



Saint Theresa Maronite Church

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Season of Pentecost - Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

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Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost



And He said to the woman,
'Your faith has saved you; go in peace'.

Luke 7: 50

Aug. 28-29, 2021

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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

Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Sat. Aug. 28 at 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Intention available on request

Sun. Aug. 29 at 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

40 Day Memorial for +Perla Antonios Melhem as requested by the family



Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

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

+Rose Saba as requested by the family

Sun. Sept. 5 at 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Intention available on request

News from our Sister Parishes

Saint Anthony of the Desert

300 North Eastern Ave., Fall River, MA 02723

Annual Lebanese Festival

Friday, August 27th from 5:00PM - 11:00PM,

Saturday, August 28th from 12:00- 11:00PM

Sunday, August 29th from 11:00 AM – 7:00PM.

Featuring *Mitchell Kaltsunas, DJ-George Ayoub.*

The event features Lebanese Food, Sweets & more

Saint Anthony Maronite Church

145 Amesbury Street, Lawrence, MA 01841



Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Church

11 Franklin Street, New Bedford, MA 02740

Summer Lebanese Festival

Saturday, September 18, 2021

12:00 Noon—11:00 PM

Featuring George Maalouf and Ensemble

This event features Lebanese Food, Saj, Hookas

Raffles and Money Prizes

Rain or Shine! Seating under the Big Tent.

Free Admission ~ Free Parking

SAVE THE DATE – OCTOBER 7, 2021

Please join Bishop Gregory Mansour and friends

for the

Twelfth Annual Benefit Event
of the

Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn

A virtual event via Zoom



This benefit will help strengthen our Eparchy in its service to its people here and for the vulnerable in Lebanon.

We gratefully honor and recognize the many dedicated people and organizations who serve and support the people and country of Lebanon during these difficult times.

Details to follow.

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**TIME, TALENT & TREASURE
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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: 8/22/21 \$ 922.00**

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



**YEAR OF
Saint Joseph**

December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021

**PRAYER FOR
The Year of Saint Joseph**

Holy Saint Joseph, guardian of Jesus Christ, husband of the Blessed Mother and patron of the Catholic Church, we pray to you for guidance this "Year of Saint Joseph" proclaimed by Pope Francis.

You have showed us by your loving ways, the value of work and the joys of fatherhood. By teaching God's Son to do the will of His Father you have given us the path to do the same. By your example, you have encouraged us to accept others as they are, without exception.

To you Saint Joseph, our Heavenly Father entrusted his only Son, Jesus Christ to your tender care and upbringing. In you, our Blessed Mother Mary placed her love and trust. Through your mentoring, Jesus Christ became man.

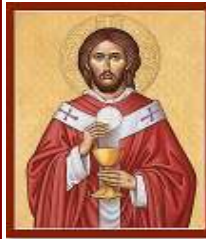
We praise you and ask of you to defend us and our loved ones from every evil and guide us with your grace and mercy.

AMEN.

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For the Month of August

Bread and Wine



Bread & wine for the Holy Gifts

are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

+Abdallah and Richidi Ackil

by Dr. and Mrs. Albert Ackil

Vigil Candle for the Blessed Mother



Vigil candle for the Blessed Mother

is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

+Paulette 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

+Eva Abourjaily

by the family

Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle



Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle

is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

+Faris 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

+ Gordon Solomon and

+Peter and Josephine [Ackil] George

by Dr. and Mrs. Albert Ackil



Saint Theresa

Maronite Catholic Church



Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Aug. 28-29, 2021

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians 1:1-10

Brothers and Sisters, Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord, has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Praise be to God always!

Gospel: Luke 7: 36-50

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him that she is a sinner.' Jesus spoke up and said to him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Teacher,' he replied, 'speak.' 'A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denary, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?' Simon answered, 'I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.' And Jesus said to him, 'You have judged rightly.' Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.' Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?' And he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'



فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيكي

يا إخوتي : من بولس وسلوانس وطيموثاوس إلى كنيسة التسالونيكين التي في الله الأب والرب يسوع المسيح: النعمة لكم والسلام! نشكر الله دائماً من أجلكم جميعاً، ونذكركم في صلواتنا بغير انقطاع. وتذكركم في حضرة إلهنا وأبينا عمل إيمانكم، وتعب محبتكم، وثبات رجائكم، كما في ربنا يسوع المسيح. ونعلم، أيها الإخوة، أحبائنا الله، أن الله اختاركم؛ لأن إنجيلنا لم يصر إليكم بالكلام وحسب، بل أيضاً بالقوة وبالروح القدس وبملاء اليقين، وأنتم تعلمون كيف كنا بينكم من أجلكم. فقد صرتم تفتنون بنا وبالرب، إذ قبلتم الكلمة، في وسط ضيقات كثيرة، بفرح الروح القدس، حتى صرتم مثلاً لجميع المؤمنين في مقدونية وأخائية؛ لأنها منكم داعت كلمة الرب، لا في مقدونية وأخائية وحسب، بل في كل مكان انتشر إيمانكم بالله، حتى لم يعد بنا حاجة إلى أن نقول في ذلك شيئاً. فهم أنفسهم يخبرون عنا كيف كان دخولنا إليكم، وكيف رجعت عن الأوثان إلى الله، لكي تعبدوا الله الحي الحق، وتنتظروا من السموات ابنه، الذي أقامه من بين الأموات، يسوع، منجياً من الغضب الآتي. والتسبيح لله دائماً

من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس لوقا

سأل واحد من الفرسيين يسوع أن يتناول الطعام معه، فدخل بيت الفرسي واتكأ. وإذا امرأة، وهي التي كانت في المدينة خاطئة، علمت أن يسوع متكئ في بيت الفرسي، فجاءت تحمل قارورة طيب. ووقفت باكية وراء يسوع، عند قدميه، وبدأت تبل قدميه بالدموع، وتشفهما بشعر رأسها، وتقبل قدميه، وتدهنهما بالطيب. ورأى الفرسي، الذي دعا يسوع، ما جرى، فقال في نفسه: «لو كان هذا نبياً لعلم أي امرأة هي تلك التي تلمسه! إنها خاطئة». فأجاب يسوع وقال له: «يا سمعان، عندي شيء أقوله لك». قال الفرسي: «قل، يا معلم». قال يسوع: «كان لداين مديونان، أحدهما مديون بخمسة دينار، والآخر بخمسين. وإذ لم يكن لهما ما يوفيان، سامحهما كليهما. فأيهما يكون أكثر حباً له؟». أجاب سمعان وقال: «أظن، ذلك الذي سامحه بالأكثر». فقال له يسوع: «حكمت بالصواب». ثم ألقت إلى المرأة وقال لسمعان: «هل ترى هذه المرأة؟ أنا دخلت بيتك فما سكبت على قدمي ماء، أما هي فقد بلت قدمي بالدموع، ونشفتها بشعرها. أنت لم تقبلني، أما هي فمئذ دخلت لم تكف عن تقبل قدمي. أنت ما دهنت رأسي بزيت، أما هي فدهنت بالطيب قدمي. لذلك أقول لك: خطاياها الكثيرة مغفورة لها، لأنها أحببت كثيراً. أما الذي يغفر له قليل فيحب قليلاً». ثم قال للمرأة: «مغفورة لك خطاياك!». فبدأ المتكئون معه يقولون في أنفسهم: «من هو هذا الذي يغفر الخطايا أيضاً؟». فقال يسوع للمرأة: «إيمانك خالص! اذهبي بسلام!».

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

Saint Theresa Church Feast Day Hafli 2021 September 25, 2021 8:00 PM-11:00 PM

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

August 20, 2021

Dear Parishioners/Sponsors/ Friends of Saint Theresa Church:

I hope this message finds you and your family all in good health and doing well; 2021 continues to be a difficult year for so many of our families. Like so many events that typically take place in late summer and early fall, Saint Theresa Church will **NOT** hold the annual Lebanese Festival. Moving forward, our plans are for a **virtual fundraiser and a Hafli to be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021 in the Church Hall**. Seating is limited to **NO** more than **150 people**. Tickets will be on sale soon at \$75.00 Per Person. Doors will open at 7:00 PM and dinner will be served at 8:30 PM.

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**. The PowerPoint presentation will also be shown during the Hafli.

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 2021 Sponsorship Banners or Donation and return it to Saint Theresa Church by **September 14, 2021**. 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 continue to be in good spirits.

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

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph Daiif". The signature is stylized and includes a flourish at the end.

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, 2021.

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

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Saint Theresa Church Feast Day Hafli

Saturday, Sept, 25th, 2021

8:00 PM-11:00 PM

Doors Open at 7:00 PM

Dinner Served at 8:30 PM

Food ~ Bar ~ Music ~

Hookas ~ Raffles

Tickets are \$75.00 Per Person

Seating is Limited to 150 persons

No Tickets will be sold at the door

**Promote Your Business By Donating To
the Saint Theresa Church**

Sponsorship Banners Virtual Fundraiser

Please Call Church Office for more information

508-586-1428

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