



Saint Theresa Maronite Church

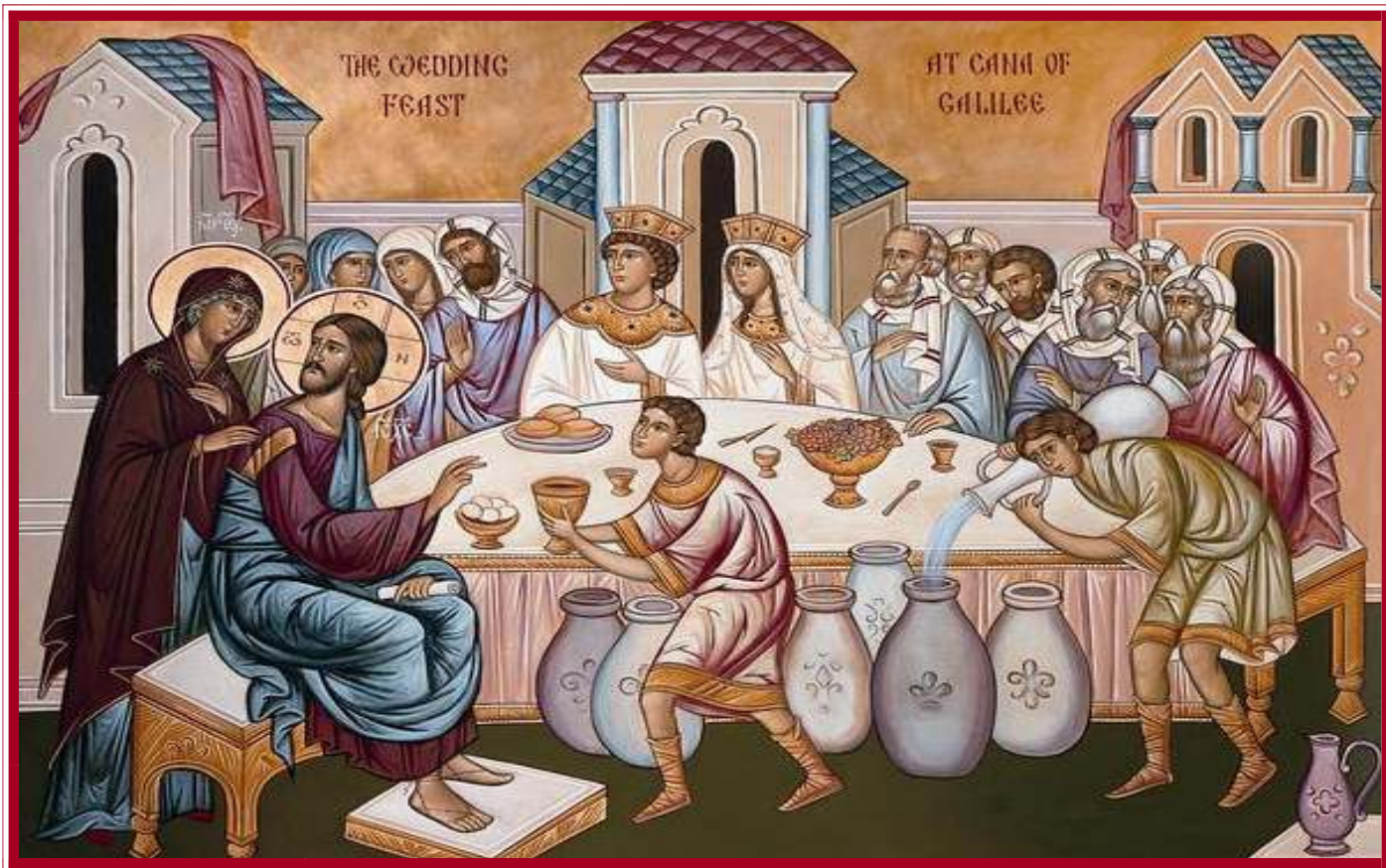
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'Do whatever he tells you.'

