### OUR LADY OF MERCY MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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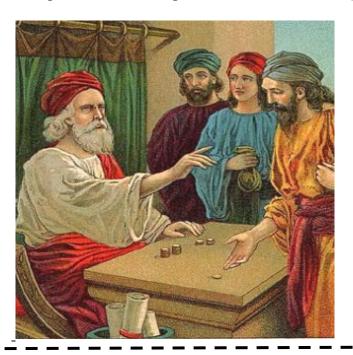
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#### Sixth Sunday after the Holy Cross October 26th, 2025



#### **Reconciliation (Confessions)**

Saturday –2:30pm to 3:30pm Sunday – 8:30am to 9:30am & By appointment

#### **First Saturday Devotion**

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday
2:00pm – Eucharistic Exposition
3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:10pm Holy Rosary
4:00 pm Divine Liturgy

#### **Divine Liturgy/Mass Schedule**

Monday through Friday 9am in the Chapel.

Saturday – 4pm/Sunday – 10am

#### **Baptism and Chrismation**

Contact the priest at least three (3) months prior to the requested date.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Thursdays -9:30am- 10:30am Fridays - 9:30am- 10:30am Saturdays – 2pm to 3:45pm

#### Matrimony /Crowning

Contact the priest at least one (1) year prior to requested date.

If you are new to the parish, please know that you are dearly loved and welcomed to be a member of our community of faith. To ensure receiving communication from the parish as a parishioner, please see the priest or one of the ushers.

"YOU ARE PRECIOUS AND HONORED IN MY SIGHT AND I LOVE YOU" ISAIAH 43:4

#### Divine Liturgy Intentions- Sixth Sunday after the Holy Cross October 26th, 2025

Saturday October 25th @ 4:00 PM- NO DIVINE LITURGY

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Holy Cross October 26<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM – For the intentions of George & Marie Daou and Family.

Rom 12:9-21; Matthew 25:31-46

Monday October 27th @ 9:00 AM - NO DIVINE LITURGY

Tuesday October 28th @ 9:00 AM - For the intentions of Tony Derjeni

Wednesday October 29th @ 9:00 AM - For the intentions of Jeanine ElMelki

Thursday October 30th @ 9:00 AM- For the intentions of Berite Boujaoude ElHashem

Friday October 31st @ 9:00 AM - For the intentions of Ziad El Nemer

Saturday November 1st @ 4:00 PM- For the intentions of Simon, Eliane Daou and Family

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Holy Cross November 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:00 AM – For the intentions of Joe, Sharon Daou, and Family

#### Stewardship of God's Blessings for the Week of 10/13/2025-10/19/2025

Saturday/Sunday 10/12/25 collection - \$975.00; **Online Giving** - \$213.11; **Total** - \$1188.11 **Religious Education:** \$175.00.

#### **Festival Budget Update**

Festival Expenses - \$16 926.11

Festival Gross Income - \$61467.60

Festival Net Profit – \$ 44541.49

Thank you for all your help and support to make the festival successful. May God bless your generosity to Our Lady of Mercy and reward you abundantly.

To make a tax-deductible online offering especially when you are not here, please go to our Church's website and scroll down to donate.

"Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others, knowing that you will receive from the Lord the due payment of the inheritance" (Colossians 3:23-24) and remember that "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will.

Check flyers for upcoming events- All Saints Day Party, Our Annual Hafle, Ladies Candlelight Event, etc..

#### Gifts of the Heart for the Month of October

Altar Candles in the church - In memory of Louis Iovieno offered by Louise Iovieno & Family. Altar Bread and Wine, Sanctuary Lamp and Adoration candles in the Church, Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamp, Altar Bread and Wine in the chapel – For the intentions of all the sick people

The Office of Vocations of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon and the Eparchy of Saint Maron will be holding a discernment weekend from Friday October 31st to Sunday November 2nd at the Maronite Seminary, in Washington DC. If you know of anyone discerning a vocation to priesthood, or would like to know more, please let him fill out the form found in this following link:

https://forms.gle/vS767wXLcavCcsDH9

They will be able to experience a weekend in the life of a seminarian by joining us for Liturgy, Adoration, meals, prayers and hanging out. This weekend is a great opportunity for them to come and see what a weekend in the life of a seminarian is like!

#### **Church Dress Code**

Please Dress Modestly. Modesty is a Christian virtue that refers to dressing and acting in a way that shows reverence for God. Please, dress your best when you come to Church. It is a holy ground and we should dress modestly in respect for God's house. Ask yourself this question and be honest. How should you dress in the house of the King of Kings? If you went to Buckingham Palace or the White House, what would you wear? Why should you dress with any less respect for the only King that matters?

