



**Saint Theresa Maronite Church**

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**Third Sunday after Holy Cross /  
Feast of St. Theresa**

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*“I will let fall from Heaven a Shower of Roses.”*

*~Saint Theresa of Lisieux~ “The Little Flower”*



## Third Sunday after Holy Cross

**Sat. Sept. 30 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+Jeannette Axsom as requested by the family

## Feast of St. Theresa

**Sun. Oct. 1 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+George Rohban as requested by the family

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## Fourth Sunday after Holy Cross

**Sat. Oct. 7 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+All deceased members of the Bolus and Rose Saba families and

+All deceased members of the James Samia families as requested by the family

**Sun. Oct. 8 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+Intention of the celebrant



### For the Month of September

**Bread & wine for the Holy Gifts** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
+Peter G. Asiaf, Jr. by Mary Ann Asiaf

**Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
+Rose Saba by the family

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

**Vigil candle for Shrine of St. Theresa** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
+Peter L. Asack, Sr. by Margo Asack



### Lectors' Schedule

**Saturday, Sept. 30 , 2017**

**English:** Cauna

**Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017**

**English:** Mirna

**Arabic:** Kabalan

### The Holy Mysteries are celebrated:

Saturdays at 4:00 PM; Sundays at 10:30 AM; 7:00 PM Holydays

**Holy Mystery of Reconciliation:** 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



**Welcome New Parishioners:** If you are new to our parish, please fill out a registration form, which may be found on the table at the back 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: Philippians 3:17-21 4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

### رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل فيلبّي

يا إِخْوَتِي، إِقْتَدُوا بِي، وَأَنْظُرُوا إِلَى الَّذِينَ يَسْلُكُونَ عَلَى مِثَالِنَا. فَكَثِيرٌ مِنْ أَوْلِيكَ الَّذِينَ كُنْتَ أَكَلَمُكُمْ عَنْهُمْ مِرَارًا، وَأَكَلَمُكُمْ عَنْهُمْ الْآنَ بَاكِيًا، يَسْلُكُونَ كَأَعْدَاءٍ لِصَلِيبِ الْمَسِيحِ، أَوْلِيكَ الَّذِينَ عَاقَبْتَهُمْ الْهَلَاكِ، أَوْلِيكَ الَّذِينَ إِلَهُهُمْ بَطْنُهُمْ، وَمَجْدُهُمْ فِي عَارِهِمْ، وَفِي أُمُورِ الْأَرْضِ هُمُهُمْ. أَمَّا نَحْنُ فَمَدِينَتُنَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، وَمِنْهَا نَنْتَظِرُ الرَّبَّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ مُخَلِّصًا. وَهُوَ سَيُغَيِّرُ جَسَدَ هَوَانِنَا، فَيَجْعَلُهُ عَلَى صُورَةِ جَسَدِ مَجْدِهِ، وَفَقًا لِعَمَلِ قُدْرَتِهِ، الَّتِي بِهَا يُخَضِّعُ لِنَفْسِهِ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ. إِذَا، يَا إِخْوَتِي، الَّذِينَ أَحْبَبُّهُمْ وَأَشْتَاقُ إِلَيْهِمْ، وَأَنْتُمْ فَرِحِي وَإِكْلِيلِي، أَنْبِئُونَا هَكَذَا فِي الرَّبِّ، أَيُّهَا الْأَحْبَاءُ.

### Gospel: Matthew 24:23-31

If anyone says to you, "Look! Here is the Messiah!" or "There he is!" do not believe it. For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Take note, I have told you beforehand. So, if they say to you, "Look! He is in the wilderness", do not go out. If they say, "Look! He is in the inner rooms", do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. 'Immediately after the suffering of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

