



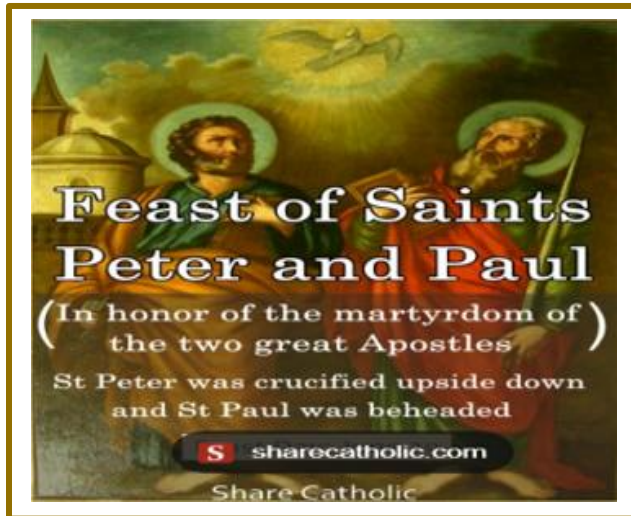
# Our Lady of Purgatory



## Maronite Catholic Church

JUNE 27 -28, 2026

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST SAINTS PETER AND PAUL



### FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

The Gospel for the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul begin with a question that Jesus asks His disciples at Caesarea Philippi: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

The answers come quickly. Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, others Jeremiah or one of the prophets. Then Jesus asks a more personal question: "But who do you say that I am?"

This question lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is not enough to know what others think about Jesus. Faith becomes real when each person answers that question from the depths of their own heart.

Peter responds with remarkable clarity: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

In that moment, Peter speaks not from human wisdom but from divine revelation. Jesus tells him that this faith is the rock upon which the Church will be

built.

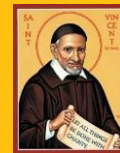
Yet what makes Peter's confession so beautiful is that it comes from a man who is far from perfect. Peter will misunderstand Jesus, become afraid, and eventually deny Him. Nevertheless, Jesus sees beyond Peter's weaknesses and sees the disciple he can become through grace. Paul's story reveals the same truth from a different perspective. Unlike Peter, Paul did not walk with Jesus during His earthly ministry. In fact, he persecuted the early Christians. Yet Christ met him on the road to Damascus and transformed his life completely. The persecutor became the preacher. The enemy became an apostle. Together, Peter and Paul remind us that holiness is not about perfection; it is about surrendering ourselves to God's grace.

Peter teaches us that faith grows through trust, even when we stumble. Paul teaches us that no one is beyond God's power to change and renew.

Both men were very different in temperament, background, and mission. Peter shepherded the flock. Paul carried

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*Our Lord and the Saints  
accomplished more by suffering  
than by acting  
Saint Vincent De Paul*



the Gospel to distant lands. Yet both were united by one conviction: Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God.

That same question Jesus asked at Caesarea Philippi continues to echo today:

### WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

The answer cannot remain merely intellectual. It must shape the way we live, forgive, serve, pray, and love. Peter answered with his faith. Paul answered with his mission. Ultimately, both answered with their lives and their martyrdom.

On this feast, we are invited to stand beside these two great apostles and renew our own profession of faith. In a world filled with many opinions about Jesus, we are called to know Him personally, love Him deeply, and witness to Him courageously.

May Saints Peter and Paul pray for us, that our faith may be as steadfast as Peter's and our zeal as passionate as Paul's, so that through our words and actions others may come to recognize Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of the living God.

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

## CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Imad and Maria Mahfouz on the arrival of their baby boy Joseph Mahfouz. We also congratulate their grandparents Jean and Rola Chedid, and Imad's family, and the many aunts and uncles. May God bless Joseph and keep him in His loving arms. Mabrook!

## WEDDING BELLS FOR MARCELIN AND TATIANA

Congratulations to Marcelin and Tatiana Chedid who were married in Lebanon June 14, 2026. Congratulations to Charbel and Anntionette Chedid and the Daccache family on this joyous occasion. The couple will reside here in Massachusetts. May God bless them for many years. Mabrook!

## MANY THANKS

Thank you to all who came and participated in Kibbee Day. Your help and dedication are a great help to this church. God bless all of you.

Thank you to the Dupre family for their generous donation repairing the rectory steps. Your kindness as always is appreciated. God bless your family.

Thank you to Louise Tibbals for your help with the hall chandeliers. You have the patience of an angel. Thank you for your many hours of help.

## 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 the Holly Father's Collection (Peter's Pence). The entire collection will be sent to The Holy Father to assist him with emergency financial assistance to aid the neediest throughout the world.

