



## Saint Theresa Maronite Church

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## First Sunday after Holy Cross

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# First Sunday after Holy Cross



For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,  
and to give his life a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45

## Liturgy Schedule

The Holy Mysteries are celebrated:

Saturdays: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 10:30 AM

Holy Days: 7:00 PM

Daily Liturgy: To be announced

Arabic Liturgy : To be announced

## Holy Mystery of Reconciliation

The sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment.

## 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 Therese of Lisieux~*

## Religious Education

Classes are held on Saturdays  
September through April

## 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.

## Adoration

You are invited to spend some time before our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to grow in faith and love.

*"Your heart is made to love Jesus, to love Him passionately; pray so that the beautiful years of your life may not pass by in chimerical fears."  
Saint Therese of Lisieux*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
First Thursday of the month from  
6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

## MYO—MYA

MYO—MYA meet  
September through April

## First Sunday after Holy Cross

Sat. Sept. 17 at 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Intention available

Sun. Sept. 18 at 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

40 Day Memorial for + Peter Ghannam as requested by the family

Please Note: The Main Celebrant will be Abbot Maroun Abou Jaoude from Lebanon



## Second Sunday after Holy Cross

Sat. Sept. 24 at 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Peter Asiaf, Jr. as requested by Maryann Asiaf and

+Kim Asiaf Rosenfelt as requested by family

Sun. Sept. 25 at 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+ Deborah Davin Sperre as requested by the family

## St. Theresa Church Festival 2022



### Festival Volunteers are needed...

- ◆ If you are able to volunteer to work at the **Festival** on one or more days; speak with Abouna Joseph or Michelle
- ◆ We also need volunteers to help set-up and clean-up.
- ◆ Students that need Community Service for school, please sign up to work the Festival.

*Many hands make light work  
You Can Make A Difference!*

Friday, September 30, 2022

Saturday, October 1, 2022

Sunday, October 2, 2022

**Ahalan Wa Sahlan!**



**Novena to St. Theresa:** A novena in honor of St. Theresa, the Little Flower, will begin on Friday, Sept. 23rd to Friday, Sept. 30th.

### Feast of St. Theresa

Flowers for the Feast of St. Theresa may be donated in loving memory or in honor of a family member or friend. Please send your donation to the church office along with the name of your loved one so that we can begin to prepare our bulletin in time. God bless

Register Today!

The Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn presents

2022 - 2023 MYO Regional Retreats

<b>New England Region</b> St. Anthony of the Desert Fall River, MA Dec. 3, 2022	<b>Mid-Atlantic Region</b> Christian Blue Mountain Retreat Center New Ringgold, PA Nov. 11-13, 2022	<b>Far South Region</b> Pine Lake Retreat Center Groveland, FL Jan. 13 - 15, 2023
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For God did not give us a spirit of fear but rather of power and love and self-control (2 Tim 1:7)

ZOOM SERIES  
HOSTED BY THE  
MARONITE SERVANTS OF CHRIST  
THE LIGHT  
MARONITESERVANTS.ORG

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST  
FALL 2022**

<b>THE REAL PRESENCE</b> Fr. Dominique Hanna September 22 at 8 pm	<b>THE PRIESTHOOD</b> Fr. Boutros El Hachem September 29 at 8 pm
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**COMMUNION OF LOVE & SERVICE**  
Fr. Rudy Wokim  
October 6 at 8 pm

**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. 9/18/22 \$1,188.00

**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.

**Religious Education Program 2022-2023**

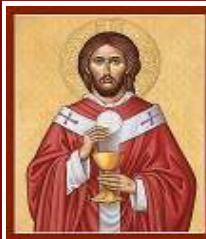


**The Religious Education Program at St. Theresa Church** is gearing up once again. As you know, our program not only offers a complete catechetical curriculum, but also teaches an appreciation for the Maronite Church and Liturgy. The program team has been at work preparing for the **2022-2023** Religious Education school year. We look forward to having your child participate in our program which will take place **Virtual** once a month on Saturdays from 9:30 AM-11:00 AM.

**Registration Day /  
First In Person Class  
Saturday, September 17, 2022  
From 9:30 AM- 12:00 Noon**

**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:

**+Peter G. Asiaf, Jr.**

*by Maryann Asiaf*

**Vigil Candle for the Blessed Mother**



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

**+Rose Saba**  
*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 :

**+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 :

**+Special Intention**

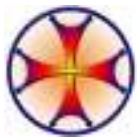
**Vigil candles for the Gospel Throne**



**Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne**

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

**+Private Intention**



# **Saint Theresa**

## **Maronite Catholic Church**



**First Sunday after Holy Cross**

**September 17-18, 2022**

### **A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy 2:1-10**

**Brothers and Sisters:** Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

**Praise be to God always.**

### **Gospel: Mark 10:35-45**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their ruler's lord it over them and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man; came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'



## فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الثانية

### إلى تلميذه تيموتاوس

يا إخواني، وأنت، يا أبنائي، تشدد بالنعمة التي في المسيح يسوع. وما سمعته مني بحضور شهود كثيرين، استودعه أناسا أمثاء، جديرين هم أيضا بأن يعلموا غيرهم. شاركني في احتمالات المشقات كجندي صالح للمسيح يسوع. وما من جندي ينهمك في الأمور المعيشية، إذا أراد أن يرضي من جنده. ومن يصارع لا ينال إكليلًا إلا إذا صارع بحسب الأصول. والحارث الذي يتعب له الحق بالنصيب الأول من الثمر. تأمل في ما أقول: والرب سيعطيك فهمًا في كل شيء! تذكر يسوع المسيح الذي قام من بين الأموات، وهو من نسل داود، بحسب إنجيلي، الذي فيه احتمل المشقات حتى القيود كمجرم، لكن كلمة الله لا تقيد. لذلك أصبر على كل شيء من أجل المختارين، ليحصلوا هم أيضًا على الخلاص في المسيح يسوع مع المجد الأبدي.

### من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس مرقس

دنا من يسوع يعقوب ويوحنا، أبنائي زبدي، وقالوا له: «يا معلم، نريد أن تصنع لنا كل ما نسألك». فقال لهما: «ماذا تريدان أن أصنع لكما؟». قالوا له: «أعطنا أن نجلس في مجدك، واحد عن يمينك، وواحد عن يسارك». فقال لهما يسوع: «إنكما لا تعلمان ما تطلبان: هل تستطيعان أن تشربا الكأس التي أشربها أنا؟ أو أن تتعمدا بالمعمودية التي اتعمد بها أنا؟». قالوا له: «نستطيع». فقال لهما يسوع: «الكأس التي أنا أشربها ستشربانها، والمعمودية التي أنا اتعمد بها ستتعمدان بها. أما الجلوس عن يميني أو عن يساري، فليس لي أن أمنحه إلا للذين أعدد لهم». ولما سمع العشرة الآخرون، بدأوا يعْتَاطون من يعقوب ويوحنا. فدعاهم يسوع إليه وقال لهم: «تعلمون أن الذين يعتبرون رؤساء الأمم يسودونهم، وعظماؤهم يتسلطون عليهم. أما أنتم فليس الأمر بينكم هكذا، بل من أراد أن يكون فيكم عظيمًا، فليكن لكم خادماً. ومن أراد أن يكون الأول بينكم، فليكن عبداً للجميع؛ لأن ابن الإنسان أيضاً لم يأت ليخدم، بل ليخدم، ويبدل نفسه فداءً عن كثيرين».

## 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 Lebanese Festival 2022

August 31, 2022

Dear Sponsors of Saint Theresa Church:

Greetings to you from our Parish Family!

Saint Theresa Maronite Catholic Church is proudly sponsoring our annual **Lebanese Festival** on **Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, and Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**. This festival is a major fundraiser for our parish, and we take pride in showcasing the food, music and dance of our Lebanese heritage to our many expected visitors and guests. Past years' festivals were well-attended and highly publicized events, drawing thousands of guests and visitors including city and regional dignitaries and business leaders, area clergy and fellow parishioners from across the area.

As part of our fundraising efforts, **Sponsorship Banners** advertising businesses or in honor of loved ones will once again be made available to our parishioners, friends and supporters. Purchasing a sponsorship banner provides an excellent opportunity for each of us to financially support our beautiful church of Saint Theresa. Each banner will be uniquely designed. Please complete the attached form entitled **2022 Sponsorship Banners** and return it to Saint Theresa Church by **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**, to ensure **your banner will be included in our PowerPoint presentation.**

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.

I thank you for your generosity and kindness. May God bless you and your family!

Sincerely yours,  
Father Joseph Abisaad and the Festival Committee



# Saint Theresa Church Lebanese Festival

September 30<sup>th</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup>, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

## 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)

___ White Diamond Sponsorship	(12' X 2 ½')	On Screen Banner	\$10,000.00
___ Crystal Sponsorship	(10' X 2 ½')	On Screen Banner	\$5,000.00
___ Diamond Sponsorship	(8' X 2 ½')	On Screen Banner	\$2,000.00
___ Platinum Sponsorship	(6' X 2 ½')	On Screen Banner	\$1,000.00
___ Gold Sponsorship	(4' X 2 ½')	On Screen Banner	\$500.00
___ Silver Sponsorship	(3' X 1.6')	On Screen Banner	\$250.00

**STEP FOUR:** PLEASE return this completed form with full payment by Sunday, September 18, 2022 to ensure your banner will be included in our PowerPoint Presentation.

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

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