



# Our Lady of Purgatory

## Maronite Catholic Church



October 26-27, 2024

### SUNDAY OF THE CHRIST THE KING



#### THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

The solemnity is a newer feast in the Catholic Church; it was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925. The pontiff was witness to a turbulent time in the world's history. Secularism was on the rise and dangerous dictatorships were emerging in Europe and beyond. Christ had long been referred to as King, but Pope Pius and the Christian faithful saw the respect and reverence for Christ's authority waning in the midst of the unrest during the first part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. In response, the feast was set with the intent to reaffirm and refocus faith and respect in the kingship of Jesus.

On the importance of the public world recognizing the kingly authority of Jesus, Pope Pius XI wrote:

*"When once men recognize, both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony. Our Lord's regal office invests the human authority of princes and rulers with a religious significance; it ennobles the citizen's duty of obedience. It is for this*

*reason that St. Paul, while bidding wives revere Christ in their husbands, and slaves respect Christ in their masters, warns them to give obedience to them not as men, but as the vicegerents of Christ; for it is not meet that men redeemed by Christ should serve their fellow-men. 'You are bought with a price; be not made the bond-slaves of men.'*

*If princes and magistrates duly elected are filled with the persuasion that they rule, not by their own right, but by the mandate and in the place of the Divine King, they will exercise their authority piously and wisely, and they will make laws and administer them, having in view the common good and also the human dignity of their subjects. The result will be a stable peace and tranquility, for there will be no longer any cause of discontent.*

*Men will see in their king or in their rulers men like themselves, perhaps unworthy or open to criticism, but they will not on that account refuse obedience if they see reflected in them the authority of Christ God and Man.*

*Peace and harmony, too, will result; for with the spread and the universal extent of*

*the kingdom of Christ men will become more and more conscious of the link that binds them together, and thus many conflicts will be either prevented entirely or at least their bitterness will be diminished."*

As detailed at [Churchyear.net](http://Churchyear.net), Pope Pius XI was hoping for these effects to occur:

1. That nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state.
2. That leaders and nations would see that they are bound to give respect to Christ.
3. That the faithful would gain strength and courage from the celebration of the feast, as we are reminded that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies.

The feast was initially fixed to the final day of October, the day before All Saints Day. Later, in 1969, Pope Paul VI moved the feast to the last Sunday before Advent, to emphasize the importance of the feast. This is fitting within the Church year. The liturgical year begins with Advent, the season of awaiting the coming of Christ, and now the year ends with celebrating the Kingship of Christ.

<https://blog.aquinasandmore.com/christ-the-king-sunday/>

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

***"O Jesus, our Eternal King, reign in our hearts. O Jesus, Most Merciful King, reign in our hearts."***

***Litany to Christ the King***

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

## FALL BACK AND CHANGE YOUR CLOCK



This is a friendly reminder to change your clocks for one hour on Sunday, November 3rd, at midnight. You will get an extra hour of sleep so we will see everyone on time at the Church.

### 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: 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.

### BAZAAR NEEDS LIST

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

## 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

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

**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.

## 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 **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.

### 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, 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.



## Our Lady of Purgatory Catholic Church


# Annual Lebanese Holiday Christmas Bazaar

**Saturday, November 16, 2024**  
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

*Money & Basket Raffles*      *Delicious Lebanese Food*

*Caravan & Silent Auction*

*Craft Tables*      *Desserts*



**Sunday, November 17, 2024**  
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

4254 Acushnet Avenue  
New Bedford, MA 02745

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**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 Reggie 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.

**Thursday, October 31, @ 7:00 PM, (Feast of All Saints vigil a day by obligation, Feast of Saint Epimachus).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Virginia Farhat requested by Family. May her soul rest in peace.

**Saturday, November 2, @ 4:30 PM, (Commemoration of the Faithful Departed).** Liturgy is being offered for a special intention by Mariam David and Family. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Elisabeth Grenier requested by Annie Costa (FM). May her soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, November 3, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saints Capitolina and Eroteis of Cappadocia).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Helen Yamine requested by Milad and Sousou Maalouf and Family. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of John, Sophie, Julia, Alex, and Nicholas Kalife and for the soul of Joseph Saseen 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 by the Barbour 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.

## 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.

## LECTORS FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER, 2024

**Saturday, October 26,**

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola

**Sunday, October 27,**

Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

**Thursday, October 31, @ 7 PM**

Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

**Saturday, November 2,**

TBA

**Sunday, November 3,**

Ann Dupre / Jano Baroody

**Saturday, November 9,**

Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

**Sunday, November 10,**

Rana Choubah / Halim Choubah

**Saturday, November 16,**

Mae Dickinson

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, November 17,**

John Barbour / Gaby Baroody

**Saturday, November 23,**

Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Smitty Cabral

**Sunday, November 24,**

Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

**Saturday, November 30,**

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola

## FINANCE COUNCIL

### MEMBERS:

Jimmy Kalife, Wassim Chedid, Rose Dupre, Rana Choubah, Nigel Hitchings, and Joseph Barckett.



*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 10/28-11/2/24

### Monday:

1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

Matthew 13: 44- 46

### Tuesday:

1 Corinthians 10: 14-24

Matthew 13: 47-53

### Wednesday:

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

Matthew 18: 23-35

### Thursday:

1 Corinthians 12: 12-27

Matthew 22: 15-22

### Friday:

Hebrews 12:18-24

Matthew 5: 1-12

### Saturday:

1 Corinthians 14:1-5,13-14, 20, 26

Matthew 21: 33-46

## WEEK OF October 19-20, 2024

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$	<b>1,303.00</b>
<b>Donations</b>	\$	<b>50.00</b>
<b>Bazaar Raffle Tickets</b>	\$	<b>122.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	\$	<b>1,475.00</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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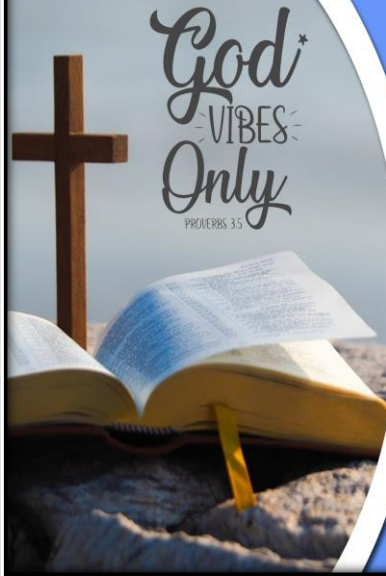


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