



# Our Lady of Purgatory

## Maronite Catholic Church



August 3-4, 2024

### TWELFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

#### SPONSORSHIP DUE DATE

Festival Sponsorships are needed by September 1, 2024, in order to have the banners made in time for the festival. If you would like to be a sponsor for our 2024 festival, please fill in the card and send it to the office by September 1. Thank you all in advance for your commitment and generosity as our sponsors help with the costs of a successful festival. God bless you.

**OLOP Summer Lebanese Festival - Sponsorship Form**  
 Yes, I would like to support the Summer Lebanese Festival as a:

Bronze Sponsor	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 100.00	Platinum Sponsor	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 1000.00
Silver Sponsor	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 250.00	Diamond Sponsor	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 2500.00
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 Please indicate how you want to be acknowledged on the Banner:  
 1- Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 2- In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 3- Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

#### SPONSORSHIPS FOR THE 2024 LEBANESE FESTIVAL

The summer festival is an important fundraiser for our Church. It showcases our culture, faith, food, and hospitality not only to other Maronite Churches, but also to the local community. Every year gets better and better because of your help and participation.

Becoming a sponsor for our annual festival helps us to pay for expenses for putting on such an event. This year, the proceeds will be going to help our Capital Campaign to help pay and complete the work at our new church.

I am asking that you consider becoming a sponsor for our festival this year and by doing so, you will help us get closer to reaching our goal for the capital campaign. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Fr. Vincent. I thank all of you in advance for your help and dedication in making OLOP a thriving and active community.

#### 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.

#### WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of August is offered in memory of Charbel Baroody by Philip and Jano Baroody.

#### MAHARJAN VOLUNTEER LIST

Volunteers are vital to this fundraiser. If you are willing and able to give of your time, before, during, after, or all the above, please give us your name and information on the signup sheets. You may also call Fr. Vincent or the office at: (508)-996-8934. Or by email @:

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

I thank you in advance for all your help.

#### RAFFLE BASKETS NEEDED

We are adding an additional booth for this year's festival. It will be called the Avenue of Theme Baskets. We are hoping to have 30 baskets that will be raffled off at the end of the festival

If you do not know what to buy for the basket, we will accept donations towards a basket and we will prepare one for you. In addition to baskets, this raffle can include electronics such as TV's, ear buds for Apple or Samsung phones, etc. Thank you for your consideration.

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Faith in action is love, and love in action is service.  
By transforming that faith into living acts of love,  
we put ourselves in contact with God Himself, with Jesus our Lord."  
Saint Theresa of Calcutta*



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OFFICE HOURS: The Church office will be open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO JACQUES BARBOUR



The 59<sup>th</sup> NAM Convention was hosted by St. Sharbel Church in Clinton, Michigan, just outside of Detroit, July 4 to July 7th. The New England region was well represented. At the annual board meeting, Jacques Barbour was elected as one of the national board members. Congratulations on this nomination and for representing OLOP.

The NAM 2025 Convention will be held in Raleigh NC in July 2025. There will be more information to follow on NAM Awareness Sunday in the Fall. If you would like to become a member you can visit [namnews.org](http://namnews.org).

The National Apostolate of Maronites (NAM) is the official lay apostolate of the Maronite Church of the USA and the only one in the world. Its mission is to assist its bishops, serve as a link in unifying Maronite laity in the US, and strengthen the bond between clergy and laity.

### WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

I received the sad news that Nizar Salim passed away in Lebanon. Nizar is the cousin of the ElKhoury family. We extend our condolences to ElKhoury family for their loss. We ask Almighty God to welcome Nizar into His kingdom and may his soul rest in peace. Allah yerhammo.

### ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED MOTHER EID AL SAIDE

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother (Eid al Saide) Divine Liturgy will be held on Wednesday evening, August 14, at 7:00 PM. Immediately following Divine Liturgy, we will have a BBQ in honor of our Blessed Mother. May our Blessed Mother continue to lead us to her Son and may all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

The Feast of The Transfiguration of Our Lord Divine Liturgy will be held on Monday evening, August 5, at 6:00 PM. May our Lord continue to bless us.

### SAVE THE DATES PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY FOR CANONIZATION OF THE MASSABKI BROTHERS

OLOP and St. Anthony of Desert are planning a pilgrimage to Rome for the canonization of the Massabki Brothers, that will take place on October 20, 2024. We are in the planning process however the dates will be Oct 16 to Oct 22. The Eparchy is also sponsoring a pilgrimage that is also during that time, but a little more extended. More information will be shared once things can be finalized. If you have any interest in going, please contact the office or Jacques Barbour.