## ORDINATION OF DEACON JEAN MATTAR

Deacon Jean will be ordained on July 25, 2026, at 5:00 PM, at Our Lady of Purgatory Church. You may have already received your invitations in the mail. **Due to a printing error, please note that there will be a dinner reception immediately following the Ordination of Deacon Jean in the Church Hall.** Everyone in the parish is invited and we ask that you RSVP so that we can plan accordingly. Thank you for your understanding.

## GET READY FOR THE 2026 ANNUAL LEBANESE FESTIVAL

It may seem like it is too early to even think about the Lebanese Festival, but we are not! Every year our festival keeps getting bigger and better and that is because of you! After Mother's Day, we will begin preparing for this event and I am calling upon all of you. It is my hope that many of you will help in different ways, including our youth and young people. I ask you to think about how you can assist in making this festival the best one ever. The tents have been reserved and the stage is set.

**The festival will take place on:**

**Friday, September 11,  
from 5-11 PM,**

**Saturday, September 12,  
from 12-11PM,**

**and Sunday, September 13,  
from 12-5PM.**

**Our first meeting will be held on Monday, June 29, at 6:30 PM, in the Church Hall. It is important that you attend this meeting as we will go over the new set up and new service plans. This will make things run more smoothly and efficiently.**

I hope you are as excited as I am to host our brothers and sisters from around the area and beyond. I thank you in advance for your help and commitment to our Church. Blessings.



## THANK YOU FOR A BEAUTIFUL FATHER'S DAY

I would like to thank all the women who honored the men in our lives for Father's Day with the beautiful brunch. From those who set up the hall, prepared food, decorated, and cleaned up, thank you.

## WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of June is offered in memory of Abraham and Amelia Sarkes and Joann Sarkes Yozfek requested by the Family.

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## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, June 27, 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Samson the Hospitable).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Jeanne A. Twomey requested by Rick and Rosemarie Twomey. May her soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, June 28, 10:30 AM, Celebration of Saints Peter and Paul, (Feast of Saint Irenaeus of Lyons, Doctor of the Church). Remember Me In Your Kingdom Liturgy.** Liturgy is being offered for all the souls in the Book of Life. May all the souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Josephine and Milad Chedid requested by the Family. May their souls rest in peace.

**Tuesday, June 30, 9:00 AM, (Feast of the Twelve Apostles). NO LITURGY.** From 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration.

**Wednesday, July 1, 9:00 AM, (Feast of Pope Saint Gregory X, Feast of Saint Junipero Serra).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Christopher and Ann Briggs requested by the Family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

**Thursday, July 2, 9:00 AM, (Feast of the Visitation of Our Lady to Her Cousin, Elizabeth). NO LITURGY.**

**Saturday, July 4, 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Andrew the Hymnographer, Bishop of Crete).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Jeanne A. Twomey requested by Rick and Rosemarie Twomey. May her soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, July 5, 10:30 AM, Celebration of Saint Macarius of the Cross).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Saba Mike Barckett and Joseph and Mary Coury requested by the Family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Denise Denault, Theresa Saab, Reggie Thomas, Beverly Landreth, Michael Morad, David Matos, Gayla Matos, Genevieve Tayeh, Nayeli Nassif, Maria 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, Jacob Rego, Amal Assaf, Denise Magaletta, Fernanda Thomas, Theresa John, Angela Scorza-Anderson, Annie Peter, Mariam David, Zita Drouin, Lucienne Rodrigues and Edmond Salameh. If anyone is missing, please contact the office.

## LECTORS FOR JUNE/ JULY, 2026

**Saturday, June 27,**  
Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, June 28,**

Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

**Saturday, July 4,**

Eric Tavares

Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola

**Sunday, July 5,**

Cayla Barbour / Jano Baroody

**Saturday, July 11,**

Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

**Sunday, July 12,**

Ann Dupre / Elie Abou Kheir

**Saturday, July 18,**

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, July 19,**

Rana Choubah / Halim Choubah

**Saturday, July 25,**

TBA

**Sunday, July 26,**

TBA

(If you are unable to read on your given day, please contact Mae Dickinson).

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for Ivone Choubah. 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.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

## WEEK OF JUNE 20 -21, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,405.00
Raffle Tickets Sale	\$ 270.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,675.00</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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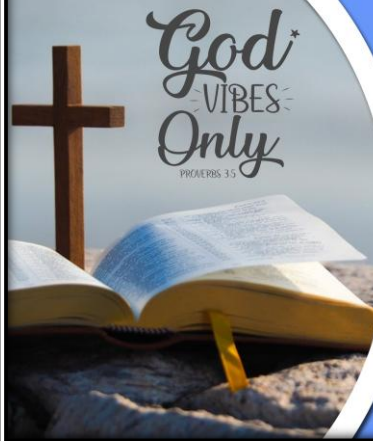
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