



# Our Lady of Purgatory

## Maronite Catholic Church



October 12-13, 2024

### FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

#### Dear Parishioners and Friends of OLOP:

On Saturday, October 26, at 6:00 PM, we will have a Church Town Hall Meeting, followed by mezza, cocktails, and backgammon and card games. This Church Town Hall Meeting is very important to me as we layout where we are right now, talk about our immediate short term goals, and speak about our long term goals, as a Church and Community.

I am inviting all parishioners and friends of OLOP to join me for this gathering. As I mentioned last week, it is very important to me that all of you attend. And afterwards, we will have mezza, cocktails, and enjoy card games and backgammon together. Please RSVP to [ourladyofpurgatory@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofpurgatory@gmail.com) so that we may plan accordingly. Your participation and attendance is greatly appreciated.

**OUR LADY OF PURGATORY CHURCH  
TOWN HALL, MEZZA, AND GAME NIGHT**

You are cordially invited to attend Our Lady of Purgatory Church Town Hall Meeting, followed by mezza, cocktails, and an evening of cards and games. The purpose of this gathering is to inform everyone of where we are in our new journey of faith, where we are going, the plans for our future, and the progress of our Capital Campaign. We are also combining this evening with mezza, cocktails, and games (Backgammon, tami, and others).

I am hoping that all of you will be able to attend to enjoy the evening and at the same time hear your suggestions for the future of our Church. Please RSVP to [officeolop@gmail.com](mailto:officeolop@gmail.com)

**LOCATION:**  
Our Lady of Purgatory Church Hall  
4254 Acushnet Avenue  
New Bedford, MA 02745

**DATE:**  
Saturday, October 26, 2024

**TIME:**  
6:00 PM

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Holiness is a disposition of the heart that makes us humble and little in the arms of God, aware of our weakness, and confident -- in the most audacious way -- in His Fatherly goodness."*  
St. Therese of the Infant Jesus



#### SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, October 19, Festival Volunteers Appreciation Dinner and Meeting, Church Hall, at 5:30 PM. I ask all volunteers to join us for this day to enjoy dinner and have a post festival meeting.

Saturday, October 26, Mezza, drinks, games, backgammon, and card games after a short presentation and meeting about the plans of the Church. We will begin at 6:00 PM. The entire community is invited and encouraged to come. Please RSVP to [officeolop@gmail.com](mailto:officeolop@gmail.com)

#### BAZAAR NEEDS LIST

- 8 Cases Water Bottle
- 4 Cases Coke
- 3 Cases Coke Zero
- 2 Cases Orange Soda
- 2 Cases Sprite

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

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Office Email: [officeolop@gmail.com](mailto:officeolop@gmail.com)

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

## FESTIVAL PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

### Expenses:

Food	\$ 3,929.51
Desserts	\$ 61.16
Bar	\$ 0.00
Market	\$ 0.00
Baskets	\$ 0.00
Hokkah	\$ 0.00
Raffle	\$ 1,700.00
Supplies	\$ 1,531.83
Advertising	\$ 578.72
Security	\$ 744.00
Sponsorships	\$ 0.00
Donations	\$ 0.00
Entertainment	\$ 4,100.00
Tents Chairs	\$ 10,832.00
Cleaning	\$ 420.00
Police Detail	\$ 1,782.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 25,679.22</b>

### Income:

	\$ 27,895.46
	\$ 3,481.00
	\$ 5,068.00
	\$ 807.00
	\$ 2,471.00
	\$ 1,590.00
	\$ 2,628.00
	\$ 0.00
	\$ 0.00
	\$ 16,314.55
	\$ 4,047.51
	\$ 0.00
	\$ 0.00
	\$ 0.00
	\$ 0.00
	\$ 64,302.52

**Total Profit: \$ 38,623.30**

### PREPARATION FOR FIRST PENANCE & FIRST COMMUNION

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30pm, at the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light Convent at 856 Tucker Road, Dartmouth, MA. Sr. Mary Emily will instruct the children, and at least one parent is requested to stay and will be with one of the Sisters for the session. Reach out to register at [sister@maroniteservants.org](mailto:sister@maroniteservants.org) or call Mother Marla Marie 202-213-7700.

#### Fall 2024 Dates Tuesdays

October: 8/15/22/29

November: 12/19/26

December: 3/10/17

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on **Saturday, November 16, and Sunday, November 17**, in the Church Hall. Mark your calendars so that you can join us for these 2 days. Great food, raffles, vendors, and performances from your children will make this event truly special

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Our Annual Christmas Pageant will be held on **December 7, 2024, at 6:00 PM**, immediately following our 4:30 Divine Liturgy. A reception will be held in the Church Hall immediately following the pageant. Come and support our children as they reenact the Nativity of our Lord and lead us in Christmas Carols.

### SAINT BASIL THE GREAT FOOD FAIR AND BAZAAR

Our brothers and sisters from Saint Basil the Great Melkite Church in Lincoln, RI, will be having their Annual Food Fair and Bazaar on Saturday, October 26, and Sunday, October 27, 2024, at Saint Basil's Cultural Center, 15 Skyview Drive, Lincoln, RI.

