

Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church

November 14- 15, 2026

SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD

ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE VIRGIN MARY



The Annunciation is one of the most beautiful and meaningful moments in the history of our salvation. The Angel Gabriel comes to Mary with a message that will change her life and the life of the entire world: she has been chosen to become the mother of Jesus, the Son of God.

Imagine what Mary must have felt. She was young, had her own plans, dreams, and expectations for her future. Yet God presented her with something she could never have imagined. She did not fully understand how everything would happen, and she certainly could not see what the future held. She asked, *"How can this be?"* But after listening and trusting in God's promise, Mary responded with words that changed the world: **"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."**

Mary teaches us that faith does not mean having all the answers. Faith means trusting God even when we cannot see the entire road ahead. **How does Mary's YES relate to our daily lives?**

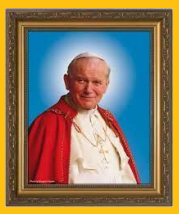
We may never receive a visit from an angel, but God speaks to us every day through the people we meet, the responsibilities we carry, the opportunities before us, and even the challenges we wish we could avoid.

- **When someone needs our forgiveness**, God may be asking us to say yes to reconciliation.
- **When a family member needs our attention**, God may be asking us to put love before our busy schedules.
- **When we are asked to help someone in need**, God may be asking us to become His hands and feet.
- **When life brings uncertainty or suffering**, God may be asking us to trust Him rather than surrender to fear.
- **When we feel called to return to prayer or to church**, God may be inviting us to open our hearts again.

Mary's YES was not a one-time response. It was the beginning of a lifetime of faith, trust, sacrifice, and love. Her YES continued at Bethlehem, in the years of Jesus' ministry, and even at the foot of the Cross. Perhaps the most important question for each of us is not simply, *"Do I believe in God?"* but rather, **"Am I willing to say YES to God in my daily life?"**

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in all things. From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary we learn to love Christ her Son and the Son of God!".
Saint Jean Paul II



God does not always ask us to do extraordinary things. Sometimes He simply asks us to do ordinary things with extraordinary love.

A final thought: Mary said YES without knowing everything that awaited her. Perhaps today, God is waiting for our YES, too. We do not need to know where the road will lead; we only need to trust the One who walks with us. *Mary, Mother of God, teach us to listen with an open heart, trust without fear, and respond to God's call with the same words you offered: "May it be done to me according to your word."*

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

The following dates are for First Communion Classes to be held at the Convent:

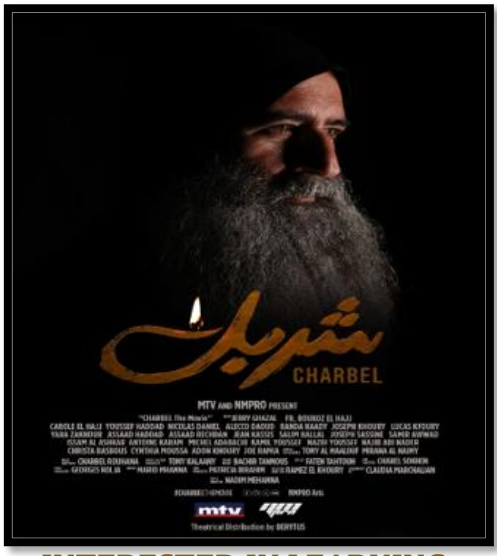
December 15, January 12,
First Penance: February 6.

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Office Email: officeolop@gmail.com
OFFICE HOURS: The Church office will be open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

SAINT CHARBEL THE MOVIE

The date is set for the long awaited movie, Saint Charbel. OLOP will have its showing on Saturday, December 5, 2026, at 7:00 PM, in the church hall. This beautiful story of our beloved saint is in Arabic with English subtitles so that everyone will be able to enjoy it.

Tickets are $25.00 per person and will go on sale November 23. You may call or email the office at 508-996-8934 or officeolop@gmail.com



INTERESTED IN LEARNING LEBANESE CONVERSATIONAL ARABIC?

We are considering offering informal Lebanese Conversational Arabic classes for parishioners who would like to learn how to speak and understand some of the beautiful language of our Maronite heritage. The classes would focus on everyday conversation and practical expressions such as greetings, family, food, church, travel, and common phrases you can use in daily life. No previous knowledge of Arabic is necessary!

Whether you are Lebanese, married into a Lebanese family, have Lebanese roots, or simply want to learn more about our language and culture, everyone is welcome. If you are interested, please contact the parish office or speak with Father Jean so we can determine interest and plan a convenient day and time. Come learn the language and connect more deeply with our Lebanese heritage!

