isn't very realistic, is it? But I'm standing here today to tell you that story gives me a glimpse of what it must have been like for God to give up His Son for me.

You see-I was that father and your pastor is my son's friend."

May God Almighty bless all of our fathers, grandfathers and all who served in such capacity. May God rest in peace all of our faithful fathers and grandfathers, and in a special way may Our Lord Jesus Christ watch over our pastor for a speedy recovery. *Happy Father's Day.*

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration **Tuesday, June 18, from 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM.** This is an opportunity to spend some time with Jesus and ask for His help. Mark your calendars and please join us for this beautiful service.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 GRADUATES

This Sunday Liturgy will be offered in honor of all the graduates of OLOP: John Thomas, Nicholas Sarkis, Amalia Molly Dupre, Keira McLaughlin, Camden Lawton, Anna Donnelly, Gabrielle Chedid, Natalya Chedid, Jeremy Chdid, Maria Chdid, and Samantha Hakeem.

NO WEEKDAY LITURGIES AND NO EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be no weekday Liturgies Monday through Thursday or Eucharistic adoration on Mondays. I appreciate your understanding. I will announce when they will once again resume.

SAINT JOSEPH SODALITY

With thanks and gratitude to all who made the Saint Joseph Sodality breakfast a success. Your dedication is very much appreciated. Thank you and God bless you always.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Stephen Dacosta, Abouna Tanios Abi Ramia, Kenneth Macedo, Muriel Moline, Patricia Farhat, Ghada Karam, Beverly Parlapiano, Michael Bruce, Magda Moosa, Sharon Conti, David Techlin, Debbie Freedenberg, Josephine Chedid, Efrangieh Daou, Reggie Thomas, Peter Helmer, Renee Helmer, Octavia David, Jacob Rego, Amal Assaf, Denise Magaletta, Fernanda Thomas, Angela Scorza-Anderson, Theresa John, Laurette Bou Ramia, 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.

FOR ANY EMERGENCY

For any emergency, please call:
Deacon Jean Mattar 774-217-9232.

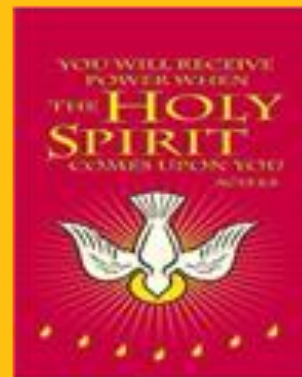
ANNUAL LEBANESE FESTIVAL - SAVE THE DATES-

September may sound like a long time away but as we prepare for our Annual Lebanese Festival, it is never too early to begin preparations. The festival will be held on Friday, September 13, and Saturday, September 14, 2024.

In the next few weeks, I will be sending out information and asking you to volunteer. For this major fundraiser to be a success, your help is needed. I ask you in advance to think about how you can help make this festival a great success. Younger and older alike, your participation will make a great difference.

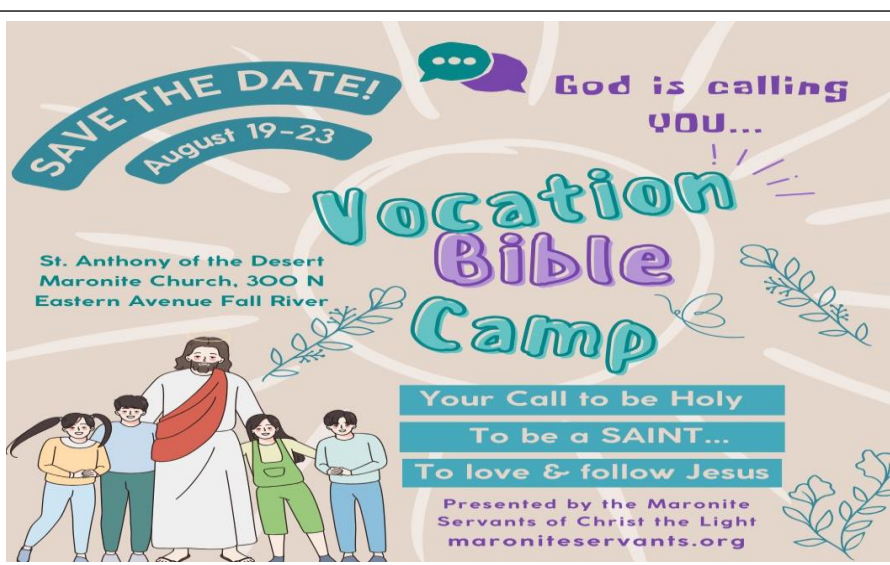
QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The Spirit, the living memory of the church, reminds us that we are born from a gift and that we grow by giving, not by holding on, but by giving of ourselves"
Pope Francis



