



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



August 15 -16, 2026

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



WHY DOES THE BEACH MAKE ME FEEL CLOSER TO GOD'S CREATION?

The beach has a way of awakening something deep within us because it quietly speaks of God's greatness without saying a word.

When you stand at the shore, you are surrounded by things that are far bigger than yourself. The endless horizon reminds you that God has no limits. The rhythm of the waves speaks of His faithfulness, wave after wave, day after day, just as His mercy is new every morning. The vast sky above you reminds you of His majesty, while the warm sun speaks of His life-giving love.

There is also a silence at the beach that is different from ordinary silence. Even with the sound of the waves, the noise of everyday life fades. It becomes easier to hear the gentle voice of God in your heart. Many people discover that they pray more naturally by the ocean because creation itself points them toward its Creator.

The Scriptures capture this beautifully: "The heavens proclaim the glory of God, and the firmament declares the work of

His hands." (Psalm 19:1) And when God questioned Job, He asked: "Who shut in the sea with doors... and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther?'" (Job 38:8-11)

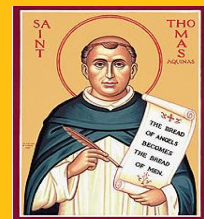
The sea is a reminder that even its immense power is under God's command. We may find that the beach also reflects the Creator's invitation to contemplation. It strips away distractions and leaves us with the essentials: God, creation, and our own soul. Standing before the ocean, we cannot help but feel small yet deeply loved by the One who created both the sea and each and every one of us.

Perhaps that is why our heart is moved there. The beach is not God, but it is one of His most beautiful masterpieces. It whispers what words often cannot: "**The One who made all this also knows you, loves you, and calls you by name.**"

May every walk along the shore become a prayer, every wave a reminder of His mercy, and every sunrise over the water a quiet invitation to trust the God whose fingerprints are on all of creation.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"God is an artist, and the universe is His work of art."
Saint Thomas Aquinas*



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I publish the second Banns of Marriage between Christophe Chedid and Bianca Carreiro. If any of you know cause or just impediment why these two people should not be joined in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Join our Social Committee!

Dear parishioners,

We are looking for people who would like to share their time, ideas, and talents by joining our Church Social Committee. This is a wonderful opportunity to help bring our parish family together through fellowship, activities, and special events.

If you are interested in being part of this ministry or would simply like to learn more, please contact Abouna Jean Mattar at: **774-217-9232** or by Email at: aboonaJean@gmail.com

We would love to have you join us.
God bless you all.

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

SPONSORSHIPS FOR FESTIVAL

Dear Parishioners and Friends of OLOP: The time is here to prepare for our 70th Annual Lebanese Festival. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and one that I look forward to with excitement as we welcome parishioners, neighbors, supporters from our sister churches, and many from the surrounding areas of New England. It is a time where we can show our impeccable hospitality, delicious food and desserts, and music and dancing to all. Sponsorships are the key to a successful festival, and I am asking for your help in this regard. I hope you will consider becoming a sponsor for our festival. I am also asking your help to ask businesses, family, and friends to become a sponsor as well.

As you may know, it takes a lot of work as well as resources to put on this three-day festival. Through sponsorships, we hope to cover the cost of our expenses so that we may yield more of a profit for the church that will help us sustain expenses throughout the year, help with the loans, and to build our parish so that we can financially sustain ourselves throughout the year.

Forms are available at all church exits. Please consider becoming a sponsor and asking businesses and friends to join us as well. I thank you for your support, assistance, and love for our parish. God bless you.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Tent and Rental Expense: \$13,057.00
Entertainment: \$ 4,650.00
Police Detail: \$ 2,138.00
Printing and Advertising: \$ 1,318.00
Food Expense Meats/Staples: \$ 4,562.00
Supplies Plates/Plasticware/etc: \$ 1,801.00
Overnight Security: \$ 774.00

Please consider becoming a sponsor and asking businesses and friends to join us as well. I thank you for your support, assistance, and love for our parish. God bless you.

FESTIVAL MEETING

We will have our final Volunteer Festival Meeting on **Tuesday, September 1, at 6:30**, in the church hall. I am asking all volunteers to please attend this meeting for final details and distribution of menus. I thank you in advance for your help and dedication to this major fundraising event.

