



## **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

September 5-6, 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

## Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Sat. Sept. 5 at 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Rose Saba as requested by the family

+Sun. Sept. 6 at 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Ezzat and Raymond Kass Hanna as requested by the family



## 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. Nessralla, Jr.

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



## THE NEW "NON-SHAMING" MODESTY RULES



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### 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?

## 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

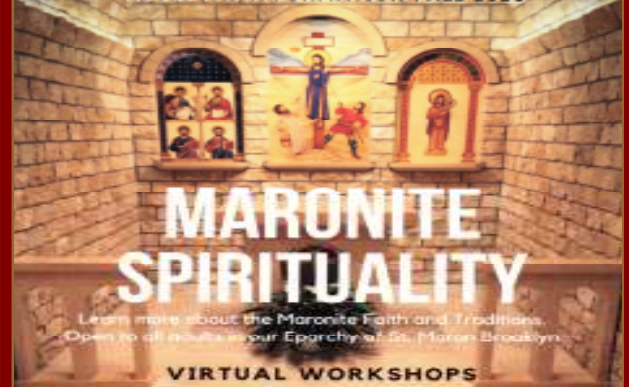
New England  
Region:  
October 17th

Southern/  
Far Southern  
Region:  
October 24th

Email the MYO Office at [myooffice@gmail.com](mailto:myooffice@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Adult Faith Formation Fall 2020

ADULT FAITH FORMATION FALL 2020



Learn more about the Maronite Faith and Traditions.  
Open to all adults in our Eparchy of St. Maron Brooklyn.

**VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS**

OCT. 3, THE MARONITE CHURCH FR. DOMINIQUE HANNA	OCT. 20, STS. EPHRAIM & JAMES OF SEEDS FR. JAMES DORAN
OCT. 7, DEVOTIONAL LITURGY MSGR. JIM ROOT	OCT. 27, VOCATIONS IN THE MARONITE CHURCH FR. ELIE MIKHAEL
OCT. 14, SCRIPTURE & TYPOLOGY FR. VINCE FARHAT	

Via Zoom on Thursdays 6:00-9:15PM  
[Register Here](#)

HOSTED BY THE MARONITE SERVANTS OF CHRIST THE LIGHT

**TIME, TALENT & TREASURE  
STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE**

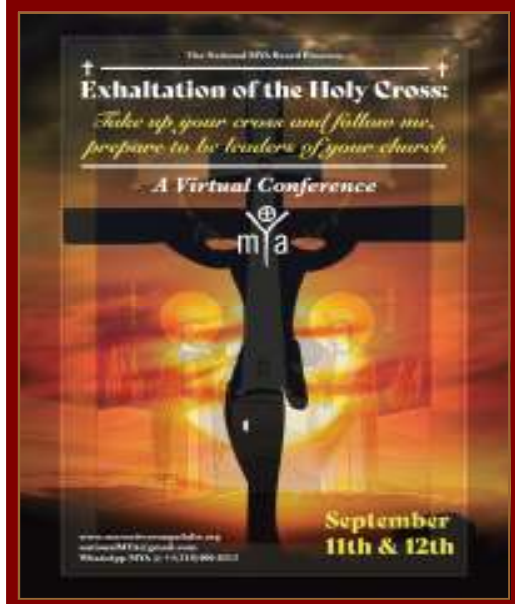
**Parish Support**

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:** 8/30/20 \$1,128.00

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

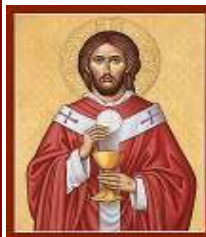
O Divine Ocean of Mercy and Compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties. Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the Life-Giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At this time I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ,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

**National Maronite Young Adults**



**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**



**Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost**

**September 5-6, 2020**

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

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.

### **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 وأبيننا عمل إيمانكم، وتعَبَ محبتكم، وثبات رجائكم، كما في ربنا يسوع المسيح. ونعلم، أيها الإخوة، أحبباء الله، أن الله اختاركم؛ لأنَّ إنجيلنا لم يصر إليكم بالكلام وحسب، بل أيضاً بالقوة وبالروح القدس وبإيمان اليقين، وأنتم تعلمون كيف كنا بينكم من أجلكم. فقد صرتم نقتدون 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 يخبروننا 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، منجينا من الغضب الآتي. والتسبيح لله دائماً

## من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس لوقا

سأل واحد من الفريسيين يسوع أن يتناول الطعام معه، فدخل بيت الفريسي وأتكا. وإذا امرأة، وهي التي كانت في المدينة خاطئة، علمت أن يسوع متكئ في بيت الفريسي، فجاءت تحمل قارورة طيب. ووقفت باكياً وراء يسوع، عند قدميه، وبدأت تبل قدميه بالدموع، وتشفها بشعر رأسها، وتقبل قدميه، وتدهنهما بالطيب. ورأى الفريسي، الذي دعا يسوع، ما جرى، فقال في نفسه: «لو كان هذا نبياً لعلم أي امرأة هي تلك التي تلمسها! إنها خاطئة». فأجاب يسوع وقال له: «يا سمعان، عندي شيء أقوله لك». قال الفريسي: «قل، يا معلم». قال يسوع: «كان لداين مديونان، أحدهما مديون بخمسمئة دينار، والآخر بخمسين. وإذا لم يكن لهما ما يوفيان، سامحهما كليهما. فايهما يكون أكثر حبا 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 تقبيل 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 خلصك! اذهبي بسلام!».

## 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 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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