



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



March 29-30, 2025

PARABLE OF THE PARALYTIC

OBSERVANCES

The Most Reverend Bishops Gregory Mansour and Elias Zaidan have issued the following Lenten guidelines for the Maronites of the U.S.:

- All Maronites who are physically capable are to abstain from meat on Ash Monday and all Fridays of Lent.
- Ash Monday and Great Friday of the Crucifixion are also days of fasting. Fasting in the Maronite Church involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken, but without meat. All Maronites who are physically capable are to fast on these two days.

Personal Devotion

Clergy, religious, and laity who wish to observe the more traditional Maronite practice of fasting and abstinence are encouraged to do so. That practice is summarized in the following, taken from the Synod of Mt. Lebanon (1736):

Every weekday of Lent (Monday through Friday) is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat and dairy products (eggs, butter, milk, etc.) Fasting involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon.

The rest of the day normal meals can be taken, but without meat or dairy products. Dairy products are excluded because they are animal products. Saturdays and Sundays are exempt from fasting and abstaining as are the following feast days: The 40 Martyrs- March 9, St. Joseph- March 19, and the Annunciation- March 25.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS



As we prepare for the Risen Lord on Easter, donations are being accepted to help with the cost of the Easter flowers. If you would like to donate towards the flowers, you may do so in memory of a loved one or special intention. Please write your intention on the envelope and we will remember your intention at a special Liturgy. Thank you for your kindness.

GOOD FRIDAY MERCY MEAL

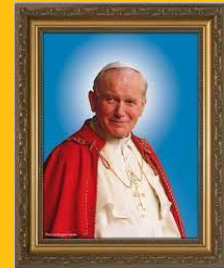
Friday, April 18, GOOD FRIDAY MERCY MEAL: After the burial of Jesus on Good Friday, we will have a potluck Mercy Meal in the church hall. Everyone is encouraged to bring a meatless dish to pass. Dinner will follow the Good Friday service.

NAM CONVENTION REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

Details for the 2025 NAM Convention have been mailed to each of you. This year, the NAM Convention is being sponsored by Fr. Robert Farrah and the Parishioners of St. Sharbel in Raliegh, North Carolina. The convention will be held on July 3-6, 2025, at the Hilton Raliegh North Hills Hotel. I hope many of you can attend. Please refer to your email for registration detail.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Confession is an act of honesty and courage - an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God."
Pope Saint John Paul II



PASSION WEEK DIVINE LITURGIES

- Monday, April 14, 7:00 PM,**
Coming to the Harbor
- Tuesday, April 15, 7:00 PM,**
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- Wednesday, April 16, 7:00 PM,**
Rite of the Lamp
- Thursday, April 17, 7:00 PM,**
Holy Thursday
- Friday, April 18, 10:00 AM,**
Signing of the Chalice
- Friday, April 18, 7:00 PM,**
Great Friday of the Crucifixion,
- Saturday, April 19, 10:00 AM,**
Prayer of Forgiveness
- Saturday, April 19, 4:30 PM,**
Easter Vigil
- Sunday, April 20, 10:30 AM,**
The Glorious Resurrection

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

**PALM SUNDAY
BAKE SALE**

Our Lady Of Purgatory Church

Palm Sunday Bake Sale

Saturday, April 12 – Sunday, April 13
AFTER LITURGIES



And Assorted Pastries

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**SAVE THE DATE
MAAMOUL DAY**



We will be preparing the maamoul for Palm Sunday bake sale on **Saturday, April 5, starting @ 10:00 AM**, in the **Church Hall**. All are invited to come and help. Thank you for your dedication and assistance. God bless you!

**PALM SUNDAY
CANDLES**



The Education Foundation is sponsoring Palm Sunday Candles. You can now buy decorated and blessed Palm Sunday candles. All the proceeds will benefit the Education Foundation Scholarship program. This will allow this foundation to continue to offer scholarships to our high school seniors and undergraduate college students to help with their education. Please support these efforts. God bless.

10" candle: \$15.00
12" candle: \$20.00
15" candle: \$25.00

**WITH DEEPEST
SYMPATHY**

All of us at OLOP extend our deepest sympathy to Lou and Smitty Cabral, for the passing of Lou's sister Maryanne Cunha. We ask Almighty God to welcome Maryanne into His kingdom and may her soul rest in peace. Allah yerhamma.

MYA GATHERINGS

Save the date:
Saturday April 19 | 10am to 12noon

**MYA
Prayer & Service**

We welcome our Maronite Young Adults (ages 18-39) to join us on Holy Saturday at 10am for the Prayer of Forgiveness at 10 AM in the Church followed by an hour of service to help decorate for Easter Sunday at Our Lady Of Purgatory Church. RSVP to Abouna Vince if you plan to join us.



