

Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church

August 31-September 1, 2024

SIXTEENTH 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 FormYes, I would like to support the Summer Lebanese Festival as a:Bronze Sponsor □\$ 100.00Silver Sponsor □\$ 250.00Gold Sponsor □\$ 500.00Ruby Sponsor (Band) □\$ 500.00Name:

_ Cel: _

Address: _

Home phone:

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.

SAVE THE DATES FESTIVAL PREP DAYS

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

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Humility is the mother of many virtues because from it obedience, fear, reverence, patience, modesty, meekness and peace are born. He who is humble easily obeys everyone, fears to offend anyone, is at peace with everyone, is kind with all. St Thomas of Villanova



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 or 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

 Fr. Vincent Farhat, Pastor | Rev. Mr. Jean Mattar, Deacon

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

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 would like to donate a theme basket, please contact: Smitty Cabral at: (508)-961-8599 (oliviasmitty88@gmail.com), Lorraine David at: (508)-965-8824

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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.

SAINT JOSEPH SODALITY

St Joseph Sodality Monthly devotion will be held on Sunday, September 8th due to the Labor Day Weekend. There will be a meeting at 9:30 am before the Monthly devotion. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions, you can contact Jacques Barbour or Rana Choubah.

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!

MABROOK MABROOK

Congratulations to Maria Chedid and Imad Mahfouz who were married in Lebanon on August 16, 2024. We also congratulate Maria's parents Jean and Rola Chedid and their family as well as the Mahfouz family from New Jersey. May Almighty God bless Maria and Imad's marriage with His love and peace. God bless both of you as you begin your married life together. Mabrook!



LITURGY INTENTIONS

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. Liturgy is being offered for a special intention requested by Sean, Marie and Keira McLaughlin.

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.

Saturday, September 7, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Sozon). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of the deceased members of the McLaughlin and Lynch families requested by Sean, Marie and Keira McLaughlin. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, September 8, @ 10:30 AM, Celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, (Feast of The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Elham Azzi requested by Zakhia and Hiba Chdid and family. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of George and Mary Saba 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. 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 Barckett.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of September is offered in memory of Jean D'Arc ElKhoury by Jacques and Amal Barbour.

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 09/02-09/07/24

Monday: James 3: 13-18 Luke 18: 15-17 **Tuesday:** James 4: 1-10 Luke 18: 18-23 Wednesday: James 4: 11-17 Luke 18: 24-30 Thursday: James 5: 1-6 Luke 18: 31-34 Friday: James 5: 7-12 Luke 19: 11-28 Saturday: James 5: 13-20 Luke 19: 41-44

LECTORS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Saturday, August 31, Smitty Cabral Intercessions: Mae Dickinson Sunday, September 1. Ann Dupre / Gaby Baroody Saturday, September 7, **Rachael Higgins** Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins Sunday, September 8, Rana Choubah / Halim Choubah 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 / Jano Baroody (If you are not able to read on your given day, please contact Mae Dickinson) WEEK OF AUGUST 24-25,

2024

Sunday Collection	\$	847.00
Festival Raffle Tickets	\$	140.00
Festival Sponsorship	\$	450.00
Festival Donations	\$	110.00
Candles	\$_	43.00
Total	\$	1,590.00
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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	VIA N	IAIL. THIS
HAS BEEN VERY HELP	FUL	FOR THE
CHURCH. GOD BLESS Y	ou a	ND YOUR
FAMILY.		



