



## **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**

## **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*

Jan.1-2, 2022

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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 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



# Schedule for New Year's Liturgies

## Holy Day of Obligation

### Circumcision of the Lord/ New Year's Day

Saturday, January 1, 2022

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



## Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

Sun. Jan. 2 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Therese Saade as requested by family



## Holy Day of Obligation

### Feast of the Glorious Epiphany

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

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



## First Sunday after Epiphany

Sat. Jan. 8 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Thomas Demakes as requested by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Magner and son Keith

Sun. Jan. 9 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+ Intention available on request



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 in time for both liturgies.* If, you are able to lend a hand please contact Abouna as soon as possible. God bless.





# Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn, New York



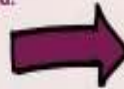
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EQUALITY  
BEGINS IN  
THE WOMB



Slide to see the  
Schedule for the  
March for Life  
weekend.



## Schedule:

### Thursday, January 20

5:30-7:30 PM - Pro Life Vigil Group at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 4th and Michigan Ave NE Washington DC

8:00 PM - Meet with the Liturgy with Bishop George Malouf in the Maronite Chapel, 400 Massachusetts Corporation

Terrace of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

### Friday, January 21

10:00 AM - Mass at the Basilica in the corner of Indiana Avenue and Branch Street to get for the March for Life

3:00 PM - Live from the Sanctuary for Social Liberty and Faith sharing with Alaska for RW Washington DC

### Saturday, January 22

Open any book in the Bible, John Paul II, Marwood Street, and Memorials or good memorial cards to the Bible, Holocaust, Anti-American Act etc.

### Sunday, January 23

11:00 AM - Mass at the Church of Our Lady of Lebanon, Church Washington DC

For more information or to access a copy of the Book visit:  
[www.familyandsanctityoflife.org](http://www.familyandsanctityoflife.org)

[familyandsanctityoflife.org/venue](http://familyandsanctityoflife.org/venue)

Sponsored by: National Hispanic Young Adults and the Family and Sanctity of Life Office



# Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn, New York

Save the Date!

The Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn presents

POWER + LOVE

**SURVIVOR**

OVERCOME YOUR FEARS AND CHALLENGES

SELF - CONTROL

New England  
Regional MYO  
Retreat

St. Basil's  
Salvatorian Center  
Methuen, MA

April 1 - 3, 2022

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. [2 Tim 1:7]

**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. 12/25/21 \$ 1,933.00, 12/26/21 \$1,282.00

**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.

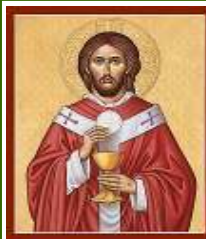
**Happy Healthy New Year 2022**

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:

**+Hamid Sabbagh**

*by Hala Williams*

**Vigil Candle for the Blessed Mother**



**Vigil candle for the Blessed Mother** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

**+Thomas Demakes**

*by St. Theresa Parish 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 :

**+Nacklie and Marie Nessralla**

*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 :

**+Tofie and Theresa Samia**

*by the family*

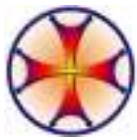
**Vigil candles for the Gospel Throne**



**Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

**+Joseph Brenckle Jr.**

*by St. Theresa Parish Family*



# **Saint Theresa**

## **Maronite Catholic Church**



**Finding of Our Lord in the Temple**

**Jan. 1-2, 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 أعطيت 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 أيضًا. 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 وضوحًا 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 شيئًا إلى الكمال، ويتم أيضًا إدخال رجاء أفضل، به نقترب 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 معًا 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 منذهليلين بذكائه وأجوبته. ولما رآه أبواه بهتًا، وقالت له أمه: يا ابني، لماذا فعلت بنا هكذا؟ فما أنا وأبوك كنا نبحث عنك متوجعين. فقال لهما: لماذا تطلبانني؟ 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 خاضعًا لهما. وكانت أمه تحفظ كل هذه الأمور في قلبها. وكان يسوع ينمو في الحكمة والقامة والنعمة عند الله والناس.



# St. Theresa Church Christmas Giving Tree Program Thank You



City of Brockton  
**BROCKTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
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December 23, 2021

Dear Abouna Joseph and the Parishioners of Saint Theresa Church:

It is with profound gratitude that we thank you for your generous donations of Christmas gift cards for our students. Their holiday season was made so much brighter through your collective generosity and thoughtfulness.

Through the collective generosity of Saint Theresa Church and the staff/teachers of our school, Giving Tree gift cards were given to 87 students right before the Christmas vacation. The expressions of disbelief that we witnessed amongst the recipients were JOYFUL! Our students' reactions were unforgettable.


Acts of kindness have multilayered effects; the ripples of sheer happiness that the parish family of Saint Theresa Church has sent forth this Christmas Season spread much cheer and brightness. We appreciate all you continue to do each Christmas for our Plouffe Academy students and their families.

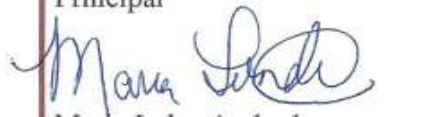
We extend our warmest wishes to you and your parish family for a JOYFUL and BLESSED Christmas Season and a New Year filled with Good Health and Happiness.

Sincerely yours,


  
Michelle Nessralla  
Principal

  
Bonnie J. Brady  
Associate Principal

  
Eric Wescott  
Assistant Principal

  
Maria Lobo-Andrade  
School Adjustment Counselor

  
James Flores  
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