

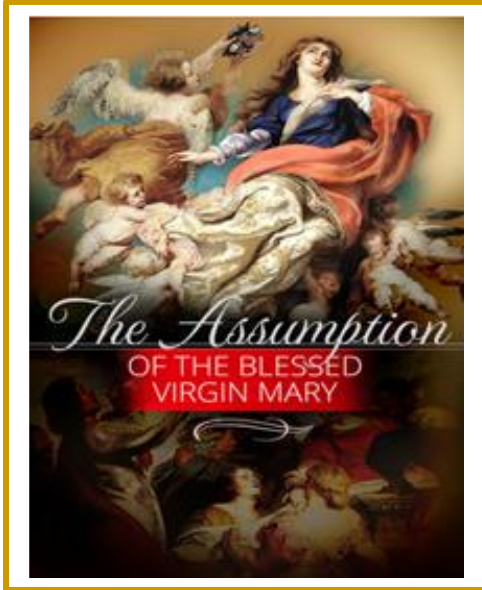
Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

August 10-11, 2024

THIRTEEN SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION:

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السيدة العذراء مريم إلى السماء

Assumption Day commemorates the belief that when Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, died, her body was "assumed" into heaven to be reunited with her soul, instead of going through the natural process of physical decay upon death. The Feast of the Assumption celebrates both the happy departure of Mary from this life by her natural death, and her assumption bodily into heaven. The Assumption of Mary is one of the four Marian dogmas of the Catholic Church. Pope Pius XII defined it on 1 November 1950 in his apostolic constitution.

The Solemnity of the Assumption reminds us of the unique role that Mary served in the process of our salvation. Although she was without sin, we have the possibility of receiving God's forgiveness for our sins through Christ. Her entry into Heaven prefigures our own

hope of experiencing the same eternal life. While this event isn't reflected in Sacred Scripture, it is clearly part of the Church's earliest observance. In the sixth century, St. John Damascene wrote in one of his sermons, "Your sacred and happy soul, as nature will have it, was separated in death from your most blessed and immaculate body, and although the body was duly interred, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay; your most pure and sinless body was not left on earth, but you were transferred to your heavenly throne."

This solemnity was first called the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Later, its name in the East carried over: the Dormition (or Falling Asleep) of Mary. In the West, it became known as the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This holy day celebrates the fact that Mary's Assumption is "a pledge of the future participation of the members of the mystical Body of Christ in the paschal glory of the Risen Christ." It shows that the Lord "reserves a munificent reward for his humble Servant because of her faithful cooperation with the divine plan, which is a destiny of fullness, happiness, glorification of her immaculate soul, her virginal body, perfect configuration to her Risen Son".

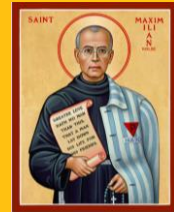
Assumption of Virgin Mary: by EWTN.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED MOTHER

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.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Jesus honored her before all ages and will honor her for all ages. No one comes to Him, nor even near Him, no one is saved or sanctified, if he too will not honor her. This is the lot of Angels and of men."
Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Martyr



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.

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.

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

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:

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Silver Sponsor \$ 250.00 Diamond Sponsor \$ 2500.00

Gold Sponsor \$ 500.00 Ruby Sponsor (Band) \$ 5000.00

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Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cel: _____

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.

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 sign-up sheets. You may also call Fr. Vincent or the office at: (508)-996-8934. Or by email @:

ourladyofpurgatory@gmail.com

or 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. Anyone who would like to donate a theme basket, please contact:

Smitty Cabral at: [\(508\)-961-8599](tel:(508)961-8599)
oliviasmitty88@gmail.com,

Lorraine David at: [\(508\)-965-8824](tel:(508)965-8824)
lorraineadavid@msn.com, or
the Church office at: [\(508\)-996-8934](tel:(508)996-8934)
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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.

