

Saint Theresa Maronite Church

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Feast of the Holy Cross

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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. 9 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Rose Saba as requested by the family
+Leo and Alice Smith, son John , Cousin Peter as requested by Mary Ann Asiaf

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

+Michael and Bacara (Becky) Sullivan as requested by the family



First Sunday after Holy Cross

Sat. Sept. 16 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Gertrude Smith as requested by Michael Mather, Sr.

Sun. Sept. 17 @ 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. 9 , 2017

English: Thomas

Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017

English: Mary Anne

Arabic: Lina Matta

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 advance of proposed date in order to avoid any difficulty in scheduling

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: «سَأَيِّدُ حِكْمَةَ الْحُكَمَاءِ، وَأَرْزُلُ فَهْمَ
الْفُهَمَاءِ!». فَأَيُّنَ الْحَكِيمِ؟ وَأَيُّنَ عَالِمِ الشَّرِيعَةِ؟
وَأَيُّنَ الْبَاحِثِ فِي أُمُورِ هَذَا الدَّهْرِ؟ أَمَا جَعَلَ اللَّهُ
حِكْمَةَ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ حَمَاقَةً؟ فِيمَا أَنَّ الْعَالَمَ بِحِكْمَتِهِ مَا
عَرَفَ اللَّهَ بِحَسَبِ حِكْمَةِ اللَّهِ، رَضِيَ اللَّهُ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ
بِحَمَاقَةِ الْبِشَارَةِ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ؛ لِأَنَّ الْيَهُودَ يَطْلُبُونَ
الآيَاتِ، وَالْيُونَانِيِّينَ يَلْتَمِسُونَ الْحِكْمَةَ. أَمَّا نَحْنُ
فَنُنَادِي بِمَسِيحٍ مَصْلُوبٍ، هُوَ عَنَارٌ 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.



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
فِيلِيسَ الَّذِي مِنْ بَيْتِ صَبْدَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَسَأَلُوهُ قَائِلِينَ: «يَا سَيِّدَ، نُرِيدُ أَنْ نَرَى
يَسُوعَ». فَجَاءَ فِيلِيسُ وَقَالَ لِأَنْدَرَاوُسَ، وَجَاءَ أَنْدَرَاوُسُ وَفِيلِيسُ وَقَالَ
لِيَسُوعَ. فَاجَابَهُمَا يَسُوعُ قَائِلًا: «لَقَدْ حَانَتِ السَّاعَةُ لِكِي يَمَجَّدَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ.
الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ 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 ضُطْرِبَتِ، فَمَاذَا أَقُولُ؟ يَا أَبَتِ، نَجِّنِي مِنْ هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ؟ وَلَكِنْ مِنْ أَجْلِ
هَذَا بَلَّغْتُ إِلَى هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ! يَا أَبَتِ، مَجِّدْ أَسْمَكَ». فَجَاءَ صَوْتُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ
يَقُولُ: «قَدْ مَجَّدْتُ، وَسَأَمَجِّدُ». وَسَمِعَ الْجَمْعُ الْحَاضِرُ فَقَالُوا: «إِنَّهُ رَعَدٌ».
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:** 9/3/17 \$1,060.00, Second Collection for Hurricane Harvey Forwarded to the Eparchy for its proper distribution \$303.00



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.

 **Eucharistic Adoration** **Please Note:** Eucharistic Adoration will take place on **Friday, Sept. 8, 2017.** Liturgy will take place at 7:00 PM followed by Eucharistic Adoration at 7:30 PM



Coffee Hour—Help Wanted! If you are able to lend a hand on sponsoring a Sunday Morning Coffee Hour, **Please** see Abouna.



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 Issa.



Our prayers and best wishes to : **Mr. Roy Chahine and Miss Michelle Merhej** , who were united in Holy Matrimony through the Ritual of Crowning on **Saturday, September 2, 2017** at St. Theresa Maronite Church.

