

## Saint Theresa Maronite Church

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### Cana Sunday Entrance into Lent

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**'DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU.'**

**JOHN 2: 5**

تعال بيننا، أقم عندنا، وخذ من قلوبنا لك مسكنا

هب لنا عيوننا ترنو إليك، واجعل حياتنا ملكا لديك، فنعرف طعم الهناء، ألا استجب منا الدعاء

نحن جياع أنت خبزنا، نحن عطاش أنت ماؤنا، فمك يطيّب الغذاء، ألا استجب منا الدعاء

أمح الضغينة من صدورنا، وازرع كلامك في ضميرنا، فنحصد حب العطاء، ألا استجب منا الدعاء

## **Cana Sunday Entrance into Lent**

**Sat. Feb. 10 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+Elias Nader and Maher Harb as requested by the family

**Sun. Feb. 11 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+Boutrossieh Nesseralla as requested by Youseff Nesseralla and family

+Chafic Rouhana Saade 4th Anniversary as requested by family



## **ASH MONDAY February 12, 2018**

**7:00PM +Service of the Holy Mysteries and Distribution of ASHES**



## **Sunday of the Healing of the Leper**

**Sat. Feb. 17 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+Peter G. Asiaf, Jr. as requested by Maryann Asiaf

**Sun. Feb. 18 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+John and Amanda Nesseralla as requested by the family



### **For the Month of February**

**Bread & wine for the Holy Gifts** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

+Paul and Trenetta Saba, son William by

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Daaboul

**Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

+Peter Asiaf, Jr. and Leo and Alice Smith, Son John, and Cousin Peter Smith by MaryAnn Asiaf

**Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

+Mr. and Mrs. Fred George, Sr. and family by Mrs. Maryann Nesseralla and family

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

+Special Intention



### **Lectors' Schedule**

**Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018**

Kevin B.

**Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018**

**English:** Beverly

**Arabic:** Lena S.

**The Holy Mysteries are celebrated:** Saturdays at 4:00 PM; Sundays at 10:30 AM; 7:00 PM Holydays



**Holy Mystery of Reconciliation:** Please Note: The sacrament of Reconciliation is available one hour before each Liturgy. And, is available any time on request.

**Ministry to 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 Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation:** Please make arrangements with the pastor at least one month in advance. Sponsors must meet particular requirements of church law; parents must consult with the pastor before inviting someone to serve as a sponsor.

**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 any difficulty in scheduling.



**Welcome New Parishioners:** If you are new to our parish, please fill out a registration form, which may be found on the table in the lobby of the church, and return it to us, so you may be added to our mailing and email list. We extend a warm welcome to you and your family to our parish family.



### Reading: Romans 14: 14-23

I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. If your brother or sister is being injured by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died. So do not let your good be spoken of as evil. For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The one who thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and has human approval. Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual edification. Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for you to make others fall by what you eat; it is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that makes your brother or sister stumble. The faith that you have, have as your own conviction before God. Blessed are those who have no reason to condemn themselves because of what they approve. But those who have doubts are condemned if they eat, because they do not act from faith; for whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

### رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة

يا إخوتي، إني عالمٌ واثقٌ، في الربِّ يسوع، أن لا شيء نجسٌ في ذاته، إلا لمن يحسبه نجسًا، فله يكون نجسًا. فإن كنت من أجل الطعام تحزن أخاك، فلا تكون سالكا في المحبة. فلا تهلك بطعامك ذلك الذي مات المسيح من أجله! إذا فلا تسمحوا بأن يصير الخير فيكم سببًا للتجديف. فليس ملكوت الله أكلاً وشربًا، بل برٌ وسلامٌ وفرحٌ في الروح القدس. فمن يخدم المسيح هكذا فهو مرضيٌ لدى الله، ومقبولٌ لدى الناس. فلنسمع إذا إلى ما هو للسَّلام، وما هو لبنيان بعضنا بعضًا. فلا تنقض عمل الله من أجل الطعام؛ لأن كل شيء طاهر، ولكنه يتقلب شرًا على الإنسان الذي يأكل ويكون سبب عثرة لأخيه. فخير لك أن لا تأكل لحمًا، ولا تشرب خمرًا، ولا تتناول شيئًا يكون سبب عثرة لأخيك. واحتفظ برأيك لنفسك أمام الله. وطوبى لمن لا يدين نفسه في ما يفرره! أمَّا المرتاب في قراره، فإن أكل يدان، لأن عمله غير صادر عن يقين وإيمان. وكل عمل لا يصدر عن يقين وإيمان فهو خطيئة.

