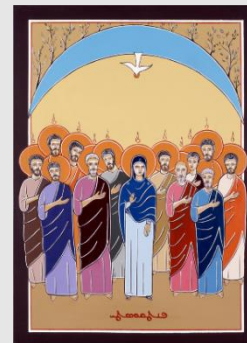




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WEEKLY BULLETIN – 08/18/2024

Season of the Glorious Pentecost

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MYA

Coordinators: Nahi Rai, Roger Jebara, Frankie Piacentini

Men's Club

The election for the roles of president, vice president and treasurer is currently ongoing.

14th Sunday of Pentecost

Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a significant feast in both Catholic and Orthodox traditions, although it is understood and celebrated with some variations.

In Catholicism, the Assumption is defined as the dogma that Mary, the Mother of God, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory at the end of her earthly life. This belief was dogmatically defined by Pope Pius XII in 1950 through the apostolic constitution [MUNIFICENTISSIMUS DEUS](#).



The Church teaches that this event reflects Mary's unique role in salvation history as the Theotokos and her immaculate nature, being free from original sin. The Assumption is celebrated on August 15th and is considered one of the most important Marian feasts, highlighting Mary's exalted place in Heaven as Queen.

In the Orthodox Church, the feast is known as the Dormition of the Theotokos. While the Orthodox tradition also holds that Mary was taken up into Heaven, the emphasis is slightly different. The Dormition, meaning "falling asleep," focuses more on Mary's death and her peaceful passing from this life. According to Orthodox tradition, the apostles were miraculously brought together to witness her death, and three days later, when Thomas arrived late and wished to see her body, her tomb was found empty, confirming her assumption. The Dormition is a major feast, also celebrated on August 15th, and it underscores the Orthodox belief in the holiness and eternal life granted to the Theotokos, as well as the hope of resurrection for all believers.

Both traditions, while differing in theological emphasis, share a deep reverence for Mary and celebrate her entrance into eternal life as a sign of hope and victory over death for all Christians.

SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading – Romans 12:9-15

Gospel Reading – Luke 1:46-55

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Cancer Patients: Lord, may Your healing light surround all cancer patients, granting them strength, comfort and the peace of your presence.

BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday at 7PM

In Person:
Church Hall

Via Zoom:
Link provided by
email

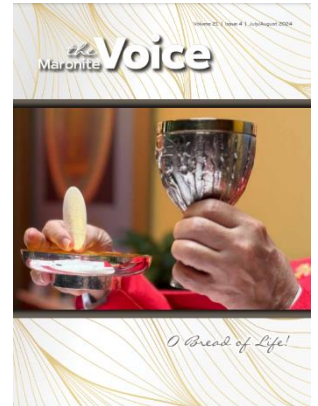


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Maronite Voice (Volume 21,
Issue 4, July/Aug 2024)
is now available online at:

<https://www.maronitevoice.org/blog/2024/08/10/2024-iv>

pages 27 & 30



DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, August 17, @ 4:00PM, liturgy is offered for a special intention.

Sunday, August 18, @ 11:00AM liturgy is offered for the repose of soul of Jason Ballan. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy Celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Gregory Mansour.

Saturday, August 24, @ 4:00PM, liturgy is offered for a special intention.

Sunday, August 25, @ 11:00AM liturgy is offered for the repose of soul of Suleiman and Nahi Rai requested by Philip and Vivian Rai. May their souls rest in peace.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

August 10-11, 2024

Collection	\$ 1,754.00
Assumption	\$ 140.00
Online	\$ <u>300.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,194.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 24.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 0.00
Assessment	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 0.00
Fuel	\$ 0.00

Block Party

Fall 2024

Dear Parishioners and Friends,
I am pleased to inform you that we have applied for the Block Party Permit for the end of summer.

Let us continue to pray and prepare, trusting in God's guidance, as we anticipate a blessed and joyful gathering that strengthens our community bonds.

Fr. Andrewos



Bishop's Desk

JUBILEE YEAR
"Pilgrims Of Hope"
Dec 24, 2024 - Dec 28, 2025

Bishop's Letter

Decree on the
Plenary Indulgence
during Jubilee year

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers

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MYO Corner

2024 Eparchial MYO Retreat

Regions: New England, Mid-Atlantic East, Mid-Atlantic West

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



Time

Retreat Check-In: Friday, October 25 at 4pm
Retreat Check-Out: Sunday, October 27 at 3pm

Location

America's Keswick Christian Retreat Ctr,
601 County Rd 530, Whiting, NJ 08759

To register click on the following link:

<https://www.myoeparchystmaron.org/event-details/2024-eparchial-my-o-retreat/form>

Registration closes on:

September 30, 2024 @ 11:59 PM



MID-ATLANTIC	25-27 OCT 2024	EPARCHIAL NORTH RETREAT America's Keswick Whiting, NJ
	5 APR 2025	LENTEN DAY RETREAT (TBD)
	23-28 JUN 2025	NATIONAL MYO CONFERENCE (TBD)
	11-13 OCT 2025	EPARCHIAL NORTH RETREAT Marist Brothers Center Esopus, NY

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**September 27th-29th
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If you have any questions, reach out to
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Please drop off donations by August 26th.
Location: 3rd Police District - 11th & Wharton Street
Question: P/O "ACE" Delgado: 215-686-3033

*First Responders
Appreciation Day*



Monday, September 30, 2024

11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

11:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

12:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Appreciation Buffet

Join us as we honor and celebrate the bravery and dedication of our first responders!

