



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



December 28-29, 2024

THE FINDING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

My Dear Parishioners and Friends of Our Lady of Purgatory Church: Happy New Year!!! And what a year it has been. I truly thank God for giving us a year to remember, filled with much joy, and yes, filled with some sorrows. Yet through it all, He has blessed us with His love and mercy.

I, along with this community of Our Lady of Purgatory, have much to be thankful for. This year has graced us with several new additions to this community. With our little children who were born this past year to our new friends who have made OLOP their home; from the thriving MYO to the growing CCD program; from the growing number of volunteers who want to work hard for their Church to the fundraising and appreciation events we sponsor. We have been blessed with

a beautiful new Saint Charbel Shrine on our Church property that has brought much comfort and peace to those who visit and pray there. We have seen the beautiful transition from the old to the new in our recent move to this new complex and the unity that has begun to congeal is promising. There is so much to be grateful for.

Sometimes it is difficult to see all the wonderful things that are happening in our community for one reason or another, but when we look at the whole picture, we can't help but realize that we truly are blessed. That is why we need to take a step back and realize all that we have been given.

I pray that each of us will take time to enjoy all the wonderful gifts God has given us and to enjoy every moment with your family, church community, and friends. May this New Year bring us peace, happiness, good health and the strength to live out this life in the true

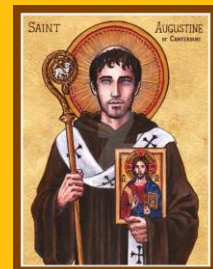
Christian spirit. Wishing all of you a very blessed and happy New Year.

Fr. Vincent

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to His love, and the future to His providence."

Saint Augustine



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

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COUNTING MY BLESSINGS WITH GRATITUDE

With a heart full of gratitude, I thank all of you for the beauty and wonder of the blessed Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord. Thank you all for the warm well wishes, beautiful messages, delicious baked goods, and your kind gifts. I pray that the love, peace, and joy that the Birth of our Lord brings, will forever shine brightly in your hearts every day. God bless each of you and your families.

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Leonard Higgins, the father of Daniel (Rachael Thomas Higgins) passed away December 14. We extend our deepest sympathy to his sons Dan and Rachael Higgins and their family, and to Matthew Higgins and James Higgins and their families. We ask Almighty God to welcome Leonard into His kingdom and may his soul rest in peace. Allah yerhammo.

FEAST OF THE GLORIOUS EPIPHANY

The Feast of the Glorious Epiphany will be celebrated on Monday, January 6, at 7:00 PM. This is a Holy Day of Obligation as we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord. Immediately following Divine Liturgy, we will celebrate with coffee, zalabia, and pastries in the church hall. Anyone who would like to bring their signature zalabia is welcome to do so. Dayem Dayem!

2025 OLOP DINING BOOK

Dining Books are now on sale just in time for Christmas. These are great gifts for family and friends. These books contain 5 dinners that are planned over the next few months. They are:

Ham and Bean Supper, Saturday, January 18, beginning at 5:30 PM

Shawarma Sunday, February 23, beginning at 11:30 AM

Lenten Fish Fry, Friday, March 7, beginning at 5:00 PM

Lenten Fish Fry, Friday, March 21, beginning at 5:00 PM

Saj Sunday, April 27, beginning at 11:30 AM

A \$70.00 value all yours for \$60.00. If you would like to purchase these books, please contact the office at 508-996-8934 or email the office at officeolop@gmail.com

CHURCH ENVELOPES ARE IN

For those who have requested and use the Church envelopes, they are at the entrance door of the Church. If anyone would like to use the envelopes and needs a set, please contact the Church office and we will prepare some for you.


IN OUR PRAYERS

Nayeli Nassif, Maria Baptista, Ligia Baptista, 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.

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.

OUR LADY OF PURGATORY
Maronite Catholic Church
1st Annual Ham & Bean Supper
6pm Saturday, January 18th, 2025
OLOP Community Center



Ham, beans, coleslaw, homemade cornbread, beverages and dessert!

