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Feast of the Holy Cross



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1Corinthians 1: 18

September 12-13, 2020

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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
9:00 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

MYO- MYA meet
September through April



Feast of the Holy Cross

Sat. Sept. 12 at 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Peter L. Asack, Sr. as requested by the family and friends

Sun. Sept. 13 at 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Carl Fischer as requested by Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Nessler, Jr.

+Peter L. Asack, Sr. as requested by the family and friends



First Sunday after Holy Cross

Sat. Sept. 19 at 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Leo and Alice Smith, son John and Cousin Peter Smith as requested by Maryann Asiaf

Sun. Sept. 20 at 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Deborah Davin Sperre as requested by the family



THE NEW "NON-SHAMING" MODESTY RULES



1

WHO AM I DRESSING FOR?

- AM I DRESSING TO IMPRESS A GUY?
- AM I DRESSING TO IMPRESS MY GIRLFRIENDS ON INSTAGRAM?
- OR AM I DRESSING TO SHOW RESPECT FOR MYSELF AND MY SAVIOR?

WHAT IS THE FIRST IMPRESSION I GIVE?

2

- HOW WILL PEOPLE CHARACTERIZE ME BASED ON WHAT I'M WEARING?
- AM I GIVING OFF A GOOD IMPRESSION?

3

AM I APPROACHABLE, FRIENDLY, AND OPEN?

- DO I LOOK LIKE I WELCOME CONVERSATION AND HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP?
- AM I ON PAR WITH OTHERS WHOM I WILL BE WITH?
- DOES MY CLOTHING SET ME APART FROM OTHERS?

First Holy Communion



Our sincere congratulations to the **First Holy Communicants** their parents and their teachers on this blessed day of their lives. May Christ who dwells in their hearts continue to bless them as they grow to witness his life, death and resurrection.

It is humbling to me to administer the Sacrament of First Holy Communion to the following little disciples on Saturday, September 12, 2020

*Sophia Alger
Chris Bechara
Christon Francois*

National Maronite Youth Organization

Anchored in Hope

VIRTUAL REGIONAL MYO RETREATS FOR THE EPARCHY OF SAINT MARON OF BROOKLYN

SAVE THE DATE!

Mid-Atlantic East & West Region: October 10th

New England Region: October 17th

Southern/Far Southern Region: October 24th

Small the MYO Office at myooffice@gmail.com with any questions.

**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:** 9/6/2020 \$913.00

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

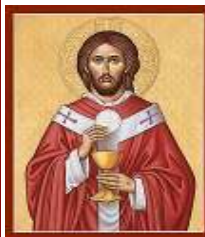
O Divine Ocean of Mercy and Compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties. Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the Life-Giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At this time I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ,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

**Second Collection
Holy Land Collection**

There will be a second collection taken on the **weekend of September 12-13, 2020** for the Holy Land set by the Vatican. Part of this collection is sent through the USCCB to the Holy Land and another part of this is sent directly to the Maronite Eparchy of Haifa. This collection does not remain in the parish it is sent to the Eparchy for proper distribution.

For the Month of September

Bread and Wine



Bread & wine for the Holy Gifts
are given to the glory of God and in
loving memory of
+Bolus and Rose Saba and family

by The family

Vigil Candle for the Blessed Mother



Vigil candle for the Blessed Mother
is given to the glory of God and in loving
memory of

+Faris Ackil

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

**+Gordon Solomon and
+Peter and Josephine (Ackil) George**

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

+Abdallah and Richidi Ackil

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 a
+Peter G. Asiaf, Jr.

by Maryann Asiaf


SAINT THERESA MARONITE CHURCH



2020



**Please Note:
Doors open for each service one hour before**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Liturgy at 7:00 PM	3 Liturgy at 7:00 PM Followed by Adoration	4 Liturgy at 7:00 PM <u>In Arabic</u>	5 Liturgy at 4:00PM In English
6 Liturgy at 10:30 AM	7 	8 The Nativity of the Blessed Mother Liturgy at 7:00 PM	9 Liturgy at 7:00 PM	10 Liturgy at 7:00 PM Followed by Adoration	11 Liturgy at 7:00 PM <u>In Arabic</u>	12 Liturgy at 4:00PM In English
13 Feast of the Holy Cross Liturgy at 10:30 AM	14	15	16 Liturgy at 7:00 PM	17 Liturgy at 7:00 PM Followed by Adoration	18 Liturgy at 7:00 PM <u>In Arabic</u>	19 Liturgy at 4:00PM In English
20 Liturgy at 10:30 AM	21	22 Novena of St. Theresa at 7:00 PM Followed by Liturgy	23 Novena of St. Theresa at 7:00 PM Followed by Liturgy	24 Novena of St. Theresa at 7:00 PM Followed by Liturgy and Adoration	25 Novena of St. Theresa at 7:00 PM Followed by Liturgy <u>In Arabic</u>	26 Liturgy at 4:00PM In English
27 Liturgy at 10:30 AM	28 Novena of St. Theresa at 7:00 PM Followed by Liturgy	29 Novena of St. Theresa at 7:00 PM Followed by Liturgy	30 Novena of St. Theresa at 7:00 PM Followed by Liturgy			