Please, if possible no shorts, sleeveless dresses, miniskirts or T-shirts, tight dresses or tight skirts, short dresses or skirts (knee length skirts and dresses are acceptable)

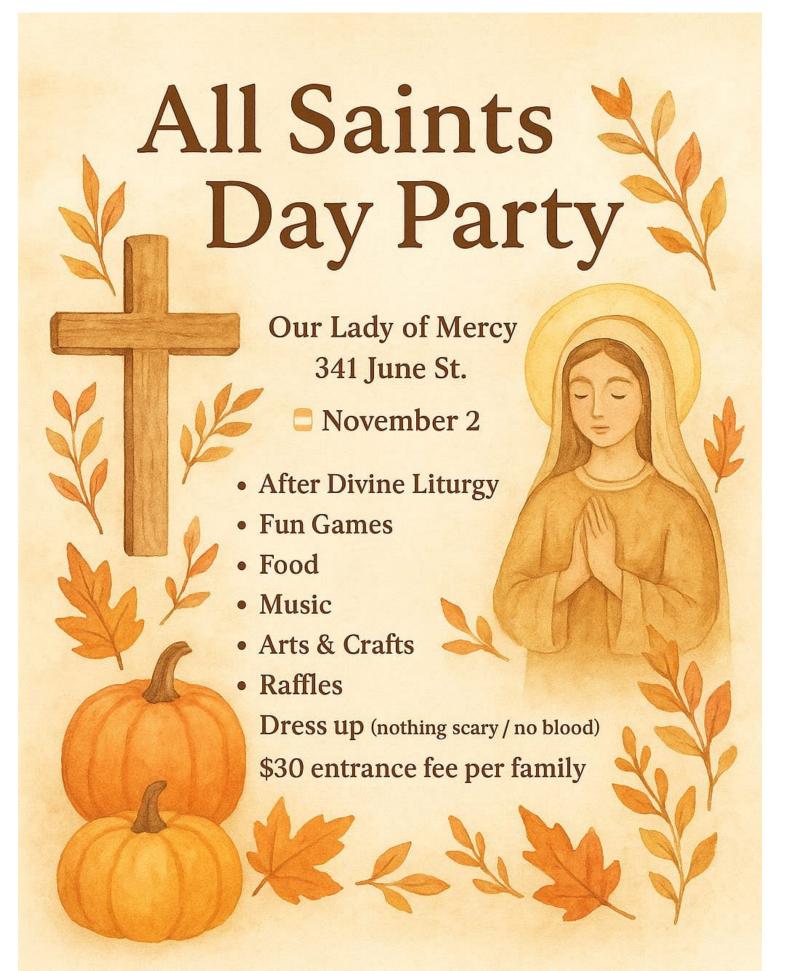
Thank you for your consideration to this friendly reminder.

الثياب المحتشمة لطفاً الرجاء ارتداء الثياب المحتشمة في بيت الله. يرجى عدم ارتداء "الشورت" او التنانير القصيرة , او الثياب بلا اكمام. مع الف شكر!

#### Mass etiquette from St John Bosco (compiled by Fr Augustine Opara Ikechukwu)

- 1. Try to be early to Mass always. A few minutes spent in before Mass can open your soul to wonderful graces
- 2. When you enter or leave the church, take holy water and sign yourself with the sign of the cross.
- 3. Always genuflect (or bow according to our Maronite tradition) when you enter or leave your seat. This is an act of adoration to Almighty God, present in the tabernacle. Take time to genuflect reverently, facing the altar and saying "My Lord and My God" as your right knee touches the floor
- 4. Please refrain from talking in church unless absolutely necessary. Talk only to Jesus it is Him you have come to visit. Don't talk as you leave either. Some people may still be praying.
- 5. Listen to the homily it is from God which could bear much fruit for you.
- 6. Don't start to leave the church until the priest has returned to the sacristy. Stay to thank God for the graces you received from Him in the Mass.

Every day we take a step closer to Heaven. Every act should be for the greater glory of God and every morning we should renew our resolve to work for the salvation of souls.



RSVP: Petra Labaire — 978-856-9515



November 8 2025 @ 8:30pm

For Reservation: Paulette Hallal (508) 769-2276 Elie Zogby (508) 654-6639

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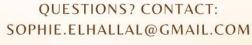
JOIN US FOR A GAME NIGHT OF BUNCO, COMPLETE WITH BUFFALO WINGS, PRIZES & A BREAKOUT SESSION!

15 NOVEMBER 5 - 7:30PM | \$15



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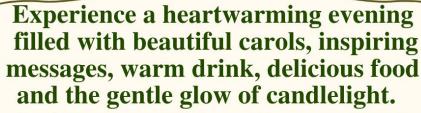




### Ladies CANDLELIGHT

Event

Join us and and prepare your heart for Christ's birth!