May Christ grant them abundant love and happiness as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

On the occasion of the visit of His Excellency Bishop Michel Aoun, Bishop of the Eparchy of Jbeil, Lebanon to Boston. We extend an invitation to you in joining our parish family in welcoming Bishop Michel Aoun. Please join us on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 7:30PM for Liturgy. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

Feast of St. Theresa
Sunday, Oct. 1, at 10:30 AM



Flowers for the Feast of St. Theresa may be donated in loving memory or in honor of a family member or friend. Please send your donation to the church office along with the name of your loved one so that we can begin to prepare our bulletin and order our flowers in time. God bless

Novena to St. Theresa: A novena in honor of St. Theresa, the Little Flower, will begin on **Monday Sept. 25, 2017** and will conclude on **Friday, Sept. 29, 2017.**

Monday, Sept. 25, 2015 at 7:00PM Liturgy and Novena

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2017 at 7:00PM Liturgy and Novena

Wed., Sept. 27, 2016 at 7:30PM Liturgy with Bishop Michel Aoun

Thursday, Sept. 28, 2017 at 7:00PM Liturgy and Novena

Friday, Sept. 29, 2016 at 7:00PM Liturgy and Novena



St. Theresa Church Festival
Sept. 22, 23, 24, 2017

Once again, we are inviting all parishioners and families to join to ensure the success of our Festival. Volunteers are needed to work at the Festival on one or more days; if you are able to lend a helping hand please speak with Abouna Joseph or Michelle Nessralla.

SAINT THERESA CHURCH



LEBANESE

FESTIVAL

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FRIDAY, 9/22 3 PM - MIDNIGHT	SATURDAY, 9/23 11:00 AM - 1:00AM	SUNDAY, 9/24 NOON - 6:00PM
MITCHELL KALTSUNAS ANDRE KEEDY	MITCHELL KALTSUNAS CHADI NADDAF NICK YOUSSEF	MITCHELL KALTSUNAS ANDRE KEEDY



Singer Chadi Naddaf



Singer MITCHELL KALTSUNAS



Singer Andre Keedy

Kebbe - Sweets
Maccaroun



Tabouli



Sajj



Shawarma



Comedian
NICK YOUSSEF



DJ
GABE ELMASSIH

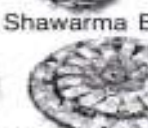
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لبنة - حلويات - معكرون



Falafel



Lebanese Coffee



Baklava



Nammoura



Hot Dogs



Hamburgers



Full Liquor • Cash Bar



St. Theresa Dabke Group

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



Parking is Available
at the AMR Ambulance Center
and the Angelo School

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 22nd, Saturday, September 23rd and Sunday, September 24th**. 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: 5 bags of onions, 10 boxes of lettuces, 3 boxes of cucumbers, 10 boxes of tomatoes
- Carrots, Peppers, Garlic
- Oil: Vegetable Oil and Cooking Oil
- 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
- Donation towards the outside Tents, Freezer and Dumpster
- Volunteer to work at the Festival on one or more days; speak with Abouna Joseph or Michelle Nessralla about how you can help.
- Buy a Sponsorship for your Family/Business in loving memory of a deceased family member.
- Offer to take a Lawn Sign and place it in your yard.
- SPREAD THE WORD and attend the Festival with your family, friends and relatives! Ahla ou Sahla Feekoon! The more the merrier!

St. Theresa Maronite Catholic Church

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

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

Saint Theresa Church Lebanese Festival 2017

August 1, 2017

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Theresa Church:

Saint Theresa Maronite Catholic Church is proudly sponsoring our ninth annual **Lebanese Festival** on Friday, September 22nd, Saturday, September 23rd, and Sunday, September 24th. This festival is a major fundraiser for our parish, and we look forward to 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, residents of the Greater Brockton area, 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 **2017 Sponsorship Banners** and return it to Saint Theresa Church by **Sunday, September 3rd**.

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 22, 23 and 24, 2017
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: Return this completed form with full payment by Sunday, September 3, 2017

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

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