Saint Theresa

Maronite Catholic Church



Feast of the Holy Cross

September 12-13, 2020

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser; than human wisdom and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel: John 12: 20-32

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.'



فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الأولى إلى أهل كورنثوس

يا إخوتي، إِنَّ كَلِمَةَ الصَّلِيبِ عِنْدَ الْهَالِكِينَ حَمَاقَةٌ، أَمَّا عِنْدَنَا نَحْنُ الْمُخْلِصِينَ فَهِيَ قُوَّةُ اللَّهِ؛ لِأَنَّهُ مَكْتُوبٌ: «سَأبِيذُ حِكْمَةِ الْحُكَمَاءِ، وَأَرْذُلُ فَهَمَ الْفُهَمَاءِ!». فَأَيْنَ الْحَكِيمِ؟ وَأَيْنَ عَالِمِ الشَّرِيعَةِ؟ وَأَيْنَ الْبَاحِثِ فِي أُمُورِ هَذَا الدَّهْرِ؟ أَمَا جَعَلَ اللَّهُ حِكْمَةَ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ حَمَاقَةً؟ فَبِمَا أَنَّ الْعَالَمَ بِحِكْمَتِهِ مَا عَرَفَ اللَّهَ بِحَسَبِ حِكْمَةِ اللَّهِ، رَضِيَ اللَّهُ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ بِحَمَاقَةِ الْبَشَارَةِ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ؛ لِأَنَّ الْيَهُودَ يَطْلُبُونَ الْآيَاتِ، وَالْيُونَانِيِّينَ يَلْتَمِسُونَ الْحِكْمَةَ. أَمَّا نَحْنُ فَنُنَادِي بِمَسِيحٍ مَصْلُوبٍ، هُوَ عِثَارٌ لِلْيَهُودِ وَحَمَاقَةٌ لِلْأُمَّمِ. وَأَمَّا لِلْمَدْعُوعِينَ أَنْفُسِهِمْ، مِنَ الْيَهُودِ وَالْيُونَانِيِّينَ، فَهُوَ مَسِيحٌ، قُوَّةُ اللَّهِ وَحِكْمَةُ اللَّهِ؛ فَمَا يَبْدُو أَنَّهُ حَمَاقَةٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ هُوَ أَحْكَمُ مِنَ النَّاسِ، وَمَا يَبْدُو أَنَّهُ ضَعْفٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ هُوَ أَقْوَى مِنَ النَّاسِ.

والتسبيح لله دائما

من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس يوحنا

كَانَ بَيْنَ الصَّاعِدِينَ لِيَسْجُدُوا فِي الْعِيدِ، بَعْضُ الْيُونَانِيِّينَ. فَدَنَا هُوَ لِأَنَّ مِنْ فِيلِيبَسَ الَّذِي مِنْ بَيْتِ صَيْدَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَسَأَلُوهُ قَائِلِينَ: «يَا سَيِّدَ، نُرِيدُ أَنْ نَرَى يَسُوعَ». فَجَاءَ فِيلِيبَسُ وَقَالَ لِأَنْدَرَاوَسَ، وَجَاءَ أَنْدَرَاوَسُ وَفِيلِيبَسُ وَقَالَا لِيَسُوعَ. فَاجَابَهُمَا يَسُوعُ قَائِلًا: «لَقَدْ حَانَتْ السَّاعَةُ لِكَيْ يُمَجِّدَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ. أَلْحَقَّ أَلْحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّ حَبَّةَ الْحِنْطَةِ، إِنْ لَمْ تَقَعْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَتَمُتْ، تَبْقَى وَاحِدَةً. وَإِنْ مَاتَتْ تَأْتِي بِثَمَرٍ كَثِيرٍ. مَنْ يُحِبُّ نَفْسَهُ يَفْقِدُهَا، وَمَنْ يُبْغِضُهَا فِي هَذَا الْعَالَمِ يَحْفَظُهَا لِحَيَاةٍ أَبَدِيَّةٍ. مَنْ يَخْدُمُنِي فَلْيَتَّبِعْنِي. وَحَيْثُ أَكُونُ أَنَا، فَهَنَّاكَ يَكُونُ أَيْضًا خَادِمِي. مَنْ يَخْدُمُنِي يُكْرِمُهُ الْآبُ. نَفْسِي الْآنَ مُضْطَّرِبَةٌ، فَمَاذَا أَقُولُ؟ يَا ابْنَتِي، نَجِّنِي مِنْ هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ؟ وَلَكِنْ مِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا بَلَّغْتُ إِلَى هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ! يَا ابْنَتِي، مَجِّدِ اسْمَكَ». فَجَاءَ صَوْتُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ يَقُولُ: «قَدْ مَجَّدْتُ، وَسَأَمَجِّدُ». وَسَمِعَ الْجَمْعُ الْحَاضِرُ فَقَالُوا: «إِنَّهُ رَعْدٌ». وَقَالَ آخَرُونَ: «إِنَّ مَلَكًَا خَاطَبَهُ». أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ: «مَا كَانَ هَذَا الصَّوْتُ مِنْ أَجْلِي، بَلْ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ. هِيَ الْآنَ دَيْنُونَةٌ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ. الْآنَ يُطْرَدُ سُلْطَانُ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ خَارِجًا. وَأَنَا إِذَا رُفِعْتُ عَنِ الْأَرْضِ، جَذَبْتُ إِلَيَّ الْجَمِيعَ».

