



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



June 29-30, 2024

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Credo in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominum et vivificantem: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life.

With the words of the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, the Church proclaims her faith in the Paraclete; a faith that is born of the *apostolic experience of Pentecost*. The passage from the Acts of the Apostles, which today's liturgy has offered for our meditation, recalls in fact the marvels worked on the day of Pentecost, when with great astonishment the Apostles saw Jesus' words come true. As was mentioned in the passage from St John's Gospel proclaimed a few moments ago, on the eve of his Passion, he had assured them: "I will pray the Father and he will give you another Counsellor, to be with you for ever" (Jn 14:16). This "Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you" (Jn 14:26).

And the Holy Spirit, coming down upon them with extraordinary power, enabled them to proclaim the teaching of Christ Jesus to the whole world. Their courage was so great, their determination so sure, that they were prepared to do anything, even to give up their life. The gift of the Spirit *had released their deepest energies, concentrating them on the mission entrusted to them by the Redeemer*. And it will be the Counsellor, the *Parakletos*, who will guide them in preaching the Gospel to all. The Spirit will teach them the whole truth, drawing it from the wealth of Christ's word, so that, in turn, they may communicate it to people in Jerusalem and the rest of the world.

2. How can we not give thanks to God for the wonders the Spirit has never ceased to accomplish in these two millenniums of Christian life? Indeed, the event of grace at Pentecost has continued to bear its marvelous fruits, everywhere instilling apostolic zeal, a desire for contemplation, the commitment to live and serve God and our brothers and sisters with complete dedication. Today too, the Spirit sustains great and small acts of forgiveness and prophecy in the Church and gives life to ever new charisms and gifts, which attest to his ceaseless action in human hearts.

Eloquent proof of this is today's solemn liturgy attended by a vast number of those belonging to movements and new communities, who these days have held their World Congress in Rome. Yesterday, in this same St Peter's Square, we enjoyed an unforgettable, festive gathering with songs, prayers and testimonies. We experienced the atmosphere of Pentecost which made visible in a way the Spirit's inexhaustible fruitfulness in the Church. The movements and new communities, providential expressions of the new springtime brought forth by the Spirit with the Second Vatican Council, announce the power of God's love which in overcoming divisions and barriers of every kind, renews the face of the earth to build the civilization of love.

3. St Paul writes in the Letter to the Romans, proclaimed a few moments ago: "*All who are led by the Spirit of God are Sons of God*" (Rm 8:14).

These words suggest a further way of understanding the wonderful action of the Spirit in our life as believers. *They open the way for us to reach the human heart:*

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."



the Holy Spirit, whom the Church calls upon to give "*light to the senses*", visits man inwardly and directly touches the depths of his being.

The Apostle continues: "But you are not in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, if the Spirit of God really dwells in you.... For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God" (cf. Rom 8:9, 14). Contemplating then the mysterious action of the Paraclete, he adds with deep feeling: "For you did not receive the spirit of slavery ... but you have received the spirit of sonship. When we cry 'Abba, Father!', it is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God" (Rm 8:15-16). Here we are at the *center of the mystery!* It is in the meeting between the Holy Spirit and the human spirit that we find the very heart of what the Apostles experienced at Pentecost. This extraordinary experience is present in the Church born of that event and accompanies her down the centuries. Under the Holy Spirit's action, man fully discovers that his spiritual nature is not veiled by corporeity but, on the contrary, it is his spirit which gives true meaning to

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his body. Indeed, by living according to the Spirit, he fully manifests the gift of his adoption as a son of God.

It is in this context that we find the fundamental question of *the relationship between life and death*, which Paul touches on when he says: "If you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live" (Rom 8:13). It is exactly so: docility to the Spirit gives man continuous opportunities for life.

By Pope John Paul the second from Catholic Insight

SECOND COLLECTION

Per the directive of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, there will be a second collection this weekend. This collection is taken up for the Holly Father's Collection (Peter's Pence). The entire collection will be sent to The Holy Father to assist him with emergency financial assistance to aid the neediest throughout the world.

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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Sophie Correa, 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, 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

My surgery will be on Wednesday, July 3. I will be with all of you this weekend for Divine Liturgy.

I ask all of you to please direct any calls pertaining to mass intentions, office related needs, etc., to:

Hiba Chdid at the office, 508-996-8934, by email, officeolop@gmail.com, or after hours on her cell, 508-617-3888.

