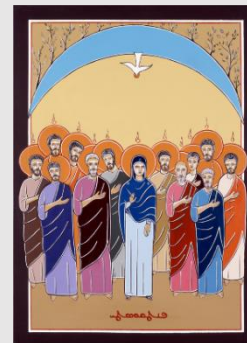




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WEEKLY BULLETIN – 09/01/2024

Season of the Glorious Pentecost

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY – FRIDAY 10:30AM - 4:00PM

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Claudine ElHajal

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Advisors: Anne Tayoun, Jocelyne Habib, Fadia Salloum, Maha Labbad

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.

16th Sunday of Pentecost



HAPPY

LABOR

DAY



Monday, September 2, 2024

Heavenly Father, on this Labor Day, we lift up in prayer all who work to support their families, communities and the common good. Bless their efforts, protect their dignity and grant them the strength to persevere in their tasks. May they find fulfillment in their work and rest in Your peace. Guide employers to be just and compassionate, and inspire all of us to work together in unity and mutual respect. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading – Romans 8:18-27

Gospel Reading – Luke 18:9-14

SANCTUARY CANDLE

In remembrance of those who tragically lost their lives to suicide. We pray for their souls trusting in God's boundless mercy and love.

BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday at 7PM

In Person:
Church Hall

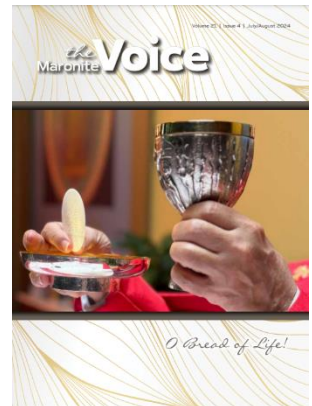
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pages 27 & 30



DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, August 31, @ 4:00PM, liturgy is offered for the healing and strength of all cancer patients, asking for God's grace and mercy to be with them in their journey.

Sunday, September 1, @ 11:00AM liturgy is offered for the repose of soul of Alice Abi Salloum. Offered by Rony and Rana Matar. May her soul rest in peace.

Saturday, September 7, @ 4:00PM, In Memory of Father Joseph Abi Saad. May His Soul Rest in Peace.

Sunday, September 8, @ 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 24-25, 2024

Collection	\$ 625.00
Online	\$ 00.00
Total	\$ 625.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 24.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 0.00
Assessment	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 0.00
Fuel	\$ 10.00
Donation	\$ 300.00

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



From the 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

Jay O'Donnell, Allison Auld, Carmen Sansweet, Mary Louise Scotti, Janet Labar, Krystal Valianti, Anne Mgrdichian, Carol Bevelhmyer, Mary V. (Nelson) Scotti, Mike Devinney, Debbie Freedenberg, Allan Emilio Domingez, Rev. Subdeacon Dr. Mallard T. George, Landon Reid, Tamara Lewis, Michael Thomas, Mary McKinney, Jessica McKinney, Angela McKinney, Skyla Simon, Peter Labaki, Nancy Murphy, Marentha Young-Heart, Allison Tretina, Stephanie Devinney, Angela Scorza Anderson, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Linda Yeckes, Frankie Olivieri, Marie Eddis, Mia Andrilla, Ashley Iaconelli, Elissar Ayoub, Joanne Simon-Turing, Suzanne Haney, Linda DiBernardo, Joan Speck, Dennis Strelchuk, Gladys Dalcourt, Denise Furey, Mirta Ruiz, Rita Impo, Jade Kellam, Marion Thomas Branca, Francesca Impo, Lucy DiLuce, Laurent Chidiac, Tom Hart, John Hart, Fadi Jaber, Joseph Realdine, Lisa Alestra, John Nader, Joey Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns, Samer Chokeir, Kathy Newman, Rita Arrigale, Maryann Bratton, Renee Sahar, Sister Nahida Al-Sawa, James Cordisio, Stacey Fuentes, Noel Andjuhar, and Angel Salerno.

MYO Corner

2024 Eparchial MYO Retreat

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

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

2024 EPARCHIAL MYO RETREAT



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

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!