### Gospel: John 2: 1-11


On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

### إنجيل القديس يوحنا

في اليوم الثالث، كان عرسٌ في قانا الجليل، وكانت أم يسوع هناك. ودُعِيَ أيضًا يسوع وتلاميذه إلى العرس. ونفذ الخمر، فقالت لیسوع أمه: «ليس لديهم خمر». فقال لها يسوع: «ما لي ولك، يا امرأة؟ لم تأت ساعتي بعد!». فقالت أمه للخدم: «مهما يقل لكم فافعلوه!». وكان هناك ستة أجران من حجر، معدة لتطهير اليهود، يسع كل منها من ثمانين إلى مئة وعشرين ليترا، فقال يسوع للخدم: «إملأوا الأجران ماء». فملاوها إلى فوق. قال لهم: «استنقوا الآن، وقدموا لرئيس الوليمة». فقدموا. وذاق الرئيس الماء، الذي صار خمرًا - وكان لا يعلم من أين هو، والخدم الذين استنقوا يعلمون - فدعا إليه العريس وقال له: «كل إنسان يقدم الخمر الجيد أولاً، حتى إذا سكر المدعوون، قدم الأقل جودة، أما أنت فقد أبقيت الخمر الجيد إلى الآن!». تلك كانت أولى آيات يسوع، صنعها في قانا الجليل، فأظهر مجده، وآمن به تلاميذه.

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:** 2/4/18 \$1,205.00.

 **Please Note:** Eucharistic Adoration will take place on **Thursdays during Lent.** And, every Tuesday The Sodality of the Heart of Jesus will pray the Rosary at 6:30 PM. Liturgy will take place at 7:00 PM. Doors are opened at 6:00 pm.

**Coffee Hour Volunteers:** If you are able to lend a hand in sponsoring a Sunday morning Coffee Hour please see Abouna. We **NEED** your Help! Thank you.



**Religious Education Calendar**  
**Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018**  
Class 6 from 9:00AM-12:00 Noon



**CEMETERY PALM CROSSES**  
*Cost: \$25.00 each*  
Order Must Be Received By  
March 11, 2018

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel. Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Palm Crosses Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Payment Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to:**  
**St. Theresa Church**  
**Please Note: We can not fill orders placed**  
**after March 11, 2018. Thank you.**  
Crosses will be distributed on Sha'NeeNee  
(Hosanna Sunday) Weekend.  
**March 24 and March 25, 2018.**



**LENTEN REGULATIONS**

The Most Reverend Bishops Gregory Mansour and A. Elias Zaidan have issued the following Lenten guidelines for the Maronites of the U.S.: All Maronites who are physically capable are to abstain from meat on Ash Monday (February 12, 2018) and all Fridays of Lent. Ash Monday and the Great Friday of the Crucifixion are also days of **fasting**. Fasting in the Maronite Church involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken, but without meat. All Maronites who are physically capable are to fast on these two days.

**Devotion of Lenten Fridays**

All parish priests are to celebrate the Benediction with the Cross every Friday of Lent except for the Great Friday of the Crucifixion. This service may be preceded by other popular devotions such as Evening Prayer (*Ramsho*), Stations of the Cross or even the Divine Liturgy. Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament should not take place on Fridays of Lent.

**2018 Eparchial Annual Bishop's Appeal**

As we enter the Season of Lent, parishioners are once again asked to participate in the Annual Eparchial Bishop's Appeal; monies raised will help enrich many lives and programs entrusted to the mission of our Eparchy. *Within the next few weeks, every household will receive a mailing regarding this appeal.* In the past, your collective generosity has helped Saint Theresa Church reach her quota of **\$3,500.00**. Our parish family is obligated to forward this amount to the Eparchy by **March 30, 2018**. When each household generously supports the *2018 Eparchial Bishop's Appeal*, the required amount can easily be raised without using funds from our general parish account. Like the power of the widow's mite, any donations will be greatly appreciated.

# ST. THERESA CHURCH

## LENTEN SCHEDULE 2018



**ASH MONDAY February 12, 2018**

**7:00PM +Service of the Holy Mysteries and Distribution of ASHES**

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**Beginning on Tuesday, February 13, 2018**

**Liturgy will be celebrated during Lent at 7:00PM**

**and on Wednesdays during Lent**

**Doors are opened at 6:00 PM.**

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**Eucharistic**



**Adoration**

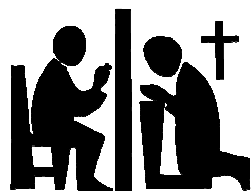
**Eucharistic Adoration: will take place on Thursdays during Lent. Liturgy will take place at 7:00 PM followed by Eucharistic Adoration. Doors are opened at 6:00 PM.**

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**Service of the Holy Cross: will be celebrated on Fridays during Lent at 7:00PM. Beginning on Friday, February 16, 2018.**

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