Tickets: \$15 Adult
Children under 10 free
Please call the office at 508-996-8934 or email the office at officeolop@gmail.com for tickets.

SAVE THE DATE SAINT MARON'S DAY HAFLI

will be held on **Saturday, February 1**, at OLOP Church Hall. Of course you can expect great food, live entertainment, cash bar, and desserts. Tickets are \$75.00 and Dance Floor Tickets are \$100.00. Please mark your calendars and join us for the great annual event. Tickets are now on sale. Please contact Sousou Maalouf or the Church Office.

Our Lady of Purgatory Church
**Saint Maron's Feast
Day Hafli**
Saturday, February 1, 2025
at
OLOP Church Hall
4254 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford, MA, 02745



Live Entertainment by
Rami Badr
&
Bochir Khoury Band

Dance Floor Seating: \$100.00 (All Ages)
General Seating: \$75.00
Children (8-17): \$40.00
Children (under 8yrs.): No Charge

For Ticket Sales Contact:
Church Office: (508) 996-8934
Sousou Maalouf: (508) 916-1523

Cash Bar & Mezza
@ 7:00 PM
Dinner Served
@ 8:00 PM

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 28, @ 4:30 PM, The Adoration of The Magi, (Feast of Saint Marina (Margaret) in Pisidia). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Wadih Boutros Roupheal Gebrayel requested by Joann, Anthony and Lorraine David. 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. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of the deceased members of the Progressive Lebanese American Club (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, December 29, @ 10:30 AM, Finding of Our Lord in the Temple. (The Flight into Egypt, The Massacre of the Children of Bethlehem). 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 Thomas David requested by Family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Alda and Joao Pinto requested by Maria Sousa and Family. May their souls rest in peace.

Tuesday, December 31, @ 5:00 PM, New Year's Eve, (Feast of Saint Zoticus).

Saturday, January 4, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Pope Saint Caius, Feast of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Nancy David requested by The Family (FM). May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, January 5, @ 10:30 AM, (Vigil of the Glorious Epiphany, Feast of Saint Paul, the First Hermit, Feast of Saint John Neumann). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Mansour Barbour requested by Norma Barbour and Family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of the deceased members of the Chomak Family requested by the family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Julia Maroon and her family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

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.

WINE AND HOST OFFERING

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

LECTORS FOR DECEMBER, 2024

Saturday, December 28,
Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares
Sunday, December 29,

Rana Choubah / Halim Choubah

Tuesday, December 31,

Annemarie Espindola / Gaby Baroody

LECTORS FOR JANUARY, 2025

Saturday, January 4,
Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Anna and Helen Higgins

Sunday, January 5,

Ann Dupre / Joumana Chedid

Saturday, January 11,

Eric Tavares

Intercessions: Smitty Cabral

Sunday, January 12,

Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

Saturday, January 18,

Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, January 19,

Cayla Barbour / Jano Baroody

Saturday, January 25,

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Mae Dickinson

Sunday, January 26,

Halim Choubah / Gaby Baroody

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



DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 12/30/24-01/04/25

Monday:

Acts of the Apostles 7:2, 30-34
Matthew 2: 19-21

Tuesday:

Acts of the Apostles 7: 35-37
Matthew 2: 22-23

Wednesday:

Ephesians 2: 11-22
Luke 2: 21

Thursday:

Hebrews 7: 1-10
Luke 2: 22- 24

Friday:

Hebrews 7:20-28
Luke 2: 25-35

Saturday:

Hebrews 6: 9-12
Luke 2: 36-40

WEEK OF DECEMBER 21-22, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$	1,230.00
Christmas Collection	\$	2,820.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	40.00
Donations	\$	1,700.00
Lebanese Market	\$	48.00
Candles	\$	51.00
Total	\$	5,889.00

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.

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Eternally in our hearts and in our thoughts. We miss seeing your face, hearing your voice, seeing your smile and hearing your laugh. We cherish the day we will join you in GOD's Heavenly Kingdom. We Love you and miss you even more with each passing day.

Joseph & Marie Kenyon

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