



Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

November 30- December 1, 2024

SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH

OLOP CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

We will have our 1st Annual Christmas Brunch on Sunday, December 15, after 10:30 Divine Liturgy. There will be an array of Lebanese and American food items for all of you to enjoy. Please mark your calendars now.

*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!

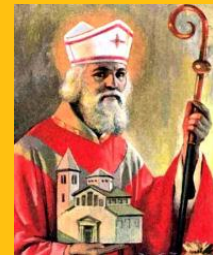
Merry Christmas



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“If someone offends you, don't tell anyone about it except your elder, and you will be peaceful. Bow to everyone, paying no attention whether they respond to your bow or not. You must humble yourself before everyone and consider yourself the worst of all. If we have not committed the sins that others have, perhaps this is because we did not have the opportunity - the situation and circumstances were different. In each person there is something good and something bad; we usually see only the vices in people, and we see nothing that is good.”

Saint Ambrose



WELCOME MSGR. JOHN AND ABOUNA PETER

We welcome Msgr. John who will offer Divine Liturgy on Saturday, November 30, and Fr. Peter Fink who will offer Divine Liturgy on Sunday. Thank you both for helping us at OLOP. Wishing you a blessed Season of the Glorious Birth of our Lord.

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.

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

WE ARE ALMOST THERE



As we approach the end of 2024, we must look back on our journey with pride and awe. December 8 will mark our one-year anniversary at our new home, and I am so proud of what we have accomplished as a community.

We have sold the Lebanese Center, the former rectory, and will be closing on the former Church on Franklin Street on December 12. That will leave us with 2 parking lots to sell. After the sale of the Church, we will still owe the Diocese of Fall River \$240,000.00 of the original \$1.6 million purchase price for the property. We will continue to pay our monthly loan to the Knights of Columbus. Our Capital Campaign is now at \$390,000.00, which is still \$260,000.00 of our Goal. If we can raise this \$260,000.00 by December 31, we will be able to pay off the Fall River Diocese, which will allow them to waive the accrued interest from the past 20 months. This will mean that the loan from Fall River will have been interest free. As you can see, our goal is to pay them off by the end of the year.

Many of you have contributed to the Capital Campaign and I thank you all for your generosity towards our goal. Now I am asking those who have not contributed, who are willing and, in a position to do so, to please consider helping us reach our goal. There are many items in the Church which can be dedicated in memory of a loved one for your donation.

Over the past year, your comments and enthusiasm have reinforced my belief that this move was for the future good of this community.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Thank you for your kindness in this year's Thanksgiving Food Drive. Everything that was collected went to the Saint Anthony Food Bank in New Bedford. They were all touched by your kindness as people began to line up for the distribution of their Thanksgiving Dinner. God bless Saint Anthony as well as you and your families for giving to others in need.



CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Beginning December 15, we will begin our Christmas Novena. The schedule is posted below. I hope to see you for this beautiful prayer service.

- Sunday, December 15,**
Novena will begin at 10:00 AM
- Monday, December 16,**
Novena will begin at 7:00 PM
- Tuesday, December 17,**
Novena will begin at 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, December 18,**
Novena will begin at 7:00 PM
- Thursday, December 19,**
Novena will begin at 7:00 PM
- Friday, December 20,**
Novena will begin at 7:00 PM
- Saturday, December 21,**
Novena will begin at 5:30 PM
- Sunday, December 22,**
Novena will begin at 11:30 AM
- Monday, December 23,**
Novena will begin at 7:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGIES

- Christmas Eve Vigil,**
Tuesday, December 24,
Divine Liturgy will begin at 5:00 PM
 - Christmas Morning,**
Wednesday, December 25,
Divine Liturgy will begin at 10:30 AM
- ### 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
December: 3/10/17

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 30, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Andrew, Feast of Saint Bishop). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of John David requested by Family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Victoria Lahoud requested by Family (FM). May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, December 1, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Nahum the Prophet). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Milad Chedid requested by Family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Moses and Annie Moses (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Saturday, December 7, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Ambrose, Doctor of the Church). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Anne Shady requested by Sean, Marie and Keira McLaughlin. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Julia Barber requested by Norma Barbour and Family. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, December 8, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of The Immaculate Conception, Conclusion of the Second Vatican Council). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph Dupre requested by Family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of David Sylvia requested by Yvonne Sylvia (FM). May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Saeed, Mantaha and Steve Morad and Claire Branco requested by Family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for Thanksgiving for a special intention. 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.

LECTORS FOR DECEMBER, 2024

Saturday, November 30,
Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola
Sunday, December 1,

Cayla Barbour / Hiba Chdid
Saturday, December 7,

Annemarie Espindola
Intercessions: Mae Dickinson

Sunday, December 8,
Ann Dupre / Gaby Baroody

Saturday, December 14,
Eric Tavares

Intercessions: Smitty Cabral
Sunday, December 15,

Mae Dickinson / Jano Baroody
Saturday, December 21,

Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Anna and Helen Higgins
Sunday, December 22,

John Barbour / Joumana Chedid
Saturday, December 28,

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares
Sunday, December 29,

Rana Choubah / Halim Choubah

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

WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of November is offered in memory of Estephan Diab by Jacques and Amal Barbour.

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, Theresa John, Angela Scorza-Anderson, 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.

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23-24,

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,694.00
Lebanese Market	\$ 30.00
Angel Program	\$ 75.00
Memorial Donations	\$ 90.00
Total	\$ 1,889.00

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.



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



Friends of Remember Me in Your Kingdom is recognized by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
as a nonprofit group (IRS nonprofit pending)
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