

Saint Theresa Maronite Church

343 North Main Street / PO Box 2567

Brockton, MA 02305-2567

Feast of the Holy Cross

Abouna Joseph Daiif, Pastor

Rectory 508-586-1428 / Fax 508-587-8139

Email: sonsdaughters@comcast.net

Website: sttheresabrockton.org



Sept. 8-9, 2018

Issue No. 36



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.

1 CORINTHIANS 1: 18

Feast of the Holy Cross

Sat. Sept. 8 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+ Rose Saba as requested by the family

Sun. Sept. 9 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+ Bernie Bou Farra'a



First Sunday after Holy Cross

Sat. Sept. 15 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+ Intention of the celebrant

Sun. Sept. 16 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

1 Year Anniversary for +Deborah Davin Sperre as requested by the family



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 Maryann Asiaf

Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne is given to the glory
of God and in loving memory of
For the Good Health of Lucille Maroon by Mae Dickinson

Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle is given to the
glory of God and in loving memory of
+Rose Saba by the family

Vigil candle for Shrine of St. Theresa is given to the
glory of God and in loving memory of
+Dr. William, Abraham, Joseph, Michael and Margaret
George and Mary George Davin , Deborah Davin Sperre
by the family



Lectors' Schedule

Saturday, Sept. 8 , 2018

English: Kevin

Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018

English: Philip

Arabic: Rouhana

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: 1 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.

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل كورنثوس

يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِنَّ كَلِمَةَ الصَّلِيبِ عِنْدَ الْهَالِكِينَ حَمَاقَةٌ،
أَمَّا عِنْدَنَا نَحْنُ الْمُخَلَّصِينَ فَهِيَ قُوَّةُ اللَّهِ؛ لِأَنَّهُ
مَكْتُوبٌ: «سَابِيذُ حِكْمَةِ الْحُكَمَاءِ، وَأَرْذَلُ فَهَمِ
الْفُهَمَاءِ!». فَأَيُّ الْحَكِيمِ؟ وَأَيُّ عَالِمِ الشَّرِيعَةِ؟
وَأَيُّ الْبَاحِثِ فِي أُمُورِ هَذَا الدَّهْرِ؟ أَمَّا جَعَلَ اللَّهُ
حِكْمَةَ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ حَمَاقَةً؟ فِيمَا أَنَّ الْعَالَمَ بِحِكْمَتِهِ مَا
عَرَفَ اللَّهَ بِحَسَبِ حِكْمَةِ اللَّهِ، رَضِيَ اللَّهُ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ
بِحَمَاقَةِ الْبَشَارَةِ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ؛ لِأَنَّ الْيَهُودَ يَطْلُبُونَ
الآيَاتِ، وَالْيُونَانِيِّينَ يَلْتَمِسُونَ الْحِكْمَةَ. أَمَّا نَحْنُ
فَنُنَادِي بِمَسِيحٍ مَصْلُوبٍ، هُوَ عِنَارٌ لِلْيَهُودِ وَحَمَاقَةٌ
لِلْأُمَّمِ. وَأَمَّا لِلْمَدْعُوبِينَ 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.



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.'

إنجيل القديس يوحنا

كَانَ بَيْنَ الصَّاعِدِينَ لِيَسْجُدُوا فِي الْعِيدِ، بَعْضُ الْيُونَانِيِّينَ. فَدَنَا هَؤُلَاءِ مِنْ
فِيلِبُّسَ الَّذِي مِنْ بَيْتِ صَبْدَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَسَأَلُوهُ قَائِلِينَ: «يَا سَيِّدُ، نُرِيدُ أَنْ نَرَى
يَسُوعَ». فَجَاءَ فِيلِبُّسُ وَقَالَ لِأَنْدَرَاوُسَ، وَجَاءَ أَنْدَرَاوُسُ وَفِيلِبُّسُ وَقَالَ
لِيَسُوعَ. فَأَجَابَهُمَا يَسُوعُ قَائِلًا: «لَقَدْ خَانَتِ السَّاعَةُ لِكِي يُمَجَّدَ 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 فَلْيَتْبَعْني. وَحَيْثُ أَكُونُ أَنَا،
فَهُنَاكَ يَكُونُ أَيْضًا خَادِمِي. مَنْ يَخْدُمُنِي يُكْرِمُهُ الْآبُ. نَفْسِي
الآنُ ضَنْطَرِيَّةٌ، فَمَآذَا أَقُولُ؟ يَا أَبَتِ، نَحْنِي مِنْ هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ؟ وَلَكِنْ مِنْ أَجْلِ
هَذَا بَلَّغْتُ إِلَى هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ! يَا أَبَتِ، مَجِّدْ أَسْمَكَ». فَجَاءَ صَوْتُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ
يَقُولُ: «قَدْ مَجَّدْتِ، وَسَأَمَجِّدُ». وَسَمِعَ الْجَمْعُ الْحَاضِرُ فَقَالُوا: «إِنَّهُ رَعْدٌ».
وَقَالَ آخَرُونَ: «إِنَّ مَلَكَآ خَاطَبَهُ». أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ: «مَا كَانَ هَذَا
الصَّوْتُ مِنْ أَجْلِي، بَلْ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ. هِيَ الْآنَ دَيْتُونَةُ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ. الْآنَ يَطْرُدُ
سُلْطَانُ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ خَارِجًا. وَأَنَا إِذَا رُفِعْتُ عَنِ الْأَرْضِ، جَذَبْتُ إِلَيَّ
الْجَمِيعَ».