### إنجيل القديس متى

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: «إِنْ قَالَ لَكُمْ أَحَدٌ: هُوَذَا الْمَسِيحُ هُنَا أَوْ هُنَاكَ! فَلَا تُصَدِّقُوا. فَسَوْفَ يَقُومُ مُسَحَاءٌ كَذِبَةٌ وَأَنْبِيَاءُ كَذِبَةٌ، وَيَأْتُونَ بِآيَاتٍ عَظِيمَةٍ وَخَوَارِقَ، لِيُضِلُّوا الْمُخْتَارِينَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ، لَوْ قَدَرُوا. هَا إِلَيَّ قَدْ أَنْبَأْتُكُمْ! فَإِنْ قَالُوا لَكُمْ: هَا هُوَ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ! فَلَا تَخْرُجُوا، أَوْ: هَا هُوَ فِي دَاخِلِ الْبَيْتِ! فَلَا تُصَدِّقُوا. فَكَمَا أَنَّ الْبَرَقَ يُومِضُ مِنَ الْمَشَارِقِ، وَيَسْطَعُ حَتَّى الْمَغَارِبِ، هَكَذَا يَكُونُ مَجِيءُ ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ. حَيْثُ تَكُونُ الْجَنَّةُ هُنَاكَ تَجْتَمِعُ السُّورُ. وَحَالًا بَعْدَ ضَيْقِ تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامِ، أَلْسَمُسُ نُظْلِمُ، وَالْقَمَرُ لَا يُعْطِي ضَوْءَهُ، وَالنُّجُومُ تَنْسَاقُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، وَقَوَاتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ تَتَزَعْزَعُ. وَحِينَئِذٍ تَظْهَرُ فِي السَّمَاءِ عَلَامَةُ ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ، فَتَنْتَحِبُ قِبَائِلُ الْأَرْضِ كُلِّهَا، وَتَرَى ابْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ آتِيًا عَلَى سُحْبِ السَّمَاءِ بِقُدْرَةٍ وَمَجْدٍ عَظِيمٍ. وَيُرْسِلُ مَلَائِكَتَهُ يَنْفُخُونَ فِي بُوقٍ عَظِيمٍ، فَيَجْمَعُونَ مُخْتَارِيهِ مِنَ الرِّيَّاحِ الْأَرْبَعِ، مِنْ أَقَاصِي السَّمَاوَاتِ إِلَى أَقَاصِيهَا.

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**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:** 9/24/17 \$623.00, Second Collection Forwarded to the Eparchy for the Churches in Florida \$276.00



**Please Note:** Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Friday, Sept. 29, 2017. Liturgy will take place at 7:00 PM followed by Eucharistic Adoration at 7:30 PM



**St. Theresa Church: MYA [Maronite Young Adults]** welcomes everyone between the ages of 18-35. We invite all young adults to join us on **Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017** for Liturgy at **7:00PM**. All young adults are welcome to attend and we especially welcome our brothers and sisters from neighboring parishes.



### Feast of St. Theresa

**Sunday, Oct. 1, at 10:30 AM**

Flowers in honor of St. Therese "The Little Flower" are given to the glory of God and **In Loving Memory of:**

George Sarkis Asack, Sr, and  
Youseff and Genevieve Feghali

Peter G. Asiaf, Jr.

Kristen M. Etensohn, [Granddaughter of Frederick E.  
and Rosarina Hassan]

Robert Hebshie

Taminie Hassan

Massoud Hassan

Haikal K. Haikal

Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Hassan

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Madonna, sons Vincent, Arthur,  
and Salvatore (Sal) and grandson James

Mr. and Mrs. Augustino Madonna

Mr. and Mrs. Michael M. Madonna and son Michael  
and granddaughter Rebecca

Tanios Saade

Helena and Ray Stuplin and family

Henry Samia

## It was a Great S-U-C-C-E-S-S!!!

### Mabrook!!!

**Lebanese Festival:** To all the hard-working parishioners who volunteered their time and talents for the success of the Lebanese Festival we thank you. Let us take a moment and offer our praise to Almighty God for His abundant blessings upon our parish family and Maronite community. Words can never express the gratitude, appreciation and joy that we hold in our hearts for all the efforts expressed in the dedication and love we have for the church. All the credit goes to those who worked hard in portraying the unity of our Lebanese Heritage and what it means to us, to our friends and neighbors. We ask God Almighty, through the intercession of *St. Theresa "the Little Flower"*, to bless each and everyone who made the effort and gave of their time and talents unconditionally. Your contribution and continuous support is greatly appreciated.



### St. Theresa Church Dabke

**Troupe:** The children stole the show and they were the highlight of the festival. We ask the good Lord through the intercession of St. Theresa to shower them with blessings from above for being instrument of love and care. Give them a big hand for a job well done. A very special **Thank You** to the **Dabke Coach Mirna**, and to all of the **Dabke Moms** who gave of their time in assisting with the group. Congratulations and keep up the good work.



**Thanksgiving**

**St. Theresa Church Annual Harvest Brunch** in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, October 22, 2017** following the **10:30 AM Divine Liturgy**. A traditional fall Harvest Menu will be served. **Cost is \$15.00 per adult; \$7.00 for children six-ten yrs., children under 5 eat free if accompanied by a paying adult.**



### Autumn Tea: Calling all Women!

You are cordially invited to attend the Twentieth Autumn Tea at the home of Audrey Nessralla, 719 West Main Street, Avon, MA 02322 on **Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017 from 2:00 PM —5:00 PM. RSVP to Audrey**