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

SAVE THE DATES

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

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY FOR CANONIZATION OF THE MASSABKI BROTHERS

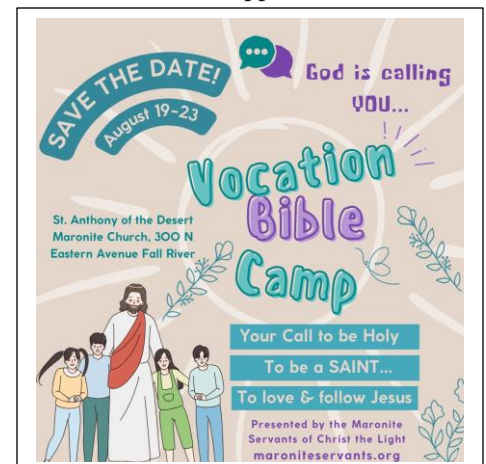
OLOP and St. Anthony of Desert are planning a pilgrimage to Rome for the canonization of the Massabki Brothers, that will take place on October 20, 2024. We are in the planning process however the dates will be Oct 16 to Oct 22. The Eparchy is also sponsoring a pilgrimage that is also during that time, 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.

WELCOME BABY AVERY AND BABY OLIVIA

We welcome Avery Ann and Olivia Mae Mattos, the children of Joshua and Hannah Mattos, who were born August 4, 2024. We congratulate their parents Joshua and Hannah as well as their grandparents Michael and Kelly Thomas. May Almighty God bless them and keep them in His loving care. Mabrook!!!

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for Samir and Georgette Sawaya by Zakhia and 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.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

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 55th 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.

Wednesday, August 14, @ 7:00 PM, The Assumption of the Virgin Mary. (Feast of Micah the Prophet). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Charbel Baroody requested by Philip and Jano Baroody. May his soul rest in peace.

Saturday, August 17, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Myron of Cyzicus). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Elham Azzi requested by Ida Farhat. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for a Special intention requested by Annemarie Espindola. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Alfensio and Mabel Gabello, and Nassar and Mariam Joseph requested by Family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, August 18, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of The Letter of King Abgar to Christ). Liturgy is being offered for the soul Rose Mattar requested by Zakhia and Hiba Chdid. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Nizar Salim requested by Elkhoury family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of George and Mary Thomas, Joseph Thomas, and Joseph Peter requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Sophie Correa, Stephen Dacosta, Kenneth Macedo, Muriel Moline, Patricia Farhat, Ghada Karam, Beverly Parlapiano, Michael Bruce, Debbie Freedenberg, Magda Moosa, Efrangieh Daou, Sharon Conti, David Techlin, 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.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 08/12-08/17/24

Monday:

1 John 1: 1-10
Luke 13: 31-35

Tuesday:

1 John 2: 1-11
Luke 14: 1-6

Wednesday:

1 John 2: 12-20
Luke 14: 7-11

Thursday:

Romans 12: 9-15
Luke 1: 46-55 or 10:38-42

Friday:

1 John 3: 1-10
Luke 14: 16-24

Saturday:

1 John 3: 11-22
Luke 14: 25-35

LECTORS FOR AUGUST

2024

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

WEEK OF AUGUST 03-04, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,672.00
Online Giving	\$ 613.50
Festival Raffle Tickets	\$ 260.00
Festival Sponsorship	\$ 200.00
Festival Donations	\$ 120.00
Candles	\$ 37.00
Total	\$ 2,902.50

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.

Our Lady Of Purgatory Church



Lebanese Festival

Food . Bar . Live Music . Saji . Raffles . Dancing . Hookah .

Friday, September 13, 2024
5:00PM - 11:00PM

Saturday, September 14, 2024
12:00PM - 11:00PM

Live Entertainment



*George & Band
Maalouf*



*George & Mitchel
Dib*



*Mitchel
Kaltounas*

With Bashir El-Khoury Band

Money Raffles Prizes
\$1,000 - \$500 - \$200
Drawing
Saturday, September 14, 2024
10:30PM



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