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:** 9/2/18, \$891.00

 **Eucharistic Adoration** **Please Note:** Eucharistic Adoration will take place on **Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 7:00 PM.** Doors are opened at 6:00.



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!

Second Collection: Per Directive of the Eparchy, there will be a second collection taken on the **weekend of September 8-9, 2018 for World Mission Sunday.** As established by the USCCB, 91% of this collection goes to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and 9% to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. This collection does not remain in the parish it is sent to the Eparchy for proper distribution.



St. Theresa Church Dabke Troupe: Again, this year at our Festival will be our Dabke Dance Troupe from our students of Religious Education / MYO. **Practice** sessions have started if you are interested in joining please see Mirna



Festival Volunteers are needed...

- ◆ If you are able to volunteer to work at the **Festival** on one or more days; speak with Abouna Joseph or Michelle Nessralla.
- ◆ We also need volunteers to help set-up and clean-up.
- ◆ Students that need Community Service for school, please sign up to work the Festival.

**Many hands make light work
You Can Make A Difference**

**Upcoming MYO and Young Adults
Events in our New England Area:**

- ◆ **10th Anniversary of Maronite Servants of Christ the Light;** Open House on Saturday, September 8, from 2:00 PM-5:00PM at the Convent in Dartmouth. Bishop Gregory will be present.
- ◆ **Maronite Servants of Christ the Light ;** fundraiser on October 13, 2018 at Our Lady of the Cedars in Jamaica Plain, MA
- ◆ **Maronite Servants of Christ the Light;** Liturgy of Thanksgiving on Nov. 16, 2018 at 6:30PM, followed by a light reception hosted by St. George Maronite Church in Cranston, RI.

News From Our Sister Parishes

St. George Maronite Church in Cranston, RI , is hosting their Annual Lebanese Mahrajan on Friday, Sept. 14th, from 4PM-11:00PM, Featuring Elio Mitri and Saturday, Sept. 15th, from 12 Noon –11:00PM, Featuring Maurice Chedid and Sunday, Sept. 16th from 11:30 AM 7:00PM, Featuring Mitchell Kaltsunas and Ensemble. Free Admission ! All are welcome to attend at 1493 Cranston Street, Cranston, RI.

Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Church in New Bedford, MA, is hosting a celebration of the Feast of the Holy Cross on Saturday, September 22nd , from 1:00PM-11:00PM on the Church Grounds, 11 Franklin Street. Featuring: Lebanese Food, Music & Dancing, Hookah Rentals [For Adults Only], Games, Raffles, and Saj provided by “Thyme” Mediterranean Food, Saj and Shawarma etc. Free Admission! All are welcome to attend.



The Religious Education Program at St. Theresa Church is gearing up once again. As you know, our program not only offers a complete catechetical curriculum, but also teaches an appreciation for the Maronite Church and Liturgy. The program team has been at work preparing for the **2018-2019** Religious Education school year. We look forward to seeing you here at St. Theresa Church and having your child participate in our program.

**Registration Day / First Class
Saturday, September 22, 2018
from 9:00 AM—12:00 Noon**

St. Theresa Maronite Catholic Church

CHURCH LOCATION: 343 North Main Street, Brockton, MA 02301
MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 2567, Brockton, MA 02305-2567
TELEPHONE: Rectory: 508-586-1428 Fax: 508-587-8139



"I will let fall from Heaven a Shower of Roses."