John 2: 5

February 18-19, 2023

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Issue No. 8

Cana Sunday-Entrance into Lent

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Lebanon American National Club Scholarship

Application: The Lebanon American National Club was organized in April 1933 in order to promote and encourage the progress and social welfare of Lebanese Americans in the greater Brockton area. In order to fulfill that promise, LANC, has reinstated its annual Scholarship Program and will award a scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.00. **Eligibility Requirements:** The candidate must be a graduating high school senior, of Lebanese birth or descent, accepted at an accredited college, university or other approved post-graduate program. If the father's name is not of Lebanese descent, please give mother's maiden name. Scholarship will be awarded based on character, academic performance and financial need. Some consideration will be given to applicants with relatives who are or have been members of the Lebanon American National Club or its Auxiliary. The application forms are available at **Brockton High School Guidance Office, St. Theresa Church**, or directly from any LANC member. All applications must be returned **No later than April 1, 2023.**



High School Graduate Scholarships

MYO – John A. Solomon
Two for High School Seniors \$2000

Massabki Brothers
One for High School Seniors \$2000

Naomi & Paul Kassouf
Two for High School Seniors \$2000

Abouna Sharbel
Three for High School Seniors \$1000

Undergraduate Scholarships

Chagoury Family Undergraduate
One for College Student \$2000

Thomas & Jennie Aycoub
One for College Student \$2000

Grad & Professional Scholarship

Chagoury Family Graduate
One for Graduate Student \$2000

Study Abroad in Lebanon Opportunities

Notre Dame University-Louaize
Up to 10 scholarships total for Fall 2022 or Spring 2023

The Holy Spirit University of Kaslik
Up to 12 students for Summer 2023 Semester

Scholarships offered by NAM for active NAM members. The applications for all scholarships offered by NAM can be found online, through NAM's website, www.namnews.org.

Liturgy Schedule

The Holy Mysteries are celebrated:

Saturdays: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 10:30 AM

Holy Days: 7:00 PM

Daily Liturgy: To be announced

Arabic Liturgy : To be announced



"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 Therese 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 by appointment.

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.

Adoration

You are invited to spend some time before our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to grow in faith and love.

*"Your heart is made to love Jesus, to love Him passionately; pray so that the beautiful years of your life may not pass by in chimerical fears."
Saint Therese of Lisieux*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
First Thursday of the month from
6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

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

Religious Education

Classes are held on Saturdays
September through April
For registration please see
Mirna Issa

MYO—MYA

MYO—MYA meet
September through April



Sunday of the Entrance into Lent Cana Sunday

Sat. Feb. 18@ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Josephine Asack as requested by the family
+Peter G. Asiaf, Jr. as requested by Maryann Asiaf

Sun. Feb. 19 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+ Intention available on request



ASH MONDAY Feb. 20

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



Sunday of the Healing of the Leper

Sat. Feb. 25 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

40 Day Memorial for +Sara Gebara as requested by the family

Sun. Feb. 26 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+ Intention available on request



CEMETERY PALM CROSSES

Cost: \$25.00 each

Order Must Be Received By

March 26, 2023

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 26, 2023. Thank you.

Crosses will be distributed on Sha'NeeNee (Hosanna
Sunday) Weekend.

April 1 and April 2, 2023.



St. Theresa Church Spiritual Lenten Retreat On Eucharist, The Real Presence

**Tuesday, February 21,
February 28, and March 7, 2023**

**Please mark your calendars now
to attend with
Abouna Joseph
From 7:00 PM—8:00PM
In the Church Hall**

St. Theresa Church Invites you to LENTEN POTLUCK DINNERS



Which will be held on every Friday during
Lent; beginning on February 24, 2023 in the
Church Hall following the Stations and
Benediction of the Cross. If, you are able to
assist in any way please see *Mirna Issa*.



EPARCHIAL YOUTH LENTEN

ZOOM
**BIBLE
STUDY**

FOUR SUNDAYS

8 PM FEB 26 MAR 5
EST MAR 19 MAR 26

OPEN TO ALL
HIGHSCHOOLERS

RSVP IS REQUIRED

WWW.MYOEPARCHYSTMARON.ORG

**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: \$900.00. Parish Building Insurance, paid monthly from Jan. thru Nov: \$970.00. 2/12/23 \$842.00

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

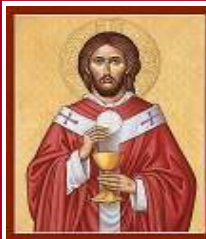
O Divine Ocean of Mercy and Compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties. Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the Life-Giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At this time I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ,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

2023 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 week, you 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 **April 9, 2023**. When each household generously supports the *2023 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.

