



Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

September 7-8, 2024

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED MOTHER- EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Dearest Mother Mary, your conception was immaculate and your birth glorious. You were conceived without sin, born without sin, and remained sinless throughout your life. In Heaven, you radiate the beauty and splendor of God and will do so for all eternity. Please pray for me, that I will more fully imitate your many virtues, so that I can be a fitting instrument of your divine Son in the world. Mother Mary, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

FESTIVAL WEEK SCHEDULE

As the final week approaches for our Lebanese Festival, we will be needing everyone's help during the week. The tents will be set up on Tuesday or Wednesday.

There will be a volunteer meeting for all volunteers on Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM.

It is very important that everyone attend this meeting. Set up details, serving details, and schedule details will be discussed. We will also be preparing the silverware wraps and other prep work that evening as well.

On Wednesday, from 11:00 AM through the evening, prep work will continue.

On Thursday, setting up the tents with the tables, chairs, food booths, staging, and other items will be done beginning at 10:00 AM throughout the evening. Deliveries will be coming in on Thursday and the refrigerator truck will be organized and stocked. The bar and hookah stands will be set up as well.

On Friday beginning at 10:00 AM, food stands will be stocked, grills and equipment will be set up, table clothes will be put on, and shish kabob and chicken kabobs will be skewered.

Doors open at 5:00 PM for service and will go until 11:00 PM.

Saturday morning beginning at 10:00 AM, we will reset up all the stations,

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The rosary is a long chain that links heaven and earth. One end of it is in our hands and the other end is in the hands of the holy virgin...

The rosary prayer rises like incense to the feet of the Almighty. Mary responds at once like a beneficial dew, bringing new life to human hearts.

St. Therese of Lisieux



tables and get ready for our biggest day. On Sunday, Divine Liturgy will be at 10:30 AM, the Saj will be open for business, and then we will begin to break down so that the tents can be picked up on Monday morning.

I AM ASKING FOR EVERYONE'S HELP!! I know we are all tired from the preparations for this festival, but we must follow this through to the very end, which means breaking down the grounds. If you give a couple of hours for setting up and tearing down, we can get things back to normal very quickly. I thank you in advance for your help and support. Together we can make great things happen. We are just beginning to see the potential of this great community. God bless you and God bless Our Lady of Purgatory Church.

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.

WITH GRATITUDE AND THANKS



On behalf of all of us from Our Lady of Purgatory Church, we thank Dany and Rania Cherfane and Family for this beautiful Rabulla Cross that Dany made and donated to our church. The Cherfane's are from Cherry Hill, NJ, and parishioners of Saint Maron Church in Philadelphia, PA.

This beautiful cross adorns the new addition to the Church that was added during the renovation of this property. May Almighty God bless the Cherfane's for their work and generosity and may God bless this community with many years of Christ's peace and joy.

THANK YOU TO OUR BIBLE CAMP CHILDREN



I would like to thank our children who attended the Bible Camp as well as the Maronite Sisters for the beautiful card they made for me.

Your messages, prayers, and kindness touched my heart. Thank you for taking the time to write your beautiful messages to me and for your prayers. I am so proud of all of you. May Almighty God continue to bless you and keep you in His loving arms. You are all a blessing to me and this community. Fr. Vincent

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!

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.

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** (lorraineadavid@msn.com), or the Church office at: **(508)-996-8934** (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.

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

Our Lady Of Purgatory Church

Lebanese Festival

Food . Bar . Live Music . Sg . Raffles . Dancing . Hoookah .

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

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

Live Entertainment

George Maalouf & Band

George & Mitchel Dib
With Bashir El-Khoury 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, 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. 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, 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.

Saturday, September 14, @ 4:30 PM, (Actual Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Marie Kenyon requested by family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of George Gabriel Sr. and Tom Gabriel requested by Connie Hayes. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of George J. and Mary C. Saba requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, September 15, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Shaina, Feast of Saint Sassine). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Josephine Chedid requested by Debbie Farria. May her soul rest in peace. 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 Thomas and Annie Farris and the deceased members of their family. 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.

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 09/09-09/14/24

Monday:

1 Timothy 1: 1-7, 12-17
Matthew 5: 43-48

Tuesday:

1 Timothy 1: 18-2:7
John 13: 31-35

Wednesday:

1 Timothy 2: 8-15
John 15: 12-17

Thursday:

1 Timothy 3: 1-13
Matthew 22: 35-40

Friday:

1 Timothy 3: 14-4:5
Luke 6: 31-38

Saturday:

Ex. 17: 8-15
1 Corinthians 1: 18-25
John 12: 20-32

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2024

MARONITE HERITAGE CLASSES

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ST. ANTHONY OF THE DESERT FALL RIVER
& OUR LADY OF PURGATORY NEW BEDFORD
MONTHLY ON SATURDAYS | 3 — 7 PM

\$50 FEE PER CHILD TO DEFRAY EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR.



SAVE THE DATES:

OCTOBER 12 — NEW BEDFORD
NOVEMBER 16 — FALL RIVER
DECEMBER 14 — NEW BEDFORD

[REGISTER HERE](#)

LECTORS FOR SEPTEMBER

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,

John Barbour/ Elie Aboukheir

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 31- SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 1575.00
Online Giving	\$ 774.33
Festival Raffle Tickets	\$ 80.00
Festival Sponsorship	\$ 950.00
Festival Donations	\$ 100.00
Festival Food Donations	\$ 210.00
Wedding Donations	\$ 500.00
Candles	\$ 44.00
Total	\$ 4,233.33

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.

SAINT THERESA MARONITE CHURCH
343 N Main Street
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Friday, September 20
from 5:00 P.M. till 1:00 A.M.

Saturday, September 21
from 4:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.

Sunday, September 22
from 12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Extra Parking available at the Anglo School at 472 N Main Street and at the old AMR Ambulance Center adjacent to our Parking Lot

2024 ANNUAL LEBANESE FESTIVAL

Featuring

Mitchell Kaltsounas
Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Jad Rahme
Saturday

DJ Ray
Friday, Saturday, Sunday

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