- St. Theresa of Lisieux, 'The Little Flower' -

Saint Theresa Church Lebanese Festival 2018

August 10, 2018

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Theresa Church:

Saint Theresa Maronite Catholic Church is proudly sponsoring our tenth annual **Lebanese Festival** on **Friday, September 28th, Saturday, September 29th, and Sunday, September 30th**. This festival is a major fundraiser for our parish, and we take pride in showcasing the food, music and dance of our Lebanese heritage to our many expected visitors and guests. Past years' festivals were well-attended and highly publicized events, drawing thousands of guests and visitors including city and regional dignitaries and business leaders, area clergy and fellow parishioners from across the diocese.

As part of our fundraising efforts, ***Sponsorship Banners*** advertising businesses or in honor of loved ones will once again be made available to our parishioners, friends and supporters. Purchasing a sponsorship banner provides an excellent opportunity for each of us to financially support our beautiful church of Saint Theresa. Each banner will be uniquely designed. Please complete the attached form entitled ***2018 Sponsorship Banners*** and return it to Saint Theresa Church by **Friday, September 14th, to ensure a high-quality banner.**

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.**

I thank you for your generosity and kindness. May God bless you and your family!

Sincerely yours,
Father Joseph Daiif and the Festival Committee



Saint Theresa Church Lebanese Festival

September 28, 29, and 30, 2018

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)

___ White Diamond Sponsorship	(12' X 2 ½')	Vinyl Banner	\$10,000.00
___ Chrystal Sponsorship	(10' X 2 ½')	Vinyl Banner	\$5,000.00
___ 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 Friday, September 14, 2018 to ensure a high-quality banner.

Saint Theresa Church
PO Box 2567 Brockton, MA 02305-2567

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

PLEASE NOTE: Donations of \$250.00 or more will be acknowledged with a tax-deductible letter required by the Internal Revenue Service.

SAINT THERESA CHURCH



LEBANESE

FESTIVAL

343 North Main Street • Brockton, MA 02301 • 508-586-1428

FRIDAY, 9/28
3 PM - MIDNIGHT
ANDRE IBRAHIM

SATURDAY, 9/29
11:00 AM - 1:00AM
TONY MIKHAEL

SUNDAY, 9/30
NOON - 6:00PM
TONY MIKHAEL



Singer Tony Mikhael



Singer MITCHELL KALTSUNAS



Singer Andre Ibrahim



Tabouli



Shawarma



DJ GABE ELMASSIH



Grape Leaves



Falafel



Sajj



Beef & Chicken Kabob



Nammoura



Spinach Pie



Hummos



Lebanese Coffee



Baklava



Hot Dogs



Hamburgers



Full Liquor • Cash Bar

Daily Raffles

Promote Your Business By Donating
To Saint Theresa Festival Sponsorship Banners

Call Church Office @ 508-586-1428

NO OUTSIDE FOOD, DRINKS OR ARGUILE



Lebanese Food Festival

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”

~Helen Keller~

Our Annual Lebanese Food Festival will be held on **Friday, September 28th, Saturday, September 29th and Sunday, September 30th**. We are busily planning and preparing for this year's Festival to be the most successful one thus far!

Once again, we are inviting all parishioners and families to join to ensure the success of our Festival. There are so many ways that you can contribute.

Our goal is to have all items donated towards the Festival. The following is a list of items needed. We appreciate any Monetary Donations towards these items that we need to purchase.

Items Needed for Purchase

- ◆ Vegetables: 3-50 lbs bags of onions, 8 cases of lettuces, 3 cases of cucumbers, 6 cases of tomatoes, 3 cases of Green peppers,
- ◆ Carrots, Peppers, Garlic
- ◆ Olive Oil and [One 5 Gallon of Canola Oil for the Sajj]
- ◆ Feta Cheese, Zaatar, Falafel items, 1 Gallon of Olives, 2 Gallons of Labne, Rice Pilaf, Nuts
- ◆ Water, Soda, Beer, Liquor, Lebanese Coffee
- ◆ Arguile: Tobacco, Charcoal
- ◆ Propane: Gas for the tanks
- ◆ Meat: Beef and Chicken for both Shawarma, Kabobs, and Kafta
- ◆ Paper Products: Tablecloth's, Plates, Utensils, Gloves, Trash Bags, Popcorn, Sugar, Salt
- ◆ Donations towards the outside Tents, Freezer, Dumpster and Restrooms.
- ◆ Volunteer to work at the Festival on one or more days; speak with Abouna Joseph or Michelle about how you can help.
- ◆ Buy a Sponsorship for your Family/Business in loving memory of a deceased family member.

SPREAD THE WORD and attend the Festival with your family, friends and relatives! Ahla ou Sahla Feekoon! The more the merrier!