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:

*+Elias Abourjaily
by the family*

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 :

*+All deceased members of the Asack families
by Madeline Asack and family*

Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle



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

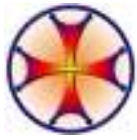
*+Peter Asiaf, Jr., Leo and Alice Smith,
son John and Cousin Peter Smith
by Maryann Asiaf*

Vigil candles for the Gospel Throne



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

+ Special Intention



Saint Theresa

Maronite Catholic Church



Cana Sunday-Entrance into Lent

February 18-19, 2023

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 14:14-23

Brothers and Sisters: 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. **Praise be to God always.**

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 عالم وواثق، في الرب يسوع، أن لا شيء نجس في ذاته، إلا لمن يحسبه نجسًا، فله يكون نجسًا. فإن كنت من أجل الطعام تحزن أخاك، فلا تكون سالكًا في المحبة. فلا تهلك بطعامك ذلك الذي مات المسيح من أجله! إذا فلا تسمحوا بأن يصير الخير فيكم سببًا للتجديف. فليس مكوث الله أكلاً وشربًا، بل بر وسلام وفرح في الروح القدس. فمن يخدم المسيح هكذا فهو مرضي لدى الله، ومقبول لدى الناس. فلنسع إذا إلى ما هو للسلام، وما هو لبنيان بعضنا بعضًا. فلا نتقض عمل الله من أجل الطعام؛ لأن كل شيء طاهر، ولكنه ينقلب شرًا على الإنسان الذي يأكل ويكون سبب عثرة لأخيه. فخير لك أن لا تأكل لحمًا، ولا تشرب خمرا، ولا تتناول شيئًا يكون سبب عثرة لأخيك. واحتفظ برأيك لنفسك أمام الله. وطوبى لمن لا يدين نفسه في ما يقرره! أما المرتاب في قراره، فإن أكل يدان، لأن عمله غير صادر عن يقين وإيمان. وكل عمل لا يصدر عن يقين وإيمان فهو خطيئة.

والتسبيح لله دائما

من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس يوحنا

في اليوم الثالث، كان عرس 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 حبر، معدة لتطهير اليهود، يسع كل منها من ثمانين إلى مئة وعشرين ليترًا، فقال يسوع للخدم: «إملأوا الأجران ماء». فملأوها 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، وأمن به تلاميذه.

Other Events

SAINT THERESA MARONITE CHURCH
BROCKTON, MA

Save The Date

Saturday
April 29, 2023

Annual Hafli

*Location Saint Anthony of the Desert,
300 North Eastern Ave.
Fall River, MA 02723*

SAINT ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH
PRESENTS

**THE STAR
GHADA** **THE VIOLIN MASTER
LEBENEN**

**DERBAS
AND ENSEMBLE** **KHALIL**

WITH
DJ ROY

SATURDAY MUSIC PERFORMANCE
FEB 18 2023 TICKETS 75\$
DINNER INCLUDED

DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM

LOCATION: CEDARS OF LEBANON HALL, 145 AMESBURY STREET, LAWRENCE MA

For Reservation: Noeline (603) 845 8967 / Natalie (978) 697 9374
Mourine (603) 235 0801 / Wissam (978) 853 5145

MARONITE RITUALS ONLINE SERIES



GREAT LENT & PASSION WEEK

PRESENTED BY FR. CLAUDE FRANKLIN,
PASTOR ST. JOSEPH'S MARONITE CHURCH,
CLEAN, NY

VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

<p>FEB. 16: ASH MONDAY AND BENEDECTION OF THE CROSS</p> <p>FEB. 23: HOSANNA SUNDAY AND PASSION WEEK</p>	<p>MARCH 2: RITE OF THE LAMP AND THURSDAY OF MYSTERIES</p> <p>MARCH 9: SIGNING OF THE CHALICE, GREAT FRIDAY OF THE CRUCIFIXION AND SATURDAY OF THE LIGHT</p>
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Via Zoom on Thursdays 8:00-9:00PM EST
To register Scan QR Code or [Click Here](#)

HOSTED BY THE MARONITE SERVANTS OF CHRIST THE LIGHT

St. George Maronite Catholic Church

St. Joseph 74th Annual Hafli

**Saturday,
March 18, 2023**

6:30 PM

*Dancing
Live Entertainment
Grand Raffle!*

VIP Seating	\$100.00
General Admission	\$75.00
NYO (Age 12-17)	\$45.00
Children (12 & Under)	\$25.00

For Tickets please contact:
Lillian Barish (401) 521-4888
Nancy Pasquerillo (401) 231-8981
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