



Saint Theresa Maronite Church

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But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard.

Luke 1:13

Announcement to Zechariah

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November 13-14, 2021

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Liturgy Schedule

The Holy Mysteries are celebrated:

Saturdays: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 10:30 AM

Doors open one hour before each Liturgy

Holy Days: 7:00 PM

Daily Liturgy: Wednesday-Friday 7:00PM

Arabic Liturgy on Fridays -7:00 PM

Holy Mystery of Reconciliation

The sacrament of Reconciliation is available one hour before each Liturgy. And, is available any time on request.

Ministry of the Sick

If a parishioner is seriously ill at home or in the hospital, please call the church office to arrange for Communion or the Anointing of the Sick.

Holy Mystery of Crowning

Please consult with the pastor to make arrangements at least 6 months in advance of proposed date in order to avoid difficulty in scheduling



*"My mission - to make God loved - will begin after my death.
I will spend my heaven doing good on earth.
I will let fall a shower of roses."
~Saint Theresa of Lisieux~*

Religious Education

Classes are held on Saturdays
September through April
10:00 AM—12:00 Noon

Holy Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation

Please make arrangements with the pastor at least one month in advance. Sponsor must meet particular requirement of church law; parents must consult with the pastor before inviting someone to serve as a sponsor. To schedule your baptism call the church office.

Adoration

"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you - for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart...don't listen to the demon, laugh at him, and go without fear to receive the Jesus of peace and love..." ~St. Theresa of Lisieux~

Please Note: Eucharistic Adoration and Liturgy takes place on

Thursday Evenings. Doors open at 6:00PM.

MYO—MYA

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September through April

Announcement to Zechariah

Sat. Nov. 13 at 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Miriam Akoury as requested by Madeline Asack and family

Sun. Nov. 14 at 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

40 Day Memorial for +Hamid Sabbagh as requested by the family



Announcement to Mary

Sat. Nov. 20 at 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Intention Available on request

Sun. Nov. 21 at 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

40 Day Memorial for +Jerjis Matta as requested by the family



Saint Theresa Church Giving Tree Program



Dear Parishioners of Saint Theresa Church:

Following years of tradition, Saint Theresa Church will sponsor our annual Giving Tree Program to benefit a local child in need. What is not so traditional this year is how our program will operate.

We recognize that the **COVID-19 PANDEMIC** has had a tremendous impact on our lives; we continue to find challenges during these unpredictable times. Our past program ran seamlessly for many years. Although things are looking better, the pandemic continues to create obstacles. We also recognize that holiday shopping will look much differently than in previous years. Our goal this year is to offer our parishioners a safe and convenient way to participate in and contribute to this magical holiday program for children, so that they can have a holiday that is made brighter and happier with your generosity.

Our overwhelming collective desire to bring hope to our children during this holiday season prevails. Because of your continued kindness, hundreds of children and families will experience the magic of the holidays.

The Giving Tree will be placed in its usual location on November 20th. It will already be decorated with ornaments that reflect the colorful lights. There will be **NO TAGS this year.** We are asking our parishioners to purchase a gift card / cards to **Wal-Mart, Target, or a grocery store such as Stop n Shop, Market Basket or Shaw's**; kindly place the gift card(s) in a sealed envelope with your name on the outside envelope. We ask that you return the gift card(s) **NO later than Sunday, December 12, 2021.**

Thank you for your continued support of the important work we do. Your generosity makes a great impact on our community and helps us with our own mission to support local families in need.

**Saint Theresa Church
Giving Tree Program 2021**

All Gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 12, 2021

PLEASE NOTE: You may drop off your gift cards in the **collection box that will be placed in front of the Giving Tree** or mail it directly to the church at Saint Theresa Church, PO Box 2567, Brockton, MA 02305-2567.

**TIME, TALENT & TREASURE
STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE**

Parish Support

Offertory needed each week \$ 2,000.00. Our offertory is needed for the following: Parish Assessment, paid monthly from Feb. thru Nov: \$750.00. Parish Building Insurance, paid monthly from Jan. thru Nov: \$970.00. **Offertory received:** 11/7/21 \$1,208.00

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

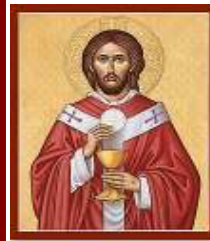
O Divine Ocean of Mercy and Compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties. Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the Life-Giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At this time I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, but I choose to live in union with him and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. I offer my day, my daily life, my joys and sorrows to you, for those around me, and for the whole world. Be with us O life-giving Triune God, for we know that nothing in this world has power over us. O Lover of all people, have mercy on us and on the whole world.



Thanksgiving Food Drive: The Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive will be a little different this year due to the **COVID-19 Pandemic**. Instead of having the basket in the lobby for non-perishable items, **we are asking for monetary donations or gift cards to a local grocery store.** All monies collected through the Thanksgiving envelopes marked **“for the needy”** will go towards the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Thank you for your continued generosity!

For the Month of November

Bread and Wine



Bread & wine for the Holy Gifts are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+John and Amanda Nessralla
by Shirley, Diane and Joyce

Vigil Candle for the Blessed Mother



Vigil candle for the Blessed Mother is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Abdallah and Richidi Ackil, son Faris
by Dr. and Mrs. Albert Ackil

Vigil Candle for the Shrine of St. Theresa



Vigil candle for Shrine of St. Theresa is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Miriam Akoury

Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle

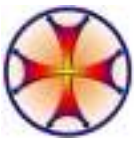


Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Gordon Solomon
by Dr. and Mrs. Albert Ackil

Vigil candles for the Gospel Throne



Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Peter and Josephine (Ackil) George
by Dr. and Mrs. Albert Ackil



Saint Theresa

Maronite Catholic Church



Announcement to Zechariah

November 13-14, 2021

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 4:13-25

Brothers and Sisters: The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be. 'He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness. 'Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. **Praise be to God always**

Gospel: Luke 1: 1-25

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed. In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense-offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.' Zechariah said to the angel, 'How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.' The angel replied, 'I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.' Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, 'This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.'



فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل روما

يا إخوتي، الوعد لإبراهيم أو لنسله بأن يكون وارثاً للعالم، لم يكن بواسطة الشريعة، بل بالبر الذي ناله بالإيمان. فلو كان أهل الشريعة هم الوارثين، لأبطل الإيمان، وألغى الوعد؛ لأن الشريعة تُسبب غضب الله؛ وحيث لا شريعة، فلا تعدى للشريعة. لذلك فأهل الإيمان هم الوارثون، لكي تكون الورثة هبة من الله. وهكذا تحقق الوعد لكل نسل إبراهيم، لا للنسل الذي هو من أهل الشريعة فحسب، بل أيضاً للنسل الذي هو من أهل الإيمان، إيمان إبراهيم، الذي هو أب لنا أجمعين؛ كما هو مكتوب: "إني جعلتك أباً لأمم كثيرة". فأبراهيم الذي آمن بالله هو أب لنا أمام الله، الذي يحيي الأموات، ويدعو غير الموجود إلى الوجود. وقد آمن إبراهيم راجياً على غير رجاء، بأنه سيصير أباً لأمم كثيرة، كما قيل له: "هكذا يكون نسلك". ولم يضعف بإيمانه، برغم أنه رأى، وهو ابن نحو مئة سنة، أن جسده مات، وأن حشا سارة قد ماتت. وبناءً على وعد الله، ما شك ولا تردد، بل تقوى بالإيمان، ومجدد الله. وأيقن ملء اليقين أن الله قادر أن ينجز ما وعد به. فلذلك حسب له إيمانه برباً. ولم يكتب من أجله وحده أنه "حسب له برباً"، بل كتب أيضاً من أجلنا، نحن الذين سيحسب لنا برباً، لأننا نؤمن بالذي أقام من بين الأموات يسوع ربنا، الذي أسلم من أجل زلاتنا، وأقيم من أجل تبريرنا.

من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس لوقا

بما أن كثيرين أخذوا يترتبون رواية للأحداث التي تمت عندنا، كما سلمها إلينا من كانوا منذ البدء شهود عيان للكلمة، ثم صاروا خداماً لها، رأيت أنا أيضاً، أيها الشريف تيوفيل، أن أكتبها لك بحسب ترتيبها، بعدما تتبعتها كلها، منذ بدايتها، تتبعاً دقيقاً، لكي تتيقن صحة الكلام الذي وعظت به. كان في أيام هيرودس، ملك اليهودية، كاهن اسمه زكريا، من فرقة أביا، له امرأة من بنات هارون اسمها إيصابات. وكانا كلاهما بارين أمام الله، سالكين في جميع وصايا الرب وأحكامه بلا لوم. وما كان لهما ولد، لأن إيصابات كانت عاقراً، وكانا كلاهما قد طعنا في أيامهما. وفيما كان زكريا يقوم بالخدمة الكهنوتية أمام الله، في أثناء نوبة فرقتة، أصابته القرعة، بحسب عادة الكهوت، ليدخل مقدس هيكل الرب ويحرق البخور. وكان كل جمهور الشعب يصلي في الخارج، في أثناء إحراق البخور. وتراءى ملاك الرب لزكريا واقفاً من عن يمين مذبح البخور، فأضطرب زكريا حين رآه، وأستولى عليه الخوف. فقال له الملاك: «لا تخف، يا زكريا، فقد أستجيب طلبك، وأمراؤك إيصابات ستلد لك ابناً، فسمه يوحنا. ويكون لك فرح وأبتهاج، ويفرح بمولده كثيرون، لأنه سيكون عظيماً في نظر الرب، لا يشرب خمراً ولا مسكراً، ويمتلي من الروح القدس وهو بعد في حشا أمه. ويولد كثيرين من بني إسرائيل إلى الرب إلههم. ويسير أمام الرب بروح إيلياً وقوته، ليزد قلوب الآباء إلى الأبناء، والعصاة إلى حكمة الأبرار، فيهيئ للرب شعباً معداً خيراً إعداد». فقال زكريا للملاك: «بماذا أعرف هذا؟ فإني أنا شيخ، وأمراؤتي قد طعنت في أيامها. فأجاب الملاك وقال له: «أنا هو جبرائيل أوقف في حضرة الله، وقد أرسلت لأكلمك وأبشرك بهذا. وها أنت تكون صامتاً، لا تقدر أن تتكلم، حتى اليوم الذي يحدث فيه ذلك، لأنك لم تؤمن بكلامي الذي سيقم في أوانه. وكان الشعب ينتظر زكريا، ويتعجب من إنطائه في مقدس الهيكل. ولما خرج زكريا، لم يكن قادراً أن يكلمهم، فأدركوا أنه رأى رؤيا في المقدس، وكان يشير إليهم بالإشارة، وبقي أبكم. ولما تمت أيام خدمته، مضى إلى بيته. وبعد تلك الأيام، حملت امرأته إيصابات، وكتمت أمرها خمسة أشهر، وهي تقول: هكذا صنع الرب إليّ، في الأيام التي نظرت إليّ فيها، ليزيل العار عني من بين الناس!.