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*"I will let fall from Heaven a Shower of Roses."
- St. Theresa of Lisieux, 'The Little Flower' -*

Saint Theresa Church Virtual Festival 2020

*"For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich"
(Matthew 24: 29a)*

August 14, 2020

Dear Parishioners/Sponsors/ Friends of Saint Theresa Church:

I hope this message finds you and your family all in good health and doing well; 2020 continues to be a difficult year for so many of our families. I miss seeing everyone in church, praying and worshipping together and enjoying the fellowship of coffee hours and at our many social events. So many of our families are unable to come to church to pray and I want you to know that I am praying for you at each liturgy. **Know that I am here for you if you need anything; feel free to stop by the church or please call so that I can visit you at home if you would like communion.**

Like so many events that typically take place in late summer and early fall, Saint Theresa Church will **NOT** hold the annual Lebanese Festival due to our committed adherence to guidelines that maximize public health and safety and to our concerns about the spread of **COVID-19**. Moving forward, our plans are for a **virtual fundraiser**. As part of this year's public acknowledgement of gratitude, Sponsorship Banners advertising businesses or in honor of loved ones will be used in a **PowerPoint presentation** which will be made available to our parishioners, friends and supporters **via social media**.

Purchasing a sponsorship banner or a donation this year will have an even greater impact, because so many of our families and small businesses are struggling financially; your continued kindness provides much-needed financial support for our beautiful church of Saint Theresa. Please complete the attached form entitled 2020 Sponsorship Banners or Donation and return it to Saint Theresa Church by **September 14, 2020**. We greatly appreciate your generosity in making this annual fundraiser a successful one. Please make your checks payable to "Saint Theresa Church" and write Sponsorship Banners in the space marked Memo.

Donations of \$250.00 or more will be acknowledged with a tax-deductible letter required by the Internal Revenue Service. **Kindly mail your donation sponsorship form to Saint Theresa Church, PO Box 2567, Brockton, MA 02305-2567.** Also, feel free to place your envelope with payment and completed form in the collection basket. *Remember what Jesus says 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Acts 20:25*

At this moment in time, the **MOST** important thing is that all members of our parish family are safe, healthy and in good spirits.

I thank you for your ongoing commitment and devotion to Saint Theresa Church.

God bless,

Father Joseph Daiif
Pastor



Saint Theresa Church Virtual Fundraiser Sponsorship Banners

Contact Person _____ Telephone _____

Address _____
Street
City, State
Zip Code

STEP ONE: Select Banner Type. I would like a banner with the name of:

___ My Business/Corporation ___ My Family Name ___ My Deceased Loved One

STEP TWO: I would like my banner to read: (Please print legibly)

Line One _____

Line Two _____

Line Three _____

STEP THREE: Select Banner Size (Please Choose one)

___ Diamond Sponsorship	(8' X 2 ½')	Vinyl Banner	\$2,000.00
___ Platinum Sponsorship	(6' X 2 ½')	Vinyl Banner	\$1,000.00
___ Gold Sponsorship	(4' X 2 ½')	Vinyl Banner	\$500.00
___ Silver Sponsorship	(3' X 1.6')	Vinyl Banner	\$250.00

STEP FOUR: PLEASE return this completed form with full payment by September 14, 2020.

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We thank you for your ongoing support and generosity!
God Bless You!!

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