The MYA are invited to the Saturday of the Light prayer service on Saturday, April 19, at 10:00 AM at the Church. This will be followed by an hour of service to help decorate the church for Easter Sunday.

IN OUR PRAYERS

David Matos, Gayla Matos, Genevieve Tayeh, 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, 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.

We will be having our annual Palm Sunday Bakesale on Saturday, **April 12, and Sunday, April 13**, immediately following Divine Liturgy. Pre-order forms are now available.

**FISH FRY
FRIDAYS**

Fish Fry Fridays are here once again. We will begin Friday Lenten Dinners on **Friday, March 7**, beginning at 5:00 PM and ending at 8:00 PM. Tickets are available for purchase by contacting the office at: **508-996-8934** or by email to: **officeolop@gmail.com**

You may join us before or after Stations/Adoration of the cross.

**HOLY ROSARY
SUNDAY**

Beginning **March 23**, we will pray the Rosary beginning at **10:00 AM**, before Sunday Divine Liturgy. This will be held on the **third Sunday** of each month. Please join us as we send our prayers through the intercession of our Blessed Mother to our Lord Jesus.

**WELCOME TO
THE FLOCK**

Congratulations to Naja and Idalina Moujabber on the baptism of Mario Joseph Vieira. Mario was baptized on March 23. We also congratulate all the Moujabber family. May Almighty God keep Mario in His loving arms and protect him always. Mabrook!

March						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	April 1	2	3	4	5
Healing of the Paralytic	X	Eucharistic Adoration 5-7 pm Divine Liturgy 7 pm	Divine Liturgy 12 Noon	Divine Liturgy 12 Noon	Stations/Adoration of the Cross 12 pm English 7 pm English/Arabic Fish Fry 5-8PM	Healing of the Blind Man MYA Retreat Lawrence MA Saint Antony Church

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 28, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Cyril of Baalbek). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of John Hayes requested by Connie Hayes. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Oscar Wakim requested by OLOP Parish. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, March 30, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint John Climacus). Remember Me In Your Kingdom Liturgy. Liturgy is being offered for all the souls in Purgatory. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Chorbishop Dominic Ashkar requested by OLOP Parish. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of George and Ann Abraham requested by the Family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Tuesday, April 1, @ 7:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Mary of Egypt). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph, Matilda, and George Attallah requested by the Family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Wednesday, April 2, @ 12:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Aphian and His Brother Saint Aedesius). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of George and Kaffa Peter requested by the Family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Thursday, April 3, @ 12:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Isaiah and Ezekiel the Prophets).

Friday, April 4, @ 12:00 PM and @ 7:00 PM, Station/ Adoration of the Cross. (Feast of Pope Saint Anicetus).

Saturday, April 5, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Robert of Molesme, founder of the Cistercian order). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Michele Sr. and Jr., Anna and Baldassare Magaletta requested by Joann, Anthony and Lorraine David. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Marie Kenyon requested by the Family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, April 6, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Marcellinus of Carthage). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Christine David requested by the Family. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Fred, Joao and Fernanda Baptista, Mema Carvelho and Edigio Baptista requested by Fernanda Thomas. May their soul rest in peace.

WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of March is offered in memory of Samir and Georgette Sawaya by Zakhia and Hiba Chdid.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a special intention by Lou and Smitty Cabral. 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 MARCH/APRIL, 2025

Saturday, March 29,

Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Smitty Cabral

Sunday, March 30,

Halim Choubah / Elie Bou Kheir

Saturday, April 5,

Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

Sunday, April 6,

Cayla Barbour / Jano Baroody

Saturday, April 12,

Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Smitty Cabral

Sunday, April 13,

Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

Saturday, April 19,

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, April 20,

Ann Dupre / Elie Abou Kheir

Saturday, April 26,

Eric Tavares

Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola

Sunday, April 27,

Rana Choubah / Halim Choubah

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Please know that confession is available before liturgies. You may also call to set up an appointment.

MYA GATHERINGS

The MYA are invited to Divine Liturgy followed by a BBQ and Social on Saturday, May 3, 2024, at OLOP. Please RSVP to Abouna Vince by May 1, at 508-996-8934, or email at ourladyofpurgatory@gmail.com Look forward to seeing you there.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 03/31-04/05/25

Monday:

Ephesians 5: 3-13

Mark 5: 1- 20

Tuesday:

1 Timothy 1: 1-8

Mark 6:47-56

Wednesday:

Ephesians 6: 1-9

Luke 7: 11-17

Thursday:

2 Timothy 1: 6-14

Mark 4: 33-41

Friday:

Philippians 2:12-19

Luke 4: 31-44

Saturday:

Colossians 3: 23-4:7

Mark 7: 31-37

WEEK OF MARCH 22-23, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,935.00
Bishop Appeal	\$ 200.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 20.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$ 10.00
Candles	\$ 132.00
Total	\$ 2,297.00

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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