



# Our Lady of Purgatory



## Maronite Catholic Church

August 24-25, 2024

### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

#### DEDICATION OF SAINT CHARBEL SHRINE

On Saturday, September 21, Bishop Gregory Mansour will come to dedicate the newly completed Saint Charbel Shrine. Divine Liturgy will be at 5:00 PM on that Saturday, followed by the dedication of the shrine, and dinner reception afterwards.

This beautiful addition to our complex was made possible by the kindness and generosity of Elie and Micheline Aboukheir. We thank them for this prayerful outdoor shrine where many will be able to find peace and solace as they pray to Saint Charbel for his intercession. Please mark your calendars for this special occasion. Saint Chabel, pray for us!

#### 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.

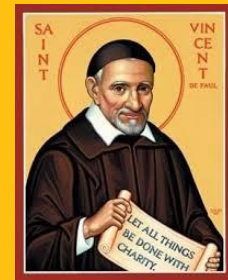
#### THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a special intention 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.

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“Extend your mercy towards others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping. For what hope is there for us if God should withdraw His Mercy from us?”*

*Saint Vincent de Paul*



#### 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.



#### ALLAH YERHAMMO ABOUNA JOSEPH ABI SAAD

Fr. Joseph Abi Saad passed away on August 19, in Boston. Abouna Joseph was a dear friend of this parish and to his brother priests.

We extend our condolences to his sister Josette of Bsous Lebanon, his nieces and nephews in Lebanon, and his extended family Gaby Abdelnour and his daughters Regina and Gabriella of Lawrence.

We also extend our condolences to Bishop Gregory, the parishioners of Saint Theresa Church in Brockton, MA, and Saint Sharbel Church in Newtown Square, PA.

May Almighty God welcome Abouna Joseph into His kingdom and may his soul rest in peace. Allah yerhammo!

#### 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.

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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:

Bronze Sponsor  \$ 100.00 Platinum Sponsor  \$ 1000.00

Silver Sponsor  \$ 250.00 Diamond Sponsor  \$ 2500.00

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

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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.

## 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](mailto:ourladyofpurgatory@gmail.com)

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

I thank you in advance for all your help.

## 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

## 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  
([oliviasmitty88@gmail.com](mailto:oliviasmitty88@gmail.com)),

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

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.

## SAVE THE DATES FESTIVAL PREP DAYS

August 29-30: Kibbie day  
starting @ 10:00 AM.  
September 4-5: Maamoul day  
Starting @ 10:00 AM

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

# Our Lady Of Purgatory Church



## Lebanese Festival

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

Friday, September 13, 2024 5:00PM - 11:00PM      Saturday, September 14, 2024 12:00PM - 11:00PM

### Live Entertainment



George Maalouf & Band



George & Kaitzunas  
Dib



Mitchel Kaitzunas  
With Bashir El-Khaury Band



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

4254 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford, MA 02745

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, August 24, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Eutyches of Sebastia).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Father Tanios Abi Ramia requested by Rafic Abi Ramia and family (40-Day Mass). May his soul 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, August 25, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Titus, one of the 72 Disciples). Remember Me In Your Kingdom Liturgy.** May all the souls in the Book of Life and all the souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Rose Mattar requested by Reggie Thomas and family. May her soul rest in peace.

**Saturday, August 31, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Zakhia (Nicholas), Feast of Saint Aegidius (Giles), Feast of Saint Abda).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Moe and Eleanor Kenhane requested by Sean, Marie and Keira McLaughlin. May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, September 1, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Simeon the Stylite).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Isaac and Kaffa Abraham requested by family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Alice Daher and the deceased members of the Daher family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

## LECTORS FOR AUGUST 2024

**Saturday, August 24,**  
Eric Tavares

Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola

**Sunday, August 25,**

John Barbour / Gaby Baroody

**Saturday, August 31,**

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Mae Dickinson

(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.

## 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.

## LECTORS FOR SEPTEMBER

**Sunday, September 1,**

Rana Choubah / Halim Choubah

**Saturday, September 7,**

Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

**Sunday, September 8,**

Ann Dupre / Gaby Baroody

**Saturday, September 14,**

Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Mae Dickinson

**Sunday, September 15,**

John Barbour / Joumana Chedid

**Saturday, September 21,**

TBA

**Sunday, September 22,**

Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

**Saturday, September 28,**

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, September 29,**

Ann Dupre / Elie Aboukheir

## DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 08/26-08/31/24

**Monday:**

James 1: 1-8

Luke 17: 5-10

**Tuesday:**

James 1: 9-18

Luke 17: 11-19

**Wednesday:**

James 1: 19-27

Luke 17: 20-25

**Thursday:**

James 2: 1-13

Luke 17: 26-30

**Friday:**

James 2: 14-26

Luke 17: 31-37

**Saturday:**

James 3: 1-12

Luke 18: 1-8

## WEEK OF AUGUST 17-18, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 3,006.00
Assumption Feast	\$ 135.00
Festival Raffle Tickets	\$ 200.00
Festival Sponsorship	\$ 1850.00
Festival Donations	\$ 100.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 42.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$ 20.00
Candles	\$ 66.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,419.00</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.**



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**EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION EACH DAY**

**SEP 6-8**

**PRAYER LITURGY ADORATION CONFESSION**

**Saint Anthony of the Desert Maronite Catholic Church**  
300 N Eastern Avenue - Fall River, MA 02723

**Exhibition on Eucharistic Miracles of the World**

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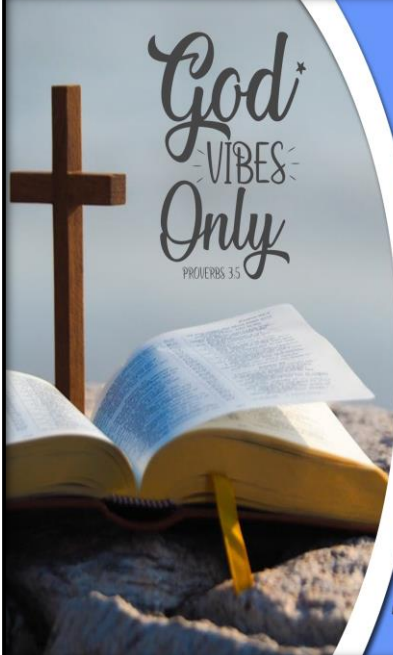
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