



Saint Theresa Maronite Church

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**'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I
must be in my Father's house?**

Luke 2:49

The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

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Happy New Year



I take this opportunity to offer my sincere appreciation to all of you for your support, generosity and cooperation throughout the year. The accomplishments and hard work would have never been completed if it were not for each and every one of you. You demonstrated your love, dedication and loyalty to your faith and to Saint Theresa Church.

I offer my best wishes to you and your families for a Happy, Healthy New Year.

May God bless you all.

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*Fr. Joseph Daiif*

January 2-3, 2021



Issue No. 1

### 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 Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation

Please make arrangements with the pastor at least one month in advance. Sponsors 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.

### Holy Mystery of Reconciliation

The sacrament of Reconciliation is available one hour before each Liturgy. And, it is also available any time upon request.

*"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~*

### 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~

### 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.

Please Note: Eucharistic Adoration and Liturgy takes place on Thursday Evenings. Doors open at 6:00PM.

### Holy Mystery of Crowning

Please consult with the pastor to make arrangements at least 6 months in advance of your proposed date in order to avoid conflicts in scheduling.

### Religious Education

Classes are held on Saturdays  
September through April  
9:00 AM—12:00 Noon

### MYO—MYA

MYO- MYA meet  
September through April

## Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

**Sat. Jan. 2 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+Joan Colandrea as requested by Mae Dickinson

**Sun. Jan. 3 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+ Intention Available

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## Holy Day of Obligation

## Feast of the Glorious Epiphany

**Wednesday, Jan. 6 @ 7:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+All deceased members of the Feghali families by Madeline Asack and family

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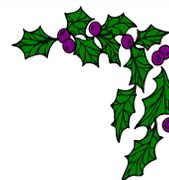
## First Sunday after Epiphany

**Sat. Jan. 9 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+Peter and Margo Asack as requested by family and friends

**Sun. Jan. 10 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+ Intention Available



We are asking for volunteers to assist in Snow Shoveling / Snow Plowing to remove the snow from each entry way of the church. When a snow storm falls on a *weekend, the entry ways / parking lot must be cleared by the time of both liturgies*. If you are able to lend a hand, please contact Abouna as soon as possible. God bless.



**OFFICE FOR MARONITE YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS**  
**EPARCHY OF SAINT MARON OF BROOKLYN**

**YOUTH MEETING**

Join us for a Gathering of Fellowship, Faith, and Formation  
For the Youth Leaders of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn  
January 31, 2021  
7:00PM-8:30PM Via Zoom

HAPPY  
new year  
2021

**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. 12/25/20 \$ 1826.00, 12/27/20 \$641.00

**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.

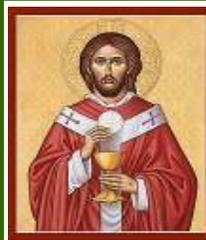
**Happy New Year 2021**

May **GOD** be with you  
through **NEW YEAR**,  
and fill your life with  
**COMFORT, LOVE** and **CHEER**.  
May this day and the days ahead,  
Hold many **BLESSINGS**  
for you and yours.

**Happy New Year!**

**For the Month of January**

**Bread and Wine**



**Bread & wine for the Holy Gifts**

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

**+Tofie and Theresa Samia, son  
John, daughter Nicole  
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:

**+Mr. and Mrs. Manthala George, Sr.  
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 :

**+Dr. William, Abraham, Joseph,  
Michael and Margaret George,  
Lee George Roukous  
by the family**

**Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle**



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

**+Mary George Davin, daughter Debbie  
by the family**

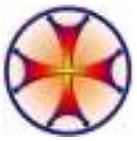
**Vigil candles for the Gospel Throne**



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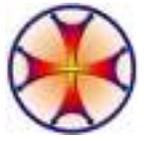
is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

**+Geraldine George  
by Manthala George, Jr. and family**



# **Saint Theresa**

## **Maronite Catholic Church**



**The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple**

**January 2-3, 2021**

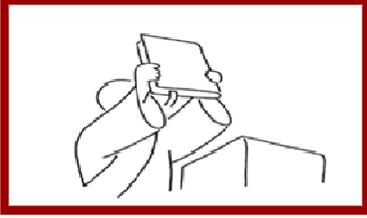
### **A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews 7:11-19**

If perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood for the people received the law under this priesthood what further need would there have been to speak of another priest arising according to the order of Melchizedek, rather than one according to the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. Now the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord; was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. It is even more obvious when another priest arises, resembling Melchizedek, one who has become a priest, not through a legal requirement concerning physical descent, but through the power of an indestructible life. For it is attested of him, 'You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' There is, on the one hand, the abrogation of an earlier commandment because it was weak and ineffectual (for the law made nothing perfect); there is, on the other hand, the introduction of a better hope, through which we approach God.