Any emergencies, concerns or questions liturgically, I ask you to contact:

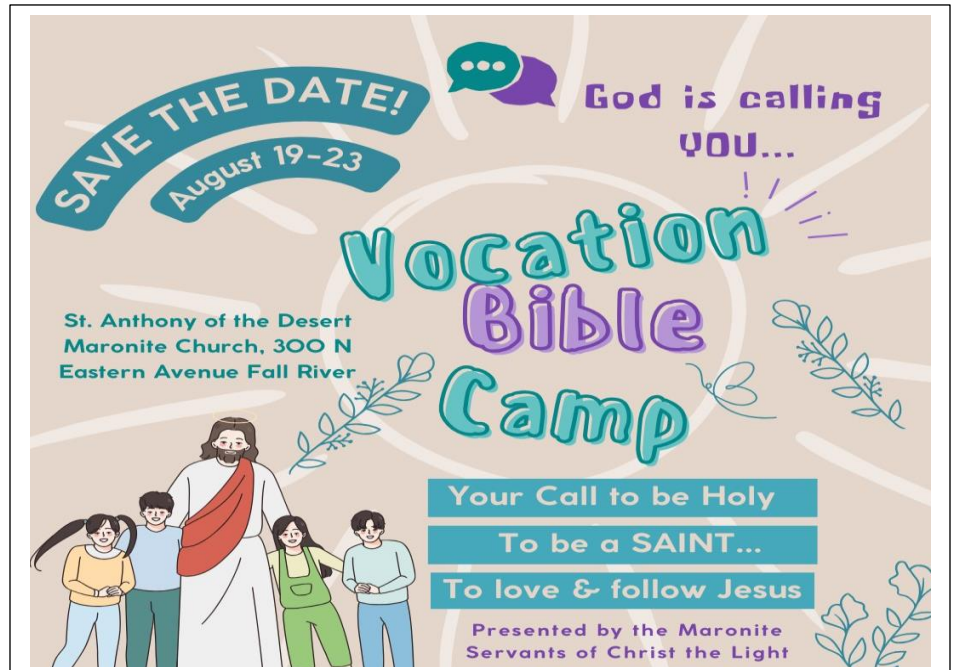
Deacon Jean Mattar at 774-217-9232.

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.

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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HAPPY 40TH Anniversary SAVE THE DATES

In honor of Mother Marla Marie's 40th Anniversary of Religious life & the 16th Anniversary of the founding of the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light there will be two events planned in the Fall.

We cordially invite you to join us for an Anniversary Liturgy of Thanksgiving & Reception at:
Our Lady of Lebanon Church in Washington DC on Sunday October 6 at 11am and
at Our Lady of Purgatory Church in New Bedford MA on Saturday October 19 at 4:30pm.

The Main Celebrant for both of these Divine Liturgies will be His Excellency, Bishop Gregory Mansour. Formal Invite to follow.

Interesting fact — Mother Marla Marie entered religious life in 1983 and founded the Maronite Servants in 2008 - both from Washington, DC.

To support the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light:
Maroniteservants.org/donate or Venmo the sisters @MaroniteServants



LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 29, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saints Peter and Paul). 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.

Monday, July 1, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Pope Saint Gregory X, Feast of Saint Junipero Serra). Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent. **NO LITURGY.**

Tuesday, July 2, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of The Visitation of Our Lady to Her Cousin, Elizabeth). **NO LITURGY**

Wednesday, July 3, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Jerome). **NO LITURGY**

Thursday, July 4, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Andrew the Hymnographer, Bishop of Crete). **NO LITURGY.**

Saturday, July 6, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Maria Goretti). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Ruth David requested by Annie Costa (FM). May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Radha Peter J. David and her Father Peter requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Tufeek and Mary David and Children requested by Family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, July 7, @ 10:30 AM, (Celebration of Saint Thomas the Hermit). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Saba Mike Barckett and Joseph and Mary Coury requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Florence Dyer (FM). May her soul rest in peace.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a special intention by Smitty and Lou 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.

LECTORS FOR JUNE/JULY 2024

Saturday, June 29,

Eric Tavares

Intercessions: Smitty Cabral

Sunday, June 30,

Mae Dickinson / Gaby Baroody

Saturday, July 6,

Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

Sunday, July 7,

Halim Choubah / Rana Choubah

Saturday, July 13,

Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, July 14

Ann Dupre / Gaby Baroody

Saturday, July 20,

Mae Dickinson

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, July 21,

John Barbour / Jano Baroody

Saturday, July 27,

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola

Sunday, July 28,

Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 07/01-07/06/24

Monday:

Acts of the Apostles 14: 1-7

Luke 10: 8-12

Tuesday:

Acts of the Apostles 14: 8-18

Luke 10: 13-16

Wednesday:

Acts of the Apostles 14: 19-28

Luke 10: 17-20

Thursday:

Acts of the Apostles 15: 1-12

Luke 10: 25-28

Friday:

Acts of the Apostles 15: 13-21

Luke 10: 29-37

Saturday:

Acts of the Apostles 15: 22-30

Matthew 10: 38-42


WEEK OF JUNE 22-23, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 752.00
Donations	\$ 1,200.00
Memorial Donations	\$ 1,000.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 38.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$ 10.00
Candles	\$ 34.00
Total	\$ 3,034.00

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
UNION LEAGUE CLUB

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