



Saint Theresa Maronite Church

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'DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU.'

JOHN 2: 5

Cana Sunday—Entrance into Lent

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YouTube Channel: Saint Theresa Brockton

What guidelines do parishioners need to observe while in church?

- ◆ **Social Distancing:** Parishioners **who are not part** of the same immediate household are asked to be seated 6 feet apart. Members of the same immediate household are permitted to sit together and less than 6 feet apart.
- ◆ **Face Coverings:** ALL attendees **must wear face covering or masks** in accordance with **COVID-19 Order No. 31** and the Department of Public Health's Guidance while inside and upon entering and exiting the church.
- ◆ **For Children:** For children who are between the ages 2 and 5, the wearing of a face covering or mask is at the discretion of the child's parent or guardian. Children under the age 2 should not wear a face covering or mask.
- ◆ **Parents:** For the health and safety of others and you please keep your child seated in the pew with you at all times during the Liturgy.
- ◆ **Distribution of Communion:** Distribution is by intinction, in the usual way, with as much care as possible.
- ◆ **Cleaning and Disinfecting:** The church will be cleaned and disinfected between each Liturgy. (e.g., pews, doorknobs, bathrooms, and heavy transit areas).

February 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



"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~

Holy Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation

Please make arrangements with the pastor at least one month in advance. Sponsors 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.

Holy Mystery of Reconciliation

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

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~

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.

Please Note: Eucharistic Adoration and Liturgy takes place on

Thursday Evenings. Doors open at 6:00PM.

Holy Mystery of Crowning

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

Religious Education

Classes are held on Saturdays
September through April
9:00 AM—12:00 Noon

MYO—MYA

MYO- MYA meet
September through April



Sunday of the Entrance into Lent / Cana Sunday

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

+ Khayrallah Bou Karim as requested by Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Daaboul

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

+Waheeb Yousef Habschi as requested by the family



ASH MONDAY Feb. 15

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



Sunday of the Healing of the Leper

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

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

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

+ Mary George Davin as requested by the family



DO YOU DESIRE TO BE TRANSFORMED
BY GOD'S WORD?

DO YOU WANT TO LIVE THIS SEASON OF
GREAT LENT MORE INTENTLY THROUGH PRAYER?

DO YOU WANT TO ENCOUNTER
CHRIST MORE DEEPLY?

DEVELOP A DAILY HABIT OF
MEDITATING ON THE GOSPEL OF THE DAY
DURING THIS SEASON OF

Great Lent

Visit us for more information

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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 (**Feb. 15, 2021**) 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.

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

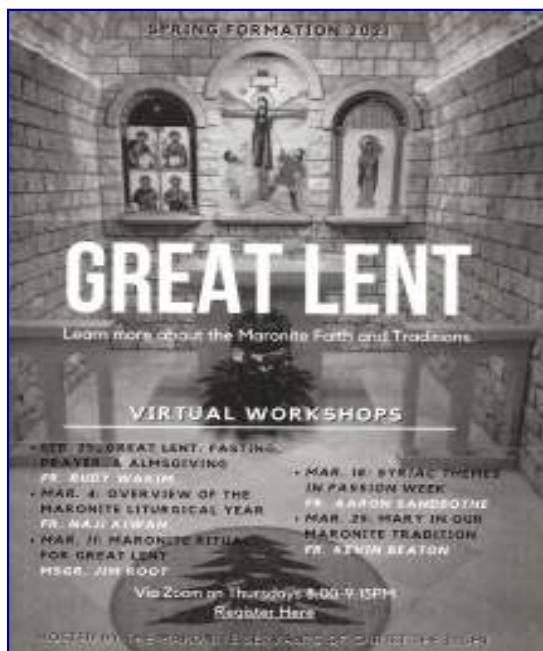
Parish Support

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. 2/7/21 \$1,185.00

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

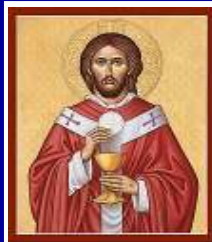
O Divine Ocean of Mercy and Compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties. Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the Life-Giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At this time I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, 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.

Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn



For the Month of February

Bread and Wine



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 Blessed Mother



Vigil candle for the Blessed Mother

is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

+Peter Asiaf, Jr., Leo and Alice Smith, son John and cousin Peter Smith

by Maryann Asiaf

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:

+Abdallah and Richidi Ackil, son Faris

by Dr. and Mrs. Albert Ackil

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

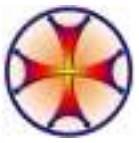


Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne

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



Cana Sunday—Entrance into Lent

February 13-14, 2021

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the 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.

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.



فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل روما

يا إخوتي، إنني عالمٌ وواثقٌ، في الربِّ يسوع، أن لا شيءَ نجسٍ في ذاته، إلا لمن يحسبُه نجسًا، فله يكون نجسًا. فإن كنتَ من أجلِ الطعامِ تُحزنُ أخاك، فلا تكونَ سالِكًا في المحبَّة. فلا تُهلكَ بطعامِكَ ذاكَ الذي ماتَ المسيحُ من أجلِهِ! إذا فلا تسمحوا بأن يصيرَ الخَيْرُ فيكم سببًا للتجديف. فليس مأكوثُ الله أكلًا وشربًا، بل برٌّ وسلامٌ وفرحٌ في الروحِ القدس. فمن يخدمُ المسيحَ هكذا فهو مرضيٌّ لدى الله، ومقبولٌ لدى الناس. فلنسعِ إذا إلى ما هو للسلام، وما هو لبنيانِ بعضنا بعضًا. فلا تنقضَ عملَ الله من أجلِ الطعامِ؛ لأنَّ كلَّ شيءٍ طاهرٌ، ولكنَّهُ ينقلبُ شرًّا على الإنسانِ الذي يأكلُ ويكونُ سببَ عثرةٍ لأخيه. فخيرٌ لك أن لا تأكلَ لحمًا، ولا تشربَ خمرا، ولا تتناولَ شيئًا يكونُ سببَ عثرةٍ لأخيك. واحتفظْ برأيك لنفسِكَ أمامَ الله. وطوبى لمن لا يدينُ نفسه في ما يقرُّه! أمَّا المرتابُ في قرارِهِ، فإن أكلَ يَدان، لأنَّ عمله غيرُ صادرٍ عن يقينٍ وإيمان. وكلُّ عملٍ لا يصدرُ عن يقينٍ وإيمانٍ فهو خطيئة.

والتسبيح لله دائما

من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس يوحنا

في اليوم الثالث، كان عرسٌ في قانا الجليل، وكانت أمُّ يسوع هناك. ودُعِيَ أيضًا يسوع وتلاميذه إلى العرس. ونفذَ الخمر، فقالت لیسوع أمُّه: «ليس لديهم خمر». فقال لها يسوع: «ما لي ولك، يا امرأة؟ لم تأتِ ساعتِي بعد!». فقالت أمُّه للخدم: «مهما يقل لكم فافعلوه!». وكان هناك ستة أجرانٍ من حجر، مُعدَّة لتطهير اليهود، يسع كلُّ منها من ثمانين إلى مئة وعشرين ليترًا، فقال يسوع للخدم: «إملأوا الأجران ماءً». فملأوها إلى فوق. قال لهم: «استنقوا الآن، وقدموا لرئيس الوليمة». فقدموا. وذاق الرئيس الماء، الذي صارَ خمرًا - وكان لا يعلم من أين هو، والخدم الذين استنقوا يعلمون - فدعا إليه العريس وقال له: «كلُّ إنسانٍ يُقدِّم الخمرَ الجيِّدَ أولاً، حتَّى إذا سكرَ المدعوون، قدَّم الأقلَّ جودة، أمَّا أنتَ فقد أبقيتَ الخمرَ الجيِّدَ إلى الآن!». تلك كانت أولى آياتِ يسوع، صنعها في قانا الجليل، فأظهرَ مجده، وأمنَ به تلاميذه.

ST. THERESA CHURCH

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2021



- **Mondays:** Liturgy will be celebrated at 7:00 PM
- **Tuesdays:** Liturgy will be celebrated at 7:00 PM
(Note: Liturgy will be celebrated in Arabic)
- **Wednesdays:** Liturgy will be celebrated at 7:00 PM
- **Thursdays:** Liturgy will be celebrated at 7:00 PM
followed by Eucharistic Adoration.
- **Fridays:** Service of the Holy Cross at 7:00 PM
- **Saturdays:** Liturgy will be celebrated at 4:00 PM
- **Sundays:** Liturgy will be celebrated at 9:00 AM
and 10:30 AM

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



† Pray as much as you can; this is a time of grace †

**Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn
And
Eparchy of Los Angeles**



" I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue always to
pray the Rosary every day" ~*Our Lady of Fatima*



JOIN US AS WE PRAY THE

ROSARY

EVERY 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH
AT 8PM EASTERN STANDARD TIME

FORTHE INTENTIONS OF GOOD HEALTH,
PEACE, & STABILITY FOR OUR WORLD

FEBRUARY 8

LED BY BISHOP GREGORY MANSOUR

MARCH 8

LED BY CHORBISHOP MICHAEL THOMAS

APRIL 12

LED BY BISHOP ELIAS ZAIDAN

LOOKING AHEAD ■ **MAY 10**



ZOOM LINK

MEETING ID: 883 4965 1080

PASSCODE: **rosary**

<https://tinyurl.com/OFSLROSARY>



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Circ No. 21.04

Dear Brother Priests, Deacons and Subdeacons, Consecrated Men and Women, Lay Faithful:

In coordination with Caritas Lebanon, every Maronite Eparchy was asked to assist needy families in Lebanon. The sponsorship varies from \$50 to \$100 per month, depending on the size and the need of the family. Sponsorship will be for this year, 2021, and everyone is able to help.

I ask you to promote this project through your social media, bulletins, and other ways to connect with your parishioners. Father John Nahal, President of Caritas Lebanon, USA, is coordinating this effort and he will be happy to answer any questions you might have. You may reach him at (314) 621-0056 or rector@straymondscathedral.com.

The need is great. Thankfully we already have some families who have sponsored families in Lebanon, but we need more. Any support you can give in this regard is greatly appreciated. Please refer to the links below for additional information.

Links:

<http://www.caritaslebanon.org/>

[CaritasFamiliesLeb for sponsorship2021\(7\).pdf \(caritaslebanon.org\)](#)

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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+ Gregory John Mansour

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