CONVENTION REGISTRATION: Deadline: June 15
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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 15, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Basil the Great, Doctor of the Church). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of the deceased members of the Kenyon and Daher Families requested by family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph Moses requested by Annemarie Espindola. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Alfred and Afeefy Nasr requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, June 16, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Hosea the Prophet). Liturgy is being offered for all the fathers living and deceased. Liturgy is being offered in honor of all the 2024 graduates of OLOP requested by OLOP. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Hiam Cheaib requested by Amal Baroody. May her soul rest in peace.

Monday, June 17, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Amos the Prophet). Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent. **NO LITURGY**

Tuesday, June 18, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Leontius of Tripoli). **NO LITURGY**

Wednesday, June 19, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Jude Thaddeus). **NO LITURGY**

Thursday, June 20, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Pope Saint Silverius). **NO LITURGY.**

Saturday, June 22, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Eusebius). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Rose Mattar requested by Mariam David and family. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Charles and Anna Lizotte (FM). May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for all the souls in Purgatory requested by Sean, Marie and Keira McLaughlin. May all the souls in Purgatory rest in peace.

Sunday, June 23, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Agrippina, The Council of Ephesus). Liturgy is being offered for Margueritte Chedid requested by Philip and Jano Baroody. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Abraham and Amelia Sarkis requested by family. May their souls rest in peace.

CONFESSION

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

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a special intention and for Samir Sawaya by Hiba Chdid. 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.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 06/17-06/22/24

Monday:

Acts of the Apostles 9: 19b-30
Matthew 10: 8-15

Tuesday:

Acts of the Apostles 9: 31- 43
Matthew 13: 9-13

Wednesday:

Acts of the Apostles 10: 1-10,19-23a
Matthew 10: 21-26

Thursday:

Acts of the Apostles 10: 23b-27,34-43
Matthew 10:27-33

Friday:

Acts of the Apostles 10: 44-48
Matthew 10: 34-39

Saturday:

Acts of the Apostles 11: 19-30
Matthew 10: 40-11:1

FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Jimmy Kalife, Wassim Chedid, Rose Dupre, Rana Choubah, Nigel Hitchings, and Joseph Barckett.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Fadi Bark, Johnny Kalife, Vicki Thomas Marini, Jacques Barbour, and Smitty Cabral.

WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of June is offered for Abraham and Amelia Sarkis and Joann Yozefek requested by Family.

LECTORS FOR JUNE 2024

Saturday, June 15,
Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola

Sunday, June 16,

Anne Dupre / Joumana Chedid

Saturday, June 22,

Mae Dickinson

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, June 23,

Halim Choubah / Rana Choubah

Saturday, June 29,

Eric Tavares

Intercessions: Smitty Cabral

Sunday, June 30,

Mae Dickinson / Gaby Baroody

(If you are not able to read on your given day, please contact Mae Dickinson).


WEEK OF JUNE 8-9, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,301.00
Donations	\$ 40.00
Candles	\$ 121.00
Total	\$ 1,462.00

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.

Please join
Bishop Gregory Mansour
at the
Eparchy of Saint Maron's
FIFTEENTH ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2024
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Joseph & Marie Kenyon

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