UPCOMING MARONITE HERITAGE MEETINGS

Saint Anthony of the Desert, Fall River
Saturday, December 5,
from 3-7PM

CONGRATULATIONS

Congrautlations to Luke and Monica Mattar on the arrival of their baby girl Kira Iris Mattar, who was born November 16, 2026. We also congratulate Jido and Teta, Fr. Jean and Martha Mattar and the entire family. May Almighty God cradle Kira in His loving arms and protect her always. Mabrook!

ANGEL PROGRAM

Will you consider being an Angel for our Children's Christmas Pageant? The proceeds of the Angel Program will benefit the children's pageant, and the other half will be sent to **Caritas Lebanon and Tele Lumiere**. Please fill out a form that is located at the entrances of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

OLOP DINING BOOKS ON SALE

They're back and better than ever. The **2027 OLOP Dining Books** are here and include tickets for:

Saturday, January 23, 2027,
Ham & Bean Supper,
Friday, February 12, 2027,
Fish Fry,
Friday, February 26, 2027,
Fish Fry,
Friday, March 12, 2027,
Fish Fry,
Saturday, April 17, 2027,
Taste of Italy,
and a $7 Gift
Certificate to the March 20-21, 2027,
Palm Sunday Bake Sale.

It's a **$110.00** value for sale for **only $95.00** – for a limited time. Please see Fr. Vince, Fr. Jean, Hiba or Matt Thomas for more information. You can also call the **OLOP Office at (508) 996-8934.**



LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 21, 4:30 PM, (Feast of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Octavia David requested by the Family (1 year Anniversary). May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, November 22, 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of Our Lady, the Virgin Mary). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Amal Assaf (40-Day Mass). requested by Family May her soul rest in peace.

Tuesday, November 24, 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Catherine of Alexandria). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Michael Kain requested by Ida Farhat. May his soul rest in peace.

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

Wednesday, November 25, 9:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Pope Saint Clement I).

Thursday, November 26, 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Peter, Patriarch of Alexandria). No Liturgy.

Saturday, November 28, 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Stephen the Younger). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of John J. David requested by the Family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph M. Thomas requested by Family. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, November 29, 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saints Saturninus and Sisinius). 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 Milad Chedid requested by Family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Mark Thomas requested by Family. May his soul rest in peace.

WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of November is offered for John, Malvena and Joseph David requested by Joann, Anthony and Lorraine David. May their souls rest in peace.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

THE SANCTUARY CANDLES BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for special intention by Norma 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.

This week the sanctuary candle burns for special intention by 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 NOVEMBER, 2026

Saturday, November 21,
Mae Dickinson
Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola
Sunday, November 22,
Chritine ElKhoury / Jano Baroody
Saturday, November 28,
Smitty Cabral
Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola
Sunday, November 29,
John Barbour / Hiba Chdid

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

IN OUR PRAYERS

Norma Barbour, 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, Michael Bruce, Beverly Parlapiano, Debbie Freedenberg, Efrangieh Daou, Sharon Conti, David Techlin, Peter Helmer, Renee Helmer, Jacob Rego, 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.

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14-15, 2026

Sunday Collection	**$**	**964.00**
Angel Program	**$**	**200.00**
Bazaar Raffle Tickets	**$**	**60.00**
Bazaar Donations	**$**	**1,000.00**
Total	**$**	**2,224.00**

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.

Maronite Servants of Christ the Light

With gratitude to God for His abundant blessings,
Mother Marla Marie & the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light
cordially invite you to join us in celebrating the

Perpetual Profession of Vows of

Sister Emily Mary Lattouf

The Profession will take place within the
Divine Liturgy Celebrated by

His Excellency, Bishop Gregory J. Mansour
Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron

Monday, December 7, 2026
the Vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception
7:00 PM
Our Lady of Purgatory Church
4254 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA

Reception will follow in the Hall

Please keep Sister Emily Mary in your prayers as she prepares for this commitment.

RSVP by November 27th
to Mother Marla Marie via email or telephone
Email: sister@maroniteservant.org -or- Telephone: 508-996-1753

To make a gift in honor of Sr. Emily Mary, go to maroniteservants.org or mail to:
Maronite Servants, 856 Tucker Rd, Dartmouth, MA 02747

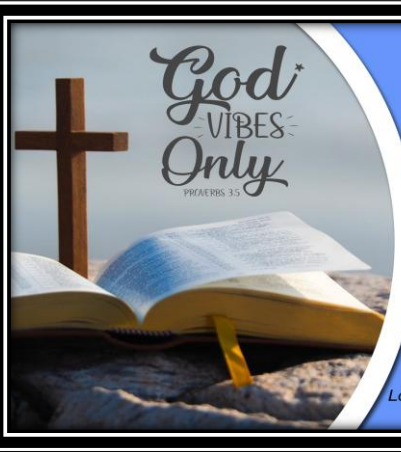
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