

Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



November 16-17, 2024

SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD ANNOUNCEMENT TO ZECHARIAH

OUR LADY OF PURGATORY CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Traditional Lebanese and American Brunch
to celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus

Sunday, December 15,
(Immediately following the 10:30 Divine Liturgy)

OLOP Community Center

Please RSVP to: officeolop@gmail.com
so that we can prepare accordingly.

There is no charge for this event.
There will be a special visitor for our children
as well.

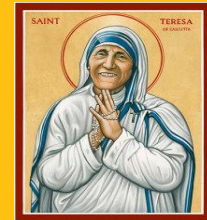
I hope all of you can attend this new tradition at
OLOP!

Merry Christmas



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"God speaks in the silence of
the heart. Listening is the
beginning of prayer."
Mother Teresa*



DISCERNMENT AT MARONITE SERVANTS OF CHRIST THE LIGHT

**Come & See Retreat Weekend for
Women, Dartmouth MA**
*Fiat: "I am the servant of the Lord"-
Luke 1:38*

Is Jesus calling you to *Come and See*? Are you seeking to learn more about prayer, discerning God's voice and the gift of religious life. The Maronite Servants of Christ the Light located in Dartmouth MA, invite young adult women (ages 18-39) to prayerfully consider joining them for a Come & See Retreat Weekend, November 29 - December 1, 2024. The weekend is designed to give young adult women a glimpse into our prayer and communal life and to enjoy some adoration time with Jesus, our Eucharistic Lord.

To register visit: maroniteservants.org.

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.

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

November: 19/26

December: 3/10/17

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

It is my sad duty to inform you that Laurette BouRamia passed away. Laurette is preceded in death by her husband Boutros and her son Joseph. Our condolences go out to her children Edward (Mona), MarieRose (Alan), Jacques (Linda), and daughter-in-law Sandra BouRamia, to her 10 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren, and her family in Lebanon.

Funeral arrangements will be sent once they are finalized.

May Almighty God welcome Laurette into His kingdom and may her soul rest in peace. Allah yerhamma.

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.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT ANGEL PROGRAM

Will you consider being an Angel for our Children's Christmas Pageant? The proceeds of the Angel Program will benefit the children's pageant, and the other half will be sent to **Caritas Lebanon**. Please fill out a form that is located at the entrances of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

BAZAAR NEEDS LIST

2 Cases of Water Bottle

1 Cases Coke

1 Cases Coke Zero

1 Cases Orange Soda

1 Cases Sprite

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

As per the directive of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, there will be a second collection this weekend for the Maronite Patriarchal Charities. This money is sent to the Patriarchal and is used for his charitable work. Thank you for your generosity.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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

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.

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 (cranberry sauce and gravy are the most needed 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.

SAINT ANTHONY OF THE DESERT/OLOP MEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Msgr. Jim and the Saint Joseph Men's Society have once again invited the men of OLOP to join them for their annual Christmas party. If anyone is interested in attending this with me, please let me know so that I can confirm with Msgr. Jim for reservations. Last year was a wonderful gathering and I hope many of you can attend. The details are included below.

The party details are as follows:

Sunday, December 8 at 4:00pm

Agoro's Restaurant

2756 County Street

Somerset, MA

Dinner will be a buffet consisting of Greek salad, rice pilaf, sauteed veggies, chicken piccata and steak tips. Cost is \$50 per person.

Look forward to seeing you there.

SAINT ANTHONY OF THE DESERT CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saint Anthony of the Desert in Fall River will be having their Annual Christmas Bazaar next weekend. This will take place on Saturday, November 23, from 9AM-4PM, and on Sunday, November 24, from 9AM-4PM. Please stop by and support our brothers and sisters at 300 North Eastern Ave, Fall River, MA.



*Remember Me in Your Kingdom
Would like to invite you to a Memorial Mass
on Saturday, November 30, 2024
4:00 O'clock in the afternoon
at St. Theresa Church, Brockton, MA*

*Immediately after the Memorial Mass please join us
to Celebrate 12th Anniversary of the Boston Chapter
of Remember Me in Your Kingdom.
There will be a meal served after the Mass
in the church hall*

*There is no fee to attend, this is a free event.
Our mission is to pray for the faithful departed so that they may
be remembered when entering the Kingdom of God.
We celebrate monthly prayers throughout 9 New England Churches
including all faiths - Melkite, Maronite, Greek Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Catholic*



*Prayers of Remember Me in Your Kingdom is supported by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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We acknowledge the support of the following donors and sponsors:

For more information please contact: John J. Winkler - 401-867-5557

Remember Me in Your Kingdom



LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 16, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Matthew the Evangelist). 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, November 17, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Gregory the Wonderworker). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Mark Thomas requested by Family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Arnold and Lauretta Mello requested by the Mello Family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Nuno Sousa requested by Maria Sousa and Family. May his soul rest in peace.

Saturday, November 23, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Sassine, Bishop of Cyzicus). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Mary David requested by Family (40- Day Mass). May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Karen Murphy requested by Sean, Marie and Keira McLaughlin. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, November 24, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Catherine of Alexandria). Remember Me In Your Kingdom Liturgy. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph M. Thomas requested by Family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Margueritte Chedid requested by Milad and Sousou Maalouf. May her soul rest in peace.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for the deceased members of the Chedid and Rizk Families. 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.

THE SHEPHERD'S PANTRY, INC

All are invited to give of your time to help the food pantry at the Shepherd's Pantry. Food bagging and stocking are on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 9:00 am – 11:00 am, and distribution of food are on Saturday's from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. The Shepherd's Pantry is located at the Long Plain United Methodist Church, 1215 North Main Street, Acushnet, MA. For any questions, call 508-763-9289.

WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of November is offered in memory of John, Malvina and Joseph David by Joann, Anthony and Lorraine David.

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.

LECTORS FOR NOVEMBER, 2024

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

(If you are not able to read on your given day, please contact Mae Dickinson)

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 11/18-11/23/24

Monday:

Romans 4: 1-12

John 8: 31-37

Tuesday:

Romans 2: 1-8

John 8: 38-40

Wednesday:

Romans 2: 9-16

John 8: 41-45

Thursday:

Romans 2: 17-29

John 8: 46 -50

Friday:

Romans 3:1-12

John 8: 51-55

Saturday:

Romans 3:21-31

John 8: 56-59

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9-10, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$	2,059.00
Bazaar Food Sales	\$	70.00
Bazaar Raffle Tickets	\$	180.00
Bazaar Donations	\$	50.00
Memorial Donations	\$	200.00
Coffee Hour	\$	48.00
Candles	\$	94.00
Total	\$	2,651.00

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.

Our Lady of Purgatory Catholic Church

Annual Lebanese Holiday Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 16, 2024
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday, November 17, 2024
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Money & Basket Raffles

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