



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



October 19-20, 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

Dear Parishioners and Friends of OLOP:

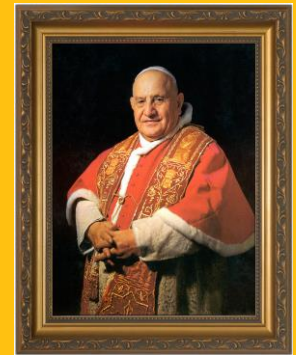
On Saturday, October 26, at 6:00 PM, we will have a Church Town Hall Meeting, followed by mezza, cocktails, and backgammon and card games. This Church Town Hall Meeting is very important to me as we layout where we are right now, talk about our immediate short term goals, and speak about our long term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

POSTPONED

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 so that we may plan accordingly. Your participation and attendance is greatly appreciated.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.”



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 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

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 games and fun. The purpose of this gathering is to inform everyone of where we are right now, our journey of faith, where we are going, the plans for our future, and to support 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 this evening and at the same time hear your suggestions for the future of our Church. Please RSVP to officeolop@gmail.com

LOCATION:
Our Lady of Purgatory Church Town Hall
4254 Acushnet Ave.
New Bedford, MA 02745

DATE:
Saturday, October 26, 2024

TIME:
6:00 PM

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY WEDS

Congratulations to the newlyweds Charles and Anne (Askar) Chdid, who were married on October 13, 2024. We congratulate his parents Jean and Rola Chedid and his siblings, and the entire Chdid and Askar families. May God grant you many years of happiness. Mabrook, Mabrook!!!!

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.

BAZAAR NEEDS LIST

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

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.

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.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Our Church will be sponsoring an annual Thanksgiving Food Drive to help families in need in our community. I ask you all to bring a **non-Perishable** food or canned goods items. Your kindness and generosity have helped many families in the past and I thank each of you once again in these efforts. Please have all items here no later than Sunday, November 24, as this will be the day to deliver the food to the needy. God bless you and God bless Our Lady of Purgatory Parish.

BAZAAR PREP DAYS

We will be preparing food for the Christmas Bazaar on the following 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

If anyone can come and help with these, it would be greatly appreciated. Please join us for as long as you can. Thank you.

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.

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 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 Frousena 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 souls of Joseph and Margueritte Chedid requested by family. May Their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Boutros Bou Ramia requested by Family. May his soul rest in peace.

Saturday, October 26, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Demetrius). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph Saba requested by Annemarie Espindola. 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, October 27, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saints Capitolina and Eroteis of Cappadocia). Remember Me In Your Kingdom Liturgy. May all the souls in the Book of Life rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Atty George Thomas requested by Regie Thomas and Family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joe and Tillie Thomas and Bobby Thomas requested by Family. May their souls rest in peace.

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 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 all the people traveling to Rome for the 3 Massabki Brothers Canonizations. 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, 2024

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
with the number of attendees. If you need overnight accommodation, there is a room block rate.

To support our mission, visit Maroniteservants.org/donate
Venmo @MaroniteServants.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 10/21-10/26/24

Monday:

1 Corinthians 6: 1-11

Matthew 13: 1- 9

Tuesday:

1 Corinthians 6: 12-20

Matthew 13: 10-17

Wednesday:

1 Corinthians 7: 1-3, 8-14, 17, 24

Matthew 13: 18-23

Thursday:

1 Corinthians 7: 25-35

Matthew 13: 24-30

Friday:

1 Corinthians 9:13-18

Matthew 13: 31-35

Saturday:

1 Corinthians 9:19-27

Matthew 13: 36-43

WEEK OF October 12-13, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$	1,333.00
Second Collection	\$	272.00
Bazaar Donations	\$	170.00
Bazaar Raffle Tickets	\$	350.00
Festival Sponsorship	\$	500.00
Festival Food	\$	110.00
Hall Rental	\$	400.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$	10.00
Total	\$	3,645.00

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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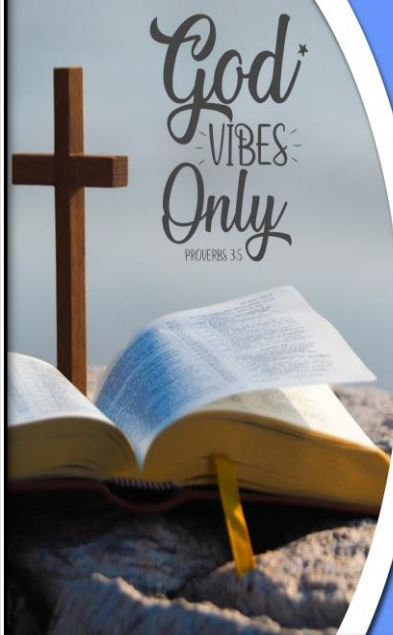


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