#### FESTIVAL PREP. DAYS

**August 21: Festival meeting @ 6:30PM, Church Hall.**

**August 21-22: Grape leave day starting @ 10:00 AM.**

**August 28-29: Kibbie day starting @ 10:00 AM.**

**September 4-5: Maamoul day Starting @ 10:00 AM**

### NEEDS LIST FOR FESTIVAL

#### BAR

- 6 Large Bottles Tonic Water
- 6 Large Bottles Club Soda
- 3 Bottles Cranberry Juice
- 3 Gallons Orange Juice
- 10 Cases Coke
- 4 Cases Sprite
- 4 Cases Coke Zero
- 3 Cases Ginger Ale
- 2 Cases Orange Soda
- 20 Cases 16 oz. Water Bottles

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, August 3, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of David the Prophet).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Rachel David and the deceased members of their family requested by Joann, Anthony and Lorraine David. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Peter, Josephine and Sophie Kenham requested by Sean, Marie and Keira McLaughlin. May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, August 4, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint John Vianney, the Curé D'Ars).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Josephine Chedid requested by family (40-Day Mass). May her soul rest in peace.

**Monday, August 5, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Moses the Prophet), Transfiguration of Our Lord Vigil.**

**Saturday, August 10, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Lawrence).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Steven Espindola requested by Annemarie Espindola. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Josephine Chedid requested by Annemarie Espindola. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Tim Mahoney and the deceased members of his family requested by Sean, Marie and Keira McLaughlin. May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, August 11, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Clare).** Liturgy is being offered for Dan and Helena Tavares in their 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary. May God bless them and their family. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Charbel Baroody requested by Charles Baroody. May his soul rest in peace.

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for Milad and Josephine Chedid by Charbel and Antoinette Chedid. 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.

### FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

### PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Sophie Correa, Stephen Dacosta, 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.

## LECTORS FOR AUGUST 2024

**Saturday, August 3,**  
Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, August 4,**

Ann Dupre / Hiba Chdid

**Saturday, August 10,**

Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Anna and Helen Higgins

**Sunday, August 11,**

Eric Tavares / Joumana Chedid

**Wednesday, August 14, @ 7:00 PM**

**Vigil of the Assumption:**

Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

**Saturday, August 17,**

Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Smitty Cabral

**Sunday, August 18,**

Mae Dickinson / Jano Baroody

**Saturday, August 24,**

Eric Tavares

Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola

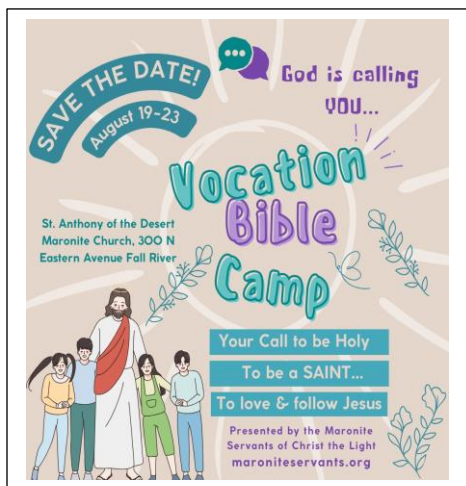
**Sunday, August 25,**

John Barbour / Gaby Baroody

**Saturday, August 31,**

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Mae Dickinson



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
August 19-23

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## DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 08/05-08/10/24

### Monday:

Acts of the Apostles 27: 1-4,8a,14-15,18-21a,22-26

Luke 12: 54-59

### Tuesday:

2 Corinthians 3: 7-17

Mark 9: 1-7

### Wednesday:

Acts of the Apostles 28: 1-10

Luke 13: 6-9

### Thursday:

Acts of the Apostles 28: 11-15

Luke 13: 10-17

### Friday:

Acts of the Apostles 28: 16-22

Luke 13: 18-21

### Saturday:

Acts of the Apostles 28: 23-31

Luke 13: 22-30

## WEEK OF JULY 27-28, 2024

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 836.00</b>
<b>Festival Raffle Tickets</b>	<b>\$ 190.00</b>
<b>Festival Sponsorship</b>	<b>\$ 1,950.00</b>
<b>Sanctuary Candle</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$ 27.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,028.00</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.**



**FREE ADMISSION!**

*All are invited to come and join us. Festivities will go on come rain or shine! Under the tent or in the open air!*

**Lebanese Mahrajan Food Festival**

St. Anthony of the Desert Church, 300 N. Eastern Avenue, Fall River, MA

**Fri, Aug 9<sup>th</sup> ~ 5pm to 10pm**  
**Sat, Aug 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Noon to 11pm**  
**Sun, Aug 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 11am to 5pm**

Authentic Lebanese Food and Pastry

MIRRELL KALIFIAN AND FRIENDS  
Fri, 4pm-10pm  
Sat, 4pm-10pm  
Sun, 11am-4pm

Hookah

Bounce House & Inflated Basketball

CSO'S  
DJ GEORGE AYER  
Fri, 4pm-10pm  
Sat, 4pm-10pm  
10pm-11pm  
Sun, 11am-10pm  
4pm-10pm

THROWBACK  
Sat, 1pm-10pm

Alcoholic Beverages

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