



# Our Lady of Purgatory

## Maronite Catholic Church



April 26-27, 2025

# SEASON OF THE RESURRECTION DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



### Message of Bishop Gregory Mansour

Our beloved Pope Francis “has returned to the home of the Father. “These words from Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Camerlengo of the Holy See, remind us of our beginning and our end. We begin our earthly lives with God, and we return to God. They also remind us of our own pilgrimage on this earth, whereby all of us, as in the story of the Prodigal Son, have a loving Father to return to, who is ready to embrace us and welcome us with joy. Pope Francis has shown the world the face of that Merciful Father by every word and gesture of his Pontificate. He has taught us that we are all welcome in the Father’s house. May our Holy Father now enjoy that embrace of our Heavenly Father, and may he rest in peace.  
+ Gregory.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND WARM EASTER WISHES

I would like to thank you for your warm Easter wishes and kind gestures. Every year our Lenten journey flourishes with Christs’ love and graces. I pray your journey has renewed your relationship and closeness to our Lord and to one another. May God continue to bless this beautiful community in the true spirit of Christs’ love. Massih Qam!

### HOLY ROSARY SUNDAY

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

### BIBLE STUDY BEGINS

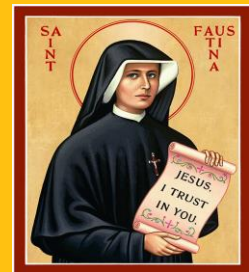
Bible study will begin on **Wednesday, May 7, from 6:30 PM-8:00 PM**, in the Church Hall. Please bring a bible with you and let the Holy Spirit speak to you. Looking forward to seeing many of you here.

### MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

The Education Foundation of Our Lady of Purgatory Church is raffling a \$200.00 gift certificate to M Aesthetics Spa @ Stephen and Company Salon. All proceeds will go to the Education Foundation and recipients of these scholarships will be presented at the Mother’s Day Brunch. Tickets go on sale this weekend.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart.”  
St. Faustina*



### MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH

We will have a special Mother’s Day Brunch on Sunday, May 11, immediately following Divine Liturgy. This is our way of saying thank you to all the women in our lives. I hope you will join us on this special day honoring our mothers.

### OLOP EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The applications for the OLOP Education Foundation Scholarships have been emailed to all the parishioners. These applications must be submitted by May 7, 2025. I encourage our High School Seniors and Undergraduate College students to apply. The Education Foundation can offer three scholarships this year. Blessings to all of our students.

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

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**MYA GATHERINGS**

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4:30 PM LITURGY  
5:30 PM BBQ & SOCIAL

**05/03/2025**

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I would like to thank Norma Barbour for donating this beautiful Blodgett Convection Oven for our cooking needs in the Church Hall. This oven will allow us to prepare food and desserts much faster and more efficiently. Its arrival comes at the perfect time as we prepare for our upcoming banquet dinner, Feast of Saint Sharbel, Eid Al-Sayde, and our summer festival. May God bless you and your family and the soul of Mansour.

**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 details.

**SECOND COLLECTION**

Per the directive of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, there will be a second collection this weekend. This collection is taken up for Catholic Home Missions which is used for new missions in the USA. Our Eparchy has received grants from the USCCB from this collection for several years. Thank you for your generosity.

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](mailto:ourladyofpurgatory@gmail.com) Look forward to seeing you there.

The Blessed Mother Guild of Saint Anthony of the Desert Church are sponsoring a wine-tasting on Saturday, May 3. Tickets are \$ 15 per person. For reservations you can call Fall River rectory at: 508-672-7653.

<b>APRIL</b>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 Resurrection of our Lord 10:30 AM	21 x	22 Eucharistic Adoration 5-7 PM Divine Liturgy 7 PM	23 No Liturgy	24 No Liturgy	25 No Liturgy	26 Divine Mercy Sunday St. Theresa Church Hall
27 Divine Mercy Sunday SAJ Sunday	28 x	29 Divine Liturgy 12 Noon Eucharistic Adoration 5-7 PM	30 No Liturgy	May 1	May 2	May 3

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, April 26, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Pope Saint Anacletus I).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Pope Francis requested by OLOP. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Susie Souza requested by Mike and Diane LeBlanc. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for Deni Giangrante requested by Tony and Priscilla Frangie and family. May her soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, April 27, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Simon, Brother of the Lord). Remember Me In Your Kingdom Liturgy.** Liturgy is being offered for all the souls in the Book of Life. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Pope Francis requested by OLOP. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Anthony G. and Josephine Thomas requested by the Family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Walter Chomak requested by Mary Ann Chomak and Family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Arthur and Annie Thomas and Edward and Rose Mattar requested by the Family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

**Tuesday, April 29, @ 12:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Mary David requested by Sophie Correa (FM). May her soul rest in peace. **From 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration.**

**Wednesday, April 30, @ 12:00 PM, (Feast of Saint James, son of Zebedee). NO LITURGY.**

**Thursday, May 1, @ 12:00 PM, (Feast of Jeremiah the prophet).** Liturgy is being offered for a special intention requested by Zakhia and Hiba Chdid.

**Saturday, May 3, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of the Blessed Stephen Doueihi, Maronite Patriarch, Feast of saint Timothy and his Wife Saint Maura).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Leo Macedo requested by the family (FM). May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for a special intention requested by Annemarie Espindola. May your intention be answered.

**Sunday, May 4, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Monica, Mother of Saint Augustine)** Liturgy is being offered in honor of our First Communicants and their families. May God bless them.

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a special intention by Claire and John Barbour. 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.

## 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.

## DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 04/28-05/03/25

### Monday:

1 Peter 1: 1-9  
John 20: 1-10

### Tuesday:

1 Peter 1: 10-16  
John 20:11-18

### Wednesday:

1 Peter 1: 17-21  
Matthew 28: 11-15

### Thursday:

1 Peter 1: 22-25  
Matthew 28: 16-20

### Friday:

1 Peter 2:1-10  
John 2: 13-25

### Saturday:

1 Peter 2: 11-17  
Matthew 22: 41-46

## 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 APRIL/May, 2025

**Saturday, April 26,**  
Eric Tavares

Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola  
**Sunday, April 27,**  
Rana Choubah / Halim Choubah  
**Saturday, May 3,**  
Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins  
**Sunday, May 4,**

The First Communicants  
Intercessions: The First Communicants  
**Saturday, May 10**

Mae Dickinson  
Intercessions: Smitty Cabral  
**Sunday, May 11,**  
Cayla Barbour / Gaby Baroody  
**Saturday, May 17**

Smitty Cabral  
Intercessions: Eric Tavares  
**Sunday, May18,**  
Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid  
**Saturday, May24,**  
Eric Tavares

Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola  
**Sunday, May 25,**  
Ann Dupre / Elie Abou Kheir  
**Thursday, May 29,**  
Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid  
**Saturday, May 31,**  
Annemarie Espindola  
Intercessions: Smitty Cabral  
(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.

## WEEK OF APRIL 19-20, 2025

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$	<b>3,781.00</b>
<b>Bishop Appeal</b>	\$	<b>205.00</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	\$	<b>110.00</b>
<b>Donations</b>	\$	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Friday Mercy Meal</b>	\$	<b>226.00</b>
<b>Easter Donations</b>	\$	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Easter Flowers</b>	\$	<b>30.00</b>
<b>Sanctuary Candle</b>	\$	<b>30.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	\$	<b>2 10.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	\$	<b>5,192.00</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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