



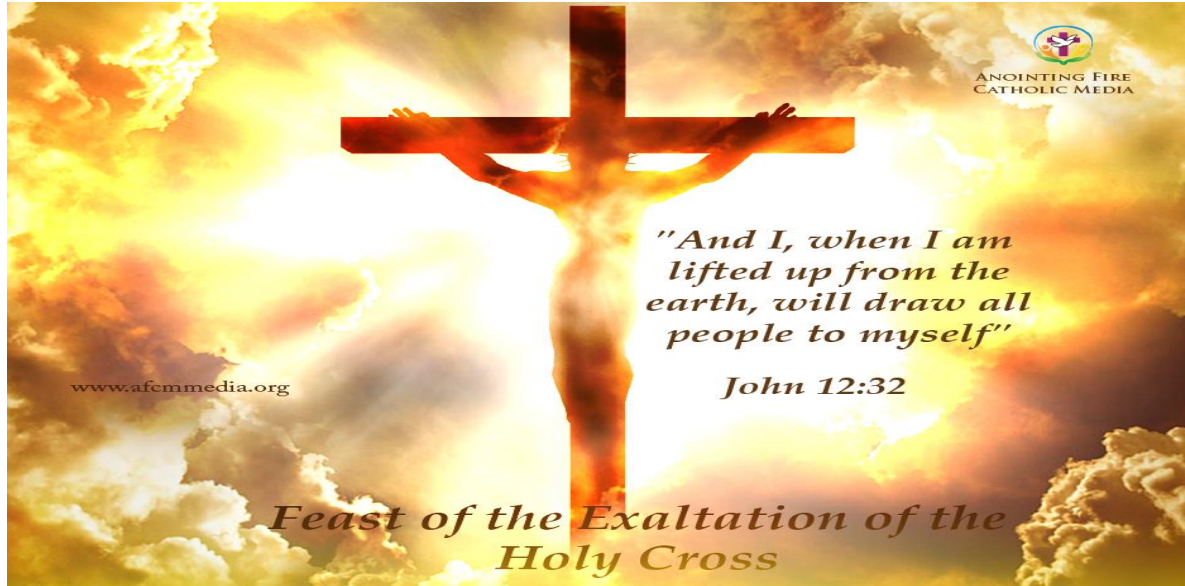
Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



September 14-15, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS



FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

On 13 September 335, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (also called the Church of the Resurrection) was dedicated. The following day, the cross that Empress Helena had discovered on 14 September 320, was venerated in a solemn ceremony. In 614, the Persian King, Chosroes II, waged war on the Romans. After conquering Jerusalem, he confiscated many treasures, among which was the Cross of Jesus. The Byzantine emperor Heraclius initiated peace negotiations but were rejected. He then waged war and won near Nineveh, asking for the restitution of the Cross, which then returned to Jerusalem. Today, the cruelty of the Cross is not what is exalted, but the Love that God manifested to humanity by accepting death on the Cross: "Who, though in the form of God, emptied himself, taking the form of a slave. This is the glory of the Cross of Jesus!" (Pope Francis)

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY WEDS

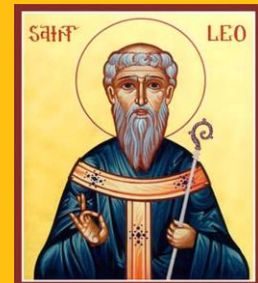
Congratulations to Sam and Anna Thomas who were married September 6, 2024. We also congratulate Matthew and Cathy Thomas and their family as well as Anna's family. May Almighty God bless their marriage with His love and grace. God bless you always.

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.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross. No one is beyond the help of the prayer of Christ. His prayer brought benefit to the multitude that raged against him. How much more does it bring to those who turn to him in repentance."
St. Leo the Great



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



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!

40TH ANNIVERSARY FOR SISTER MARLA

In celebration and gratitude to 40 years of service of Sister Marla Marie Lucas to the Lord, you are cordially invited to attend a special Divine Liturgy commemorating this Rudy milestone.

This Anniversary Liturgy & Reception will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2024, at Our Lady of Purgatory Church in New Bedford at 4:30pm. Bishop Gregory will preside for this special occasion and a meal will follow immediately after the Divine Liturgy.

This also marks the 16th Anniversary of the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light. Please RSVP via email or phone call to: sister@maroniteservants.org or call 508-996-1753.

May God continue to bless Sister Marla and the Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light for many more years.

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.

SAINT THERESA CHURCH FESTIVAL

Saint Theresa Church in Brockton, MA, will be holding their Annual Lebanese Festival on September 20-22, 2024. Let us show our support to our brothers and sisters from Saint Theresa and join them while enjoying great food, live entertainment, cash bar, and dancing. We wish them all the success as they welcome all of us there. Please see the flyer for all the details for the weekend.

MARONITE HERITAGE FORMATION CLASSES

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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.

Saturday, September 21, @ 5:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Quadratus, Bishop of Athens). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Sandy Potoak requested by Joann David. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of the deceased members of the AbouKheir and Farhat families requested by Elie and Micheline AbouKheir and family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, September 22, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Phocas and his Companions). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Charlie Murray requested by family (1 year anniversary). May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Jean D'Arc ElKhoury requested by family. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of the deceased members of the Hardin family Society (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

LECTORS FOR SEPTEMBER

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)

SAINT ANTHONY OF THE DESERT ANNUAL PARISH HAFLI

Msgr. James Root and the Parishioners of Saint Anthony of the Desert will be hosting their annual Hafli on Saturday, October 5, beginning at 7:30 PM featuring Chris Hawat with Bachir Khoury & Band. Tickets are \$100.00 VIP and \$80.00 General Admission per person. Full Dinner Buffet, cash bar, and dancing. Please contact the Parish Office at 508-672-7653, Tony Akouri at 401-241-1976, or Fadi Heneine at 774-526-9994.

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THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for 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.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 09/16-09/21/24

Monday:

Book of revelations 1: 1-8

Mark 8: 34- 9:1

Tuesday:

Book of revelations 1: 9-20

Mark 9: 33-37

Wednesday:

Book of revelations 2: 8-15

Mark 9: 38-50

Thursday:

Book of revelations 2: 8-11

Mark 10: 17-27

Friday:

Book of revelations 2: 12-17

Mark 10: 28-31

Saturday:

Book of revelations 2: 18-29

Matthew 20: 1-16

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.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7-8, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$	1229.00
Second Collection	\$	86.00
Festival Raffle Tickets	\$	140.00
Festival Sponsorship	\$	500.00
Wedding Donations	\$	500.00
Coffee Hour	\$	5.00
Total	\$	2,460.00

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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