For information contact P/O Juan Ace Delgado

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September 2024 At a glance

SAT - Aug 31		16th Sunday of Pentecost
SUN - Sept 1		
MON - Sep 2	Labor Day	
SAT - Sep 7		Exaltation of the Holy Cross
SUN - Sep 8	Religious Education Parents' Meeting	
MON - Sep 9		Block Party Preps
TUE - Sep 10		
WED - Sep 11		
THU - Sep 12	5:00 PM - Kafta preps	
FRI - Sep 13	4:00 PM - Grape leaves	
SAT - Sep 14		1st Sunday after Holy Cross
SUN - Sep 15	Religious Education Classes Start	
MON - Sep 16	2:00 PM Maamoul and Cookies	Block Party Preps
TUE - Sep 17		
WED - Sep 18	6:00 PM Shawarma	
THU - Sep 19	6:00 PM Beef and Chicken	
FRI - Sep 20	3:00 PM preps (babaghanouj, garlic, tahini,...)	
SAT - Sep 21	Block Party Check Rain Day	2nd Sunday after Holy Cross
SUN - Sep 22		
SAT - Sep 28	MYO Game Night (Console / Board Games)	3rd Sunday after Holy Cross
SUN - Sep 29	Saint Michael's feast day: Volunteers Appreciation Lunch	
MON - Sep 30	1st Responders Appreciation Day	

Feast: Sunday, September 8, 2024: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, September 8, 2024: Celebration of the Exaltation of The Holy Cross

2ND Collection: September 8, 2024 - Catholic University of America and Maronite Seminary

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Saturday **08/31** 5 PM - 2AM
Sunday **09/01** 12 PM - 12AM
SOFT OPENING AT 3PM

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August 25, 2024
12:00 PM to 8:00 PM

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Lebanese Mahrajan Food Festival

St. Anthony of the Desert Church, 300 N. Eastern Avenue, Fall River, MA

Fri, Aug 9th ~ 5pm to 10pm
Sat, Aug 10th ~ Noon to 11pm
Sun, Aug 11th ~ 11am to 5pm



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Sun. 11am-12noon
4pm-5pm



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Phone: 308-678-7653



Our Lady Of Purgatory Church



Lebanese Festival

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Friday, September 13, 2024
5:00PM - 11:00PM

Saturday, September 14, 2024
12:00PM - 11:00PM

Live Entertainment



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Drawing
Saturday, September 14, 2024
10:30PM

4254 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford, MA 02745

First Reading

Romans 12:9-15

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة

يا إخوتي، لَتَكُنْ مَحَبَّتُكُمْ بِلا رِياء: تَجَنَّبُوا الشَّرَّ، ولازِمُوا الحَيْرَ. أَحِبُّوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا مَحَبَّةً أَحْوِيَّةً، وبَادِرُوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا بِالإِكْرَامِ. كُونُوا فِي الأَجْتِهَادِ غَيْرَ مُتَكَاسِلِينَ، وبالرُّوحِ حَارِّينَ، ولِلرَّبِّ عَابِدِينَ، وبالرَّجَاءِ فَرِحِينَ، وفي الصِّيقِ ثَابِتِينَ، وعلى الصَّلَاةِ مُواظِبِينَ، وفي حَاجَاتِ القَدِيسِينَ مُشارِكِينَ، وإلى ضِيافَةِ الغُرَبَاءِ سَاعِينَ. بَارِكُوا الَّذِينَ يَضْطَهُدُونَكُمْ، بَارِكُوا ولا تَلْعَنُوا. إِفْرَحُوا مَعَ الفَرِحِينَ، وَأَبْكُوا مَعَ الباكِينَ. والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 1:46-55

The Apostle Writes:

Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إنجيل القديس لوقا

قالت مريم: "تُعْظِمُ نَفْسِي الرَّبَّ، وتَبْتَهِجُ رُوحِي بِاللهِ مُخْلِصِي، لِأَنَّهُ نَظَرَ إِلَيَّ تَوَاضِعِ أُمَّتِي. فَهَذَا مُنْذُ الآنَ تُطَوِّبُنِي جَمِيعُ الأَجْيَالِ، لِأَنَّ القَدِيرَ صَنَعَ بِي عَظَائِمَ، وَأَسْمُهُ قُدُّوسٌ، وَرَحْمَتُهُ إِلَى أَجْيَالٍ وَأَجْيَالٍ لِلَّذِينَ يَنْقُونَهُ. صَنَعَ عِزًّا بِسَاعِدِهِ، وَشَتَّتِ المُتَكَبِّرِينَ بِأفكارِ قُلُوبِهِمْ. أَنْزَلَ المُقْتَدِرِينَ عَنِ العُرُوشِ، وَرَفَعَ المُتَوَاضِعِينَ. أَشْبَعَ الجِياعَ خَيْرَاتٍ، وَصَرَفَ الأَغْنِياءَ فارغين. عَضَدَ إِسْرَائِيلَ فَتَاهُ ذَاكِرًا رَحْمَتَهُ، لِإِبْرَاهِيمَ وَنَسْلِهِ إِلَى الأَبَدِ، كَمَا كَلَّمَ آبَاءَنَا".
حقًا والأمان لجميعكم.

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for all your hard work and dedication throughout the year.
Your tireless efforts and selfless contributions
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VOLUNTEERS

Appreciation Lunch

Sunday, September 29, 2024

TOWN HALL MEETING

Sunday, October 20, 2024

Following Divine Liturgy

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