FESTIVAL BASKET RAFFLE DONATIONS

Once again, we will be having our Basket Raffle at the festival this year. This has been a great success for us and every year, because of you, our basket selection increases. If you can donate any theme baskets this year, please let Smitty Cabral or Lorraine David know. If you are unable to make one but would like to donate to have one made, we can do this as well. Once again, thank you for your generosity.

NEED LIST FOR FESTIVAL BAR

14 cases of water
8 cases of Coke
5 cases Coke Zero
4 cases Sprite
3 cases Sprite Zero
3 cases Orange Soda
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SAVE THE DATES FESTIVAL PREP DAYS

Friday, August 21,
Grape leave day
starting @ 10:30 AM.
Thursday, September 3
Maamoul day
Starting @ 10:30 AM

The 70th Annual Our Lady of Purgatory Church Mahrajan
September 11 - 13, 2026



Be Part of One of the Fastest Growing Food and Culture Festivals on the SouthCoast by Being One of Our Event Sponsors.

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 15, 4:30 PM, (Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Cathy Lemieux requested by Annemarie Espindola. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, August 16, 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Roch). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of George and Mary Thomas (Takla) and Joseph Peter requested by Family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Tuesday, August 18, 9:00 AM, (Feast of the Letter of King Abgar to Christ). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Alphonso and Mabel Gabello (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

From 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration.

Wednesday, August 19, 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Luke of Baalbek).

Thursday, August 20, 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Bernard, Doctor of the Church).

Saturday, August 22, 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Symphorian). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Rachel David and the deceased members of their family requested by Joann, Anthony and Lorraine David. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, August 23, 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Isaac of Nineveh).

IN OUR PRAYERS

Denise Denault, Theresa Saab, Reggie Thomas, Beverly Landreth, Michael Morad, David Matos, Gayla Matos, Genevieve Tayeh, Nayeli Nassif, Maria Baptista, 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, Mariam David, Zita Drouin, Lucienne Rodrigues and Edmond Salameh. If anyone is missing, please contact the office.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a special intention by Hiba Chdid. 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.

WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of August is offered for Charbel Baroody requested by Philip and Jano Baroody.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

LECTORS FOR AUGUST, 2026

Friday, August 14,
The Assumption of the Virgin Mary
Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

Saturday, August 15,
Eric Tavares
Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola

Sunday, August 16,
Cayla Barbour / Jano Baroody

Saturday, August 22,
Smitty Cabral
Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, August 23,
Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

Saturday, August 29,
Annemarie Espindola
Intercessions: Mae Dickinson

Sunday, August 30,
Rana Choubah / Halim Choubah
(If you are unable to read on your given day, please contact Mae Dickinson).

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Sunday Collection	\$ 1,430.00
Festival Sponsorship	\$ 1,400.00
Festival Raffle Tickets	\$ 200.00
Memorial Donations	\$ 100.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 24.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 3,164.00

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.

Our Lady Of Purgatory Church

70th Lebanese Festival

Food . Bar . Live Music . Raffles . Dancing . Hookah . Desserts .

Friday, September 11, 2026	Saturday, September 12, 2026	Sunday, September 13, 2026
5:00PM - 8:00PM	12:00PM - 11:00PM	12:00PM - 5:00PM

Live Entertainment
With Bashir El-Khoury Band



Mitchell Kattounas
(Friday)



Ahmad Alkaisy
(Saturday)



Wood Dr. Band
(Saturday afternoon)





Money Raffle Prizes
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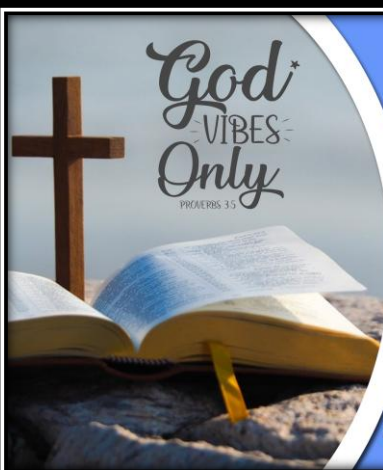
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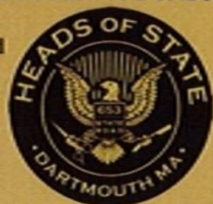
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