



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



June 22-23, 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

WEEKLY REFLECTION

There are only three types of people in your life, first are the leaf people, these are people who come into your life just for a season, they are there to take what they need, and as soon as it gets cold, or a wind blows in your life, they are gone. Second are the branch people, although they are stronger than leaves, you have to test them out, before you run out there, and put all your weight on them, they may stay with you for a few seasons, but they will break away when life becomes tough, and finally the root people, these people are very important, because they don't do things to be seen, their only wish is to support you, and help you live a strong and healthy life, and even if you go through a difficult time, they will hold you up, they love you just the way you are.

People come into our lives for a reason, each serving a unique purpose. Some teach us lessons, some bring joy, and others provide support. It is essential to recognize those who act as the roots in our lives, grounding us and offering unwavering stability and strength. These individuals are invaluable, helping us grow and flourish in all aspects of life. Can you think of the "roots" people in your life?

Dr. Bruce Lee stated If you have found yourself a root person, consider yourself lucky and cherish him or her. These people are there for the long haul, through thick and thin, through all kinds of weight and storms. They are strong themselves, willing and able to support you in every way. It's not easy finding such people because they are rare and

tend to stay hidden beneath the ground like the roots of a tree. Root people rarely will tell you that they are root people, since they are content remaining beneath the surface while providing you with nourishment and other things needed to keep you upright. You don't hear the roots of a tree saying, "Look at me. Look at me. I am great at supporting a tree." These are the people who are your lifelong friends and your confidantes. These are the people whom you marry, start businesses with, or do anything with where there will be the need to weather storms. "Root people" are difficult to find because they are not trying to be seen but are there to support and help you live a healthy and strong life. They are like the roots of a tree, which are rare and valuable, and provide nourishment and support to the tree so it can produce fruit.

An actor often uses a tree analogy in his movies and public speaking to describe root people. In his play Meet the Browns, the character Madea describes root people as people who hold you up and help you live a strong and healthy life, even during difficult times. He suggests looking for three people to be the roots of your life, like how a tree often has three strong roots that anchor it.

OWELIFT provides this example: imagine three trees lined up next to each other in a row. Each tree is different in its own way, just like how the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are different aspects of the same God in the Christian belief of the Trinity. For example, the first tree could represent God the Father,

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Without Pentecost the Christ-event – the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus – remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now.
Henry Nouwen



who is the creator of all things. The second tree could represent Jesus Christ, the Son of God who came to Earth to save humanity. And the third tree could represent the Holy Spirit, who is said to guide and empower believers. An analogy to help understand this concept is thinking of a family with a father, a son, and a spirit of love that unites them all. Just like how the three trees are connected by their roots in the ground, the Trinity is connected in their divine nature. A verifiable fact is that the concept of the Trinity is a fundamental belief in Christianity, with the Nicene Creed affirming the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as three persons in one God.
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OFFICE HOURS: The Church office will be open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

**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.

**FOR ANY
EMERGENCY**

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

**WITH DEEPEST
SYMPATHY**

I received the sad news that Josephine Chedid passed away on Tuesday, June 18. She was the wife of the late Milad Chedid, the mother Jean (Rola), Charbel (Antoinette), Zakhia (Hiba), and Wassim (Elizabeth) Chedid. We extend our condolences to her daughters Janette (Said) Helou, Genevieve (jean) Chedid and Souraya (joseph) Hwayek in Lebanon and as well to all her grandchildren. May Almighty God welcome Josephine into His kingdom and may her soul rest in peace. Allah yerhamma.

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.

**CONGRATULATIONS
MR. AND MRS. EDMOND
ABOUKHEIR**

Congratulations to the newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Aboukheir , who were married June 15, 2024. May Almighty God bless you marriage with love and joy. We also congratulate Elie and Micha Aboukheir and Family, and the Mitri family. God bless of you.

**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.

**WITH THANKS AND
GRATITUDE**

Words cannot convey my thanks and gratitude to Deacon Jean Mattar and Mr. Matthew Thomas for cleaning all the outdoor Statues.

And we thank Mrs. Louise Tibbals for fixing the Mosaic Icons.

**NO WEEKDAY LITURGIES
AND NO EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION**

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

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

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 all the souls in Purgatory requested by Sean, Marie and Keira McLaughlin. May the souls in Purgatory rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Charles and Anna Lizotte (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, June 23, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Agrippina, The Council of Ephesus). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of 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.

Monday, June 24, @ 9:00 AM, (Birth of Saint John the Baptist). Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent. **NO LITURGY.**

Tuesday, June 25, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saints Zechariah and Elizabeth, Parents of Saint John the Baptist). **NO LITURGY**

Wednesday, June 26, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Josemaria Escriva, Feast of the Blessed Yaacub Haddad the Capuchin). **NO LITURGY**

Thursday, June 27, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Samson the Hospitable). **NO LITURGY.**

Saturday, June 29, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saints Peter and Paul). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Susan Harb requested by Karen Harb (40-day Mass). May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Father Joseph, Beshara and Moussa Daher requested by Sean, Marie and Keira McLaughlin. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Rose Mattar requested by Annemarie Espindola. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, June 30, @ 10:30 AM, (Celebration of Saints Peter and Paul, Feast of the Twelve Apostles). Remember Me In Your Kingdom Liturgy. May all the souls in the Book of Life rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Helen and Anthony Buaiz and their Grandson Joseph Robeiro requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Christopher and Ann Briggs requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a special intention by John and Claire Barbour. 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 06/24-06/29/24

Monday:

Galatians 4: 21-5:1

Luke 1: 57-66

Tuesday:

Acts of the Apostles 12: 12-24

Matthew 15: 10-20

Wednesday:

Acts of the Apostles 12: 25-13:12

Matthew 15: 21-28

Thursday:

Acts of the Apostles 13: 13-25

Matthew 16:1-4

Friday:

Acts of the Apostles 13: 26-39

Matthew 16: 5-12

Saturday:

2 Corinthians 11: 21-30

Matthew 16: 13-20

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

LECTORS FOR JUNE 2024

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).

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.

WEEK OF JUNE 8-9, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,068.00
Donations	\$ 20.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 45.00
Lebanese Market	\$ 55.00
Candles	\$ 43.00
Total	\$ 2,231.00

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
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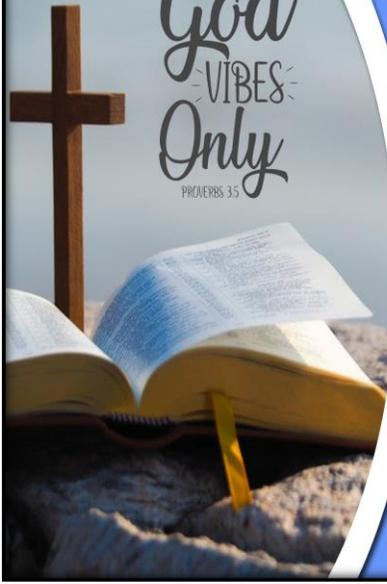
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