Please join them for a weekend filled with wonderful Arabic food and pastries, as well as homemade candies, wreaths, raffles. Penny social, silent auction, and much more. Flyers are available next to the bulletins.

### NEEDED GIFTS FOR THE CARAVAN AUCTION, BASKET RAFFLES, SILENT AUCTION AND THE KID'S ZONE GAMES FOR THE CHILDREN



Items needed include:

Electronics, housewares, giftware, tools, gift cards, gift baskets, sporting event tickets, jewelry, toys, sporting goods etc. We also need small children's gifts for the game tables such as: Books, coloring books and crayons or markers, small cars and trucks, dolls, stuffed toys, puzzles models, games etc.

We need gifts of various values from \$2-\$25, \$25-\$50 and \$50 and up.

If you wish to donate but have no time to shop, you can donate the money and we will shop for you.

All help in any amount is greatly appreciated.

### BAZAAR PREP DAYS

**October 23-24: Kibbie day  
starting @ 10:00 AM.**

**November 6: Grape leave day  
starting @ 10:00 AM.**

**November 7: Maamoul day  
Starting @ 10:00 AM**

### MARONITE HERITAGE FORMATION CLASSES

## LIGHT OF LIFE (LOL) 2024

## MARONITE HERITAGE CLASSES

**COMBINED PROGRAM:**

**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.**



**UPDATED LOCATIONS  
SAVE THE DATES:**

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

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, October 12, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Edno).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of the deceased members of the Kenyon and Daher Families requested by Family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Salma Joseph requested by family (FM). May her soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, October 13, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saints Carpus and Papyrus and Their Companions).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Charbel Baroody requested by Charles Baroody. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Shirley David requested by family (FM). May her soul rest in peace.

**Saturday, October 19, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Aaron of Antioch, Feast of Saints John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Sarkees and Frousema Peters and the deceased members of their families requested by Joann, Anthony and Lorraine David. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of William A. Phillips requested by the Hakeem Family. May his soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, October 20, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Challita).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph Chedid requested by family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Boutros Bou Ramia requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

## WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of October is offered in memory of Joe and Tillie Thomas by family.

## 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.

## 40TH ANNIVERSARY FOR SISTER MARLA

In celebration and gratitude to 40 years of service of Sister Marla Marie Lucus 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](mailto: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.

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for Thomas and Josephine Sarkees 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.

## LECTORS FOR OCTOBER,

**Saturday, October 12,**

Eric Tavares

Intercessions: Mae Dickinson

**Sunday, October 13,**

Ann Dupre / Jano Baroody

**Saturday, October 19,**

Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, October 20,**

John Barbour / Joumana Chedid

**Saturday, October 26,**

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola

**Sunday, October 27,**

Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

(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.



*Come Celebrate With Us*

The 40th Jubilee in Religious Life of  
Mother Marla Marie Lucas

&

The 16th Anniversary of the  
Maronite Servants of Christ the Light

We cordially invite you to join us for

## Liturgy of Thanksgiving

With His Excellency, Bishop Gregory Mansour

Saturday, November 2, 2024 at 4:30 PM

Our Lady of Purgatory Church  
4254 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford, MA

-Reception to Follow-

RSVP by Friday, Oct. 18 at 508-996-1753 or [sister@maroniteservants.org](mailto:sister@maroniteservants.org) with the number of attendees. If you need overnight accommodation, there is a room block rate.

To support our mission, visit [Maroniteservants.org/donate](http://Maroniteservants.org/donate)  
Venmo @MaroniteServants.

## DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 10/14-10/19/24

### Monday:

1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

Luke 16: 1- 12

### Tuesday:

1 Corinthians 1: 10-17

Luke 18: 1-8

### Wednesday:

1 Corinthians 1: 26-31

Luke 19: 11-28

### Thursday:

1 Corinthians 3: 10-23

Mark 4: 21-25

### Friday:

1 Corinthians 4:1-13

Mark 4: 26-29

### Saturday:

1 Corinthians 4:14-21

Matthew 22: 1-14

## WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28-29, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$	1,141.00
Second Collection	\$	660.00
Donations	\$	150.00
Bazaar Raffle Tickets	\$	30.00
Coffee Hour	\$	49.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$	60.00
Candles	\$	25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,115.00</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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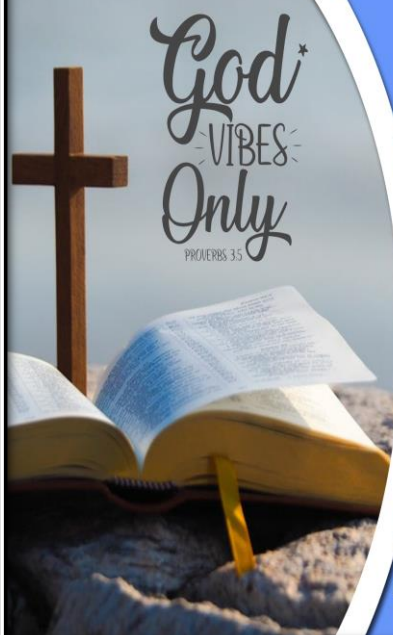


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