### **Gospel: Luke 2:41-52**

Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

## فصل من الرسالة إلى العبرانيين



يا إخوتي، لو كان الكمال قد تحقق بالكهنوت اللاوي، وهو أساس الشريعة التي أُعطيت للشعب، فأبي حاجة بعد إلى أن يقوم كاهن آخر على رتبة ملكيصادق، ولا يقال على رتبة هارون؟ فمتى تغير الكهنوت، لا بد من تغيير الشريعة أيضا. فالذي يقال هذا في شأنه، أي المسيح، جاء من سبط آخر، لم يلزم أحد منه خدمة المذبح، ومن الواضح أن ربنا أشرق من يهوذا، من سبط لم يصفه موسى بشيء من الكهنوت. ويزيد الأمر وضوحا أن الكاهن الآخر الذي يقوم على مثال ملكيصادق، لم يقم وفق شريعة وصية بشرية، بل وفق قوة حياة لا تزول. ويشهد له: أنت كاهن إلى الأبد، على رتبة ملكيصادق! وهكذا يتم إبطال وصية الكهنوت السابقة، بسبب ضعفها وعدم نفعها، لأن الشريعة لم تبلغ شيئا إلى الكمال، ويتم أيضا إدخال رجاء أفضل، به نقرب من الله.

والتسبيح لله دائما

### من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس لوقا

كان أبوا يسوع يذهبان كل سنة في عيد الفصح إلى أورشليم. ولما بلغ يسوع اثنتي عشرة سنة، صعدوا معا كما هي العادة في العيد. وبعد انقضاء أيام العيد، عاد الأبوان، وبقي الصبي يسوع في أورشليم، وهما لا يدريان. وإذا كانا يظنان أنه في القافلة، سارا مسيرة يوم، ثم أخذوا يطلبانه بين الأقارب والمعارف. ولم يجداه، فعادا إلى أورشليم يبحثان عنه. وبعد ثلاثة أيام، وجداه في الهيكل جالسا بين العلماء، يسمعونهم ويسألهم. وكان جميع الذين يسمعونهم مذهلين بذكائه وأجوبيته. ولما رآه أبواه بهتتا، وقالت له أمه: يا ابني، لماذا فعلت بنا هكذا؟ فما أنا وأبوك كنا نبحث عنك متوجعين. فقال لهما: لماذا تطلباني؟ ألا تعلمان أنه ينبغي أن أكون في ما هو لأبي؟ أما هما فلم يفهما الكلام الذي كلمهما به. ثم نزل معهما، وعاد إلى الناصرة، وكان خاضعا لهما. وكانت أمه تحفظ كل هذه الأمور في قلبها. وكان يسوع ينمو في الحكمة والقامة والنعمة عند الله والناس.

# The Giving Tree

Helping Those in Need



## St. Theresa Church Christmas Giving Tree Program Thank You



City of Brockton

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December 17, 2020

Dear Abouna Joseph and the Parish Family of Saint Theresa Church:

On behalf of our Plouffe Academy students and their families, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the collective generosity that you continuously have shown to our school community, especially during this Christmas Season. As you know, many families are struggling financially during the ongoing pandemic, and the Giving Tree gift cards that were donated to our school are so deeply appreciated by our students and their families. As parents/guardians and students come to school to pick up their gift cards, we can see everyone's warm gratitude.

***"Love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference. They bless the one who receives them, and they bless you, the giver."*** ~Barbara De Angelis~ Your love and kindness has blessed so many individuals. Parishioners of Saint Theresa Church have made this Christmas season merrier and brighter for so many families.

Please accept our sincerest gratitude and deepest appreciation for all you do for our students. We wish you and your families a New Year filled with Good Health and Blessings. Happy 2021!!

Sincerely yours,

Michelle A. Nessralla  
Principal

Bonnie J. Brady  
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Eric Wescott  
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