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The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

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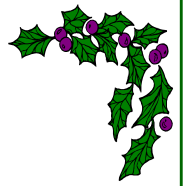
“I will let fall from Heaven a Shower of Roses.”

~Saint Theresa of Lisieux~ “The Little Flower”



**‘WHY WERE YOU SEARCHING FOR ME?
DID YOU NOT KNOW THAT I MUST BE IN
MY FATHER’S HOUSE?’**

LUKE 2:49



Finding Our Lord in the Temple

Sat. Dec. 30 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+James Gillich as requested by St. Theresa Parish

Sun. Dec. 31 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Marie A. Nessralla as requested by the family



Schedule for New Year's Liturgies

Holy Day of Obligation

Circumcision of the Lord/ New Year's Day

Monday, January 1, 2018

Liturgy will be celebrated at 11:30 AM—One Time Change ONLY for this day!

Holy Day of Obligation

Feast of the Glorious Epiphany

Vigil Liturgy on Friday, Jan. 5, 2018 at 7:00 PM

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

Sat. Jan. 6 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Intention of the celebrant

First Sunday after Epiphany

Sun. Jan. 7 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Carol Naymie as requested by Charlie and David Nessralla and Patricia Nazarian

+George ElHayek as request by the family



For the Month of December

Bread & wine for the Holy Gifts are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Nacklie and Marie Nessralla by the family

Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Naja Nessralla by the family

Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Peter L. Asack, Sr. by Margo Asack

Vigil candle for Shrine of St. Theresa is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Bolus and Rose Saba and all deceased members of the family by the family



Lectors' Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 30, 2017

English: Thomas

Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017

English: Michelle

Arabic: Sadie





Reading: 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.

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 يلازم 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 يتم 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.

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

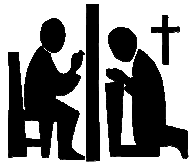
Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was 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.

إنجيل القديس لوقا

كان أبوا يسوع يذهبان كل سنة في عيد الفصح إلى اورشليم. ولما بلغ يسوع اثنتي عشرة سنة، صعدوا معا كما هي العادة في العيد. وبعد انقضاء أيام العيد، عاد الأبوان، وبقي الصبي يسوع في اورشليم، وهما لا يدريان. وإذ كانا يظنان أنه في القافلة، سارا مسيرة يوم، ثم أخذوا يطلبانه بين الأقارب والمعارف. ولم يجداه، فعادا إلى اورشليم يبحثان عنه. وبعد ثلاثة أيام، وجداه في الهيكل جالسا بين العلماء، يسمعونهم ويسألهم. وكان جميع الذين يسمعونهم منذهلين بذكائه وأجوبته. 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.

**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:** 12/24/17 \$528.00. Christmas 12/25/17 \$2,491.00.



Please Note: The sacrament of Reconciliation is available one hour before each Liturgy. And, is available any time on request.

Eucharistic Adoration



Please Note: Eucharistic Adoration will take place on **Friday , Jan. 5 , 2018.** Liturgy will take place at 7:00 PM followed by Eucharistic Adoration. Doors are opened at 6:00 pm.

Please Note: Eucharistic Adoration **will not take** place on Friday, Jan. 12, 2018, it will resume on Friday, Jan. 19, 2018.

Religious Education Calendar

Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018

Class 5 9:00 AM —12:00 Noon



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!
Thank you.



We are asking for volunteers to assist in **Snow Shoveling** and using the snow blower to remove the snow from each entry way of the church. When a snow storm falls on a weekend the entry ways must be cleared by the times of the liturgies. If you are able to lend a hand please contact Fr. Joseph as soon as possible. God bless.

Coming Event: Save the Date!



St. Theresa Church
Invites you to our Annual Haftli
on Saturday, February 10, 2018
Celebrating the
Feast of St. Maron / St. Valentine

Lakeview Pavilion
45 Lakeview Rd.
Foxboro, MA 02035

Featuring:
Chadi Naddaf

DJ: Gabe ElMassih

Tickets are now on Sale

Children's Seating is Limited

Children's Ticket Price: 12yrs. & under \$30.00

For Tickets Contact:

Malek ElHayek (508) 333-3430

Tony Zeidan (781) 910-7284

Salma Haikal (617) 413-6319

Copal Awad (508) 922-3331

**Ticket Price : \$75.00 Per Person,
\$100.00 Per Person, VIP \$150.00 Per Person**



Our Christmas decorations are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:

*Abdallah and Richidi Ackil, son Faris
Peter and Josephine (Ackil) George
Gordon Solomon
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Arcy family
Peter L. Asack, Sr.
George Sarkis Asack, Sr.
Genevieve and Youseff Feghali family
Peter G. Asiaf, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Asiaf, Sr., sons Bruce, Peter Jr. and
daughter Dian
Juliette and John Asiaf
All deceased members of the Altar Society
Anis and Mary El Adem
Tanios & Mariam Emil El Hajj
Leila Feghaly
Kristen M. Etensohn, granddaughter of
Frederick E. & Rosarina Hassan
Mr. & Mrs. Manthala George, Sr.
Dr. William George
Abraham George
Joseph George
Mike George
Margaret George
Geraldine George
Mary George Davin
Debbie Davin Sperre
Joseph and Lorice Hashem, son Steven
William and Catherine Hansbury
Fred and Mary Hebshie
Robert Hebshie
Taminie & Massad Hassan
Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Hassan
Mr. Haikal K. Haikal
Mr. & Mrs. Paul E. Kfoury
Ernest and Anne LaFranchise
Hameed and Catherine Macary
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur McGrail and son Arthur
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Madonna, sons Vincent, Arthur,
Salvatore (Sal) and Grandson James
Mr. and Mrs. Augustino Madonna
Mr. and Mrs. Michael M. Madonna, son Michael and
Granddaughter Rebecca
Howard and daughter Debra Lake Moran
Martha, Mary, and Mansur Nessralla
John and Amanda Nessralla
Boutrossieh Nessralla*

*Nackfie and Marie A. Nessralla
Naja Nessralla
Philomena Nessralla
Kozahya, Hanne, and Philomena Nessralla
Alan J. Poirier
Kim Asiaf Rosenfelt
Bolus and Rose Saba, and all deceased members
Philip and Jeannette Saba, Sr.
Evelyn Saba
Elias and Minnie Saad
Henry Samia
James Samia family and all deceased members
Tofie and Theresa Samia and son John, Jr.
George Samia
Leo and Alice Smith, son John and Cousin Peter Smith
Raymond Stulpin family and all deceased members
Thomas and Sadie Stevens
Louis and Mary Stevens
Francis and Celia Schenck
The USA Military and all the Veterans
Toohey family
Marie Webby family and all deceased members
Antonios and Marguerite Wakim
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Williams
All deceased members of St. Theresa Parish family*