Guest of Honor - Bishop Gregory J. Mansour

Keynote Speaker - Sr Therese Maria Touma Maronite Servants of Christ the Light

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FRIDAY
DECEMBER

6:30PM- 9:00PM
DONATION \$30

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For more information and registration, please call Mimi Bou Harb 508-769-6307 or visit www.cedaroflebanonfcc.com



## Friends of Remember Me In Your Kingdom Would like you to join us as we celebrate Our 13th Year Anniversary

When: November 1, 2025

Where: St. Theresa Maronite Catholic Church 343 N. Main Street, Brockton, MA

10: 30 AM - Welcome & Registration

11:00 AM - Opening Prayer & Welcoming Remarks

11: 30 AM - "Praying for Souls of the Faithful Departed"

By: Fr. Vincent Farhat followed by small group discussion

12:30 PM - Eucharistic Adoration and Confession

1:30 PM - Lunch will provided.

2:30 PM - "An Understanding of Eternal life"

By: Fr. Christian Hbaiter followed by small group discussion.

3: 30 PM - Closing Prayer

4:00 PM - Memorial Mass for Our Deceased



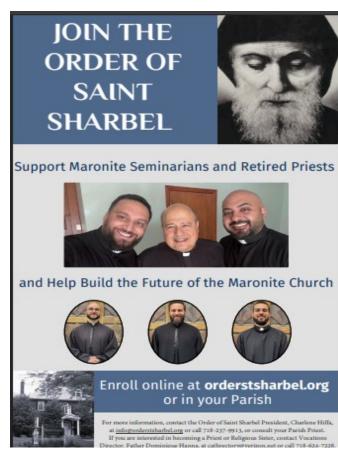


Remember Me in Your Kingdom was started in Lebanon, with a mission to pray for the Faithful Departed. 13 years ago, people started to gather and pray for the Faithful Departed in the Boston Area. Since then there are 9 churches that hold monthly memorial masses in Remember Me in Your Kingdom Memory. There are no fees to become a member, if you would like to join please see contact information below.

Friends of Remember Me in Your Kingdom is recognized by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as nonprofit group (IRS nonprofit pending)

There is no admission fee for this event, however pre registration is appreciated for space and food planning. We fundraise twice a year to help defray cost of events, donations are always accepted. For more information you may contact Zeina 781 789 0432—Karen 857 222 9777





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#### Sunday Readings قراءات الأحد

#### The Sixth Sunday after The Cross The Letter to the Galatians 6:1-10

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted.

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves.

All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

#### The Gospel according to Saint Matthew 25:14-30

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;

to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time, the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saving, "Master, vou handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?

Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return, I would have received what was my own with interest. So, take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.".

الأحد السادس بعد عيد الصليب رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل غلاطية 10-1.6

يا إِخوَتِي، إِنْ أُخِذَ إِنْسَانٌ بِزَلَّة، فأَصْالِحُوهُ أَنْتُمُ الرُّوحِيِّينَ بِرُوحِ الوَّدَاعَة، وَأَحْذَرُ أَنْتَ لِنَفْسِكَ لِئَلاَّ تُجَرَّبَ أَيْضًا.

إِحْمِلُوا بَعْضُكُم أَثْقَالَ بَعضَ، وَهكَذَا أَتِمُوا شَرِيعَةَ المَسيح. إِنْ ظَنَّ أَحَدٌ أَنَّهُ شَيء، وهوَ لا شيء، فَقَدْ خَدَعَ نَفْسَهُ.

إِن تَعَنَّ الْحَدِّ الْحُسْفِيوِ، وَهُو مَ سَعِيوِ، تَعَدَّ تَصَلَّدُ. فَلْيَمْتَحِنْ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ عَمَلَهُ، وحِينَئِذٍ يَكُونُ افْتِخَارُهُ في نَفْسِهِ فَقَطْ لا في :

فإنَّ كُلَّ وَإِحِدِ سَيَحْمِلُ حِمْلَهُ الْخَاصِّ.

مَّنْ يَتَعَلَّمُ كَلِمَّةً الْإِيْمَانَ، فَلْيُشَارِكْ مُعَلِّمَهُ في جَمِيعِ الْخَيْرَات. لا تَضِلُّوا! فإنَّ الله لا يُسْتَهِزَأُ بِهِ. فَكُلُّ مَا يَزْرَعُهُ الإِنْسَان، فإيَّاهُ يَحصُدُ

فَالَّذِي يَزرَعُ فِي جَسَدِهِ، يَحصُدُ منَ الجَسَدِ فسَادًا؛ والَّذي يَزْرَعُ في الرَّوح، يَحصُدُ مِنَ الرُّوح حَيَاةً أَبَدِيَّة.