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WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

Victim/Witness
Services of South
Philadelphia (VWSSP)

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	Block Party Preps
MON – Sep 9		
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	Block Party Preps
MON – Sep 16	2:00 PM Maamoul and Cookies	
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		3rd Sunday after Holy Cross
SAT – Sep 28	MYO Game Night (Console / Board Games)	
SUN – Sep 29	Saint Michael's feast day: Volunteers Appreciation Lunch	
MON – Sep 30	1st Responders Appreciation Day	
<p style="text-align: center; color: red; margin: 0;">Feast: Sunday, September 8, 2024: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red; margin: 0;">Sunday, September 8, 2024: Celebration of the Exaltation of The Holy Cross</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red; margin: 0;">2ND Collection: September 8, 2024 – Catholic University of America and Maronite Seminary</p>		

October 2024 At a glance

SAT – Oct 5	Block Party Rain Day		4th Sunday after Holy Cross
SUN – Oct 6	Holy Rosary Sunday		
SAT – Oct 12	MYO Social Night		5th Sunday after Holy Cross
SUN – Oct 13	Tele Lumiere & Caritas Coffee Hour 2nd Sunday of October: Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday		
MON – Oct 14	Columbus Day		
SAT – Oct 19	MYA Movie Night		6th Sunday after Holy Cross
SUN – Oct 20	Saint Jude Novena	Town Hall Meeting	
MON – Oct 21	Saint Jude Novena		
TUE – Oct 22	Saint Jude Novena		
WED – Oct 23	Saint Jude Novena		
THU – Oct 24	Saint Jude Novena		
FRI – Oct 25	Saint Jude Novena	MYO EPARCHIAL RETREAT	Sunday of Christ the King
SAT – Oct 26	Saint Jude Novena		
SUN – Oct 27	Saint Jude Novena		
MON – Oct 28	Saint Jude Novena	PASTA NIGHT	
<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Saint Jude Novena: October 20 -28, 2024 October 28: Saint Jude Pasta Night Saturday Liturgies at 4:00 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">MYO EPARCHIAL RETREAT: Friday, October 25 – Sunday, October 27, 2024</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red; margin: 0;">2ND Collection: October 20, 2024 – World Mission Sunday</p>			

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Friday, Sept 6th, 4 PM-11 PM
Saturday, Sept 7th, 12 PM-11 PM
Sunday, Sept 8th, 1 PM-9 PM

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St. Nicholas Of Tolentine
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Sunday, October 6, 2024



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52TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL

LEBANESE MAHRAJAN

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Friday **08/30** 6 PM - 1AM
Saturday **08/31** 5 PM - 2AM
Sunday **09/01** 12 PM - 12AM
SOFT OPENING AT 3PM



All are invited to come and join us
Festivities will go on come rain or shine!
Under the tents or in the open air!

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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10pm-11pm
Sun. 11am-12noon
4pm-5pm



THROWBACK
Sat. 1pm-3pm

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Beverages

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Facebook: St Anthony of the Desert Maronite Catholic Church
Website: <https://saotd-fi.org/>
Phone: 308-678-7653



Our Lady Of Purgatory Church



Lebanese Festival

Food . Bar . Live Music . Saj . Raffles . Dancing .

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

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

Live Entertainment



George
Maalouf & Band



George & Kaltsunas
Dib
With Bashir El- Khoury Band



Money Raffles Prizes
\$1,000 - \$500 - \$200
Drawing
Saturday, September 14, 2024
10:30PM

4254 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford, MA 02745

First Reading

Romans 8:18-27

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope, we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Praise be to God always.

Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 18:9-14

The Apostle Writes:

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

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VOLUNTEERS
Appreciation Lunch

Sunday, September 29, 2024

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا

إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا ١٤-٩ : ١٨

قال الربُّ يَسوعُ هَذَا المَثَلُ لِأَناسٍ يَتَثَوْنَ فِي أَنفُسِهِم أَنَّهُمْ أَبْرَارٌ، وَيَحْتَقِرُونَ الأَخْرينَ: «رَجُلانِ صَعِدَا إِلَى الهَيْكَلِ لِیُصَلِّیا، أَحَدُهُما فَرِيسِيٌّ والأَخرُ عَشَّارٌ. فَوَقَفَ الفَرِيسِيُّ يُصَلِّي فِي نَفْسِهِ وَيَقُولُ: اأَللَّهُمَّ، أَشْكُرُكَ لِأَنِّي لَسْتُ كَباقِي النَاسِ الطَّماعِينَ الظَّالِمِينَ الرِّثاءةَ، وَلا كَهذا العَشَّارِ. إِنِّي أَصومُ مَرَّتَيْنِ فِي الأُسبوعِ، وَأُؤدِّي العَشَرَ عَن كُلِّ ما أَقْتَنِي. أما العَشَّارُ فَوَقَفَ بَعِيدًا وَهُوَ لا يُريدُ حَتَّى أَنْ يَرْفَعَ عَيْنَيْهِ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ، بَلْ كانَ يَقْرَعُ صَدْرَهُ قَائِلًا: اأَللَّهُمَّ، إِصْفَحْ عَنِّي أَنَا الخاطيءُ! أَقولُ لَكُمْ إِنَّ هَذَا نَزَلَ إِلى بَيْتِهِ مُبَرَّرًا، أما ذاكَ فَلَا! لِأَنَّ كُلَّ مَنْ يَرْفَعُ نَفْسَهُ يُواضِعُ، وَمَنْ يُواضِعُ نَفْسَهُ يَرْفَعُ . حَقًّا والأَمَانُ لِجميعكم.

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة ٢٧-١٨ : ٨
يا إِخوتي : إِنِّي أَحسَبُ أَنَّ آمَمِ الوَقْتِ الحاضِرِ لا تُوازي المَجْدَ الَّذي سَوفَ يَتَجَلَّى فينا. فَإِنَّ الخَلِيقَةَ تَنْتَظِرُ بِفارِغِ الصَّبْرِ تَجَلِّي أَبناءِ الله؛ لِأَنَّ الخَلِيقَةَ أُخضِعَتْ لِلباطِلِ، لا طَوْعًا، بَلْ «بِسلطانِ الله الَّذي أُخضِعَها»، وَلَكِنْ عَلى رِجاءِ أَنَّ الخَلِيقَةَ نَفْسَها سَتَحَرِّرُ هِيَ أَيضًا مِنْ عُبُودِيَّةِ الفَسادِ إِلى حُرِّيَّةِ مَجْدِ أَولادِ الله. وَنَحْنُ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّ الخَلِيقَةَ كُلَّها مَعًا تَتَنُّ وَتَتَمَخَّضُ إِلى الآنِ. وَلَكِنْ لا هِيَ فَحَسَبِ، بَلْ نَحْنُ أَيضًا الَّذينَ لَنا باكَورَةُ الرُّوحِ، نَحْنُ أَيضًا نَتَنُّ فِي أَنفُسِنا، مُنْتَظِرِينَ التَّبَيُّ أَي فِداءِ جَسَدِنا. فَإِنَّنا بِالرِجاءِ حُلِصَنا. والرِّجاءُ الَّذي يُرى لَيسَ رِجاءً. فَهَلْ يَرِجُو أَحَدٌ ما يَراه؟ أما إِذا كُنَّا نَرِجُو ما لا نَراه، فَبالصَّبْرِ نَنْتَظِرُهُ. وَهَكَذا فَالرُّوحُ نَفْسَهُ يَعْضُدُنا فِي ضَعْفِنا، لِأَنَّنا لا نَعْرِفُ أَنَّ نُصَلِّي كَما يَنْبَغِي، لَكِنَّ الرُّوحَ نَفْسَهُ يَشْفَعُ لَنا بِأَنااتِ لا تُوصَفُ. وَالَّذي يَفحصُ القُلُوبَ يَعْرِفُ رَغَبَةَ الرُّوحِ، وَهِيَ أَنَّهُ يَشْفَعُ لِلقَدِيسينَ بِما يُوافِقُ مَشِئَةَ الله.

TOWN HALL MEETING

Sunday, October 20, 2024

Following Divine Liturgy

Church Hall

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