فلا نَمَلَّ عَمَلَ الخَيْرِ، ولا نَكِلَّ، لأَنَّنَا سَنَحْصُدُهُ في أَوَانِهِ. إِذًا فمَا دَامَ لَنَا مُتَسَعٌ مِنَ الوَقت، فَلْنَصْنَعِ الخَيْرَ إِلَى جَمِيعِ النَّاس، وخُصُوصًا إِلى أَهلِ الإِيْمَان.

#### إنجيل القديس متّى 14:25-30

قالَ الربُّ يَسوع: «يُشْبِهُ مَلَكُوتُ السَّمَاوَاتِ رَجُلاً أَرَادَ السَّفَر، فَدَعَا عَبِيدَهُ، وسَلَّمَهُم أَمُوالُهُ. فَأَعْطَى وَاحِدًا خَمْسَ وَزَنَات، وآخَرَ وَزْنَتَين، وآخَرَ وَزْنَتَين، وآخَرَ وَزْنَتَين، وآخَرَ وَزْنَتَين، وسَافَر. وفي الحَالِ مَضَى الَّذي أَخَذَ الوَزَنَاتِ الْخَمْس، وتَاجَرَ بِهَا فَرَبِحَ خَمْسَ وَزَنَاتٍ أُخْرَى. وكذلِكَ الَّذي أَخْذَ الوَزْنَاتِ أُخْرَى.

أَمَّا الَّذِي أَخَّذَ الوَرْنَةَ الْوَاْجِدَةَ فَهَصَٰنَى وَحَفَرَ فَيَ الأَرْض، وأَخْفَى فِضَّةَ سَيّده

وبَعْدَ زَمَانِ طَويل، عَادَ سَيِّدُ أُولئِكَ العَبِيد، وحَاسَبَهُم. ودَنَا الَّذِي أَخْرَى قَائِلاً: يَا وَدَنَا الَّذِي أَخْذَ الوَزَنَاتِ الْخَمْس، فَقَدَّمَ خَمْسَ وَزَنَاتٍ أُخْرَى قَائِلاً: يَا سَيِّد، سَلَّمْتَنِي خَمْسَ وَزَنَاتٍ أُخْرَى قَدْ رَبِحْتُهَا إِقَالَ لَهُ سَيِّدُهُ: يَا لَكَ عَبْدًا صَالِحًا وأَمِينًا! كُنْتَ أَمِينًا على القَليل، سَأْقِيمُكَ على القَليل، سَأْقِيمُكَ على الكَثِير : أُدْخُلُ إلى فَرَح سَيِّدِكَ!

ودَنَا الَّذِي أَخَذَ الوَزُنتَينِ فَقَالَ: يَا سَيِّد، سِلَّمْتَنِي وَزْنتَين، وهَاتَانِ وَزْنَتَانِ أَخْرَيَانِ قَدْ رَبِحْتُهُمَا. قَال لَهُ سَيِّدُهُ: يَا لَكَ عَبْدًا صَالِحًا وأَمينًا! كُنْتَ أَمِينًا على القَليل، سَأْقِيْمُكَ على الكَثِيرِ: أَدْخُلُ إلى فَرَح سَيِّدِكَ! ثُمَّ دَنَا الَّذِي أَخَذَ الوَزْنَةَ الوَاحِدةَ وقَال: يَا سَيِّد، عَرَفْتُكَ رَجُلاً قَاسِيًا، تَحْصُدُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَمْ تَبْذُر.

فَخِفْتُ وَذَهَبْتُ وَأَخْفَيْتُ وَزُنتَكَ فَي الْأَرضَ، فَهَا هُوَ مَا لَكَ! فَأَجَابَ سَيِّدُهُ وقَالَ لَهُ: «بِيَا عَبْدًا شِرِّيرًا كَسْلان، عَرَفْتَ أَنِّي أَحْصُدُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَمْ أَزْرَع، وأَجْمَعُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَمْ أَبْذُر،

فَكَانَ عَلَيْكَ أَنْ تَضَمَعَ فِضَّتِي عَلَى طَاوِلَةِ الصَّيَارِ فَة، حَتَّى إِذَا عُدْتُ، أَسْتَرْ جَعْتُ ما لِي مَعَ فَائِدَتِهِ.

فَخُذُوا مِنْهُ الوَزْنَّةَ وَأَعْطُو هَا لِمَنْ لَهُ الوَزَنَاتُ الْعَشْرِ. فَكُلُّ مَنْ لَهُ يُعْطَى ويُزَاد، ومَنْ لَيْسَ لَهُ يُؤْخَذُ مِنْهُ جَتَّى مَا هُوَ لَهُ. وهذا العَبْدُ الَّذي لا نَفْعَ مِنْهُ أَخْرِجُوهُ وأَلْقُوهُ في الظُّلْمَةِ البَرَّانِيَّة. هُنَاكَ يَكُونُ النُكَاءُ وصَرِيفُ الأَسْنَان