



Saint Theresa Maronite Church

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Season of Pentecost - Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

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Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost



Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.

Luke 10:42

Aug. 21-22, 2021

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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

Fourteen Sunday of Pentecost

Sat. Aug. 21 at 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Intention available on request

Sun. Aug. 22 at 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Hana Khoury Daher as requested by the family



Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Sat. Aug. 28 at 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Intention available on request

Sun. Aug. 29 at 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

40 Day Memorial for +Perla Antonios Melhem as requested by the family

News from our Sister Parishes

Saint Anthony of the Desert

300 North Eastern Ave., Fall River, MA 02723

Annual Lebanese Festival

Friday, August 27th from 5:00PM - 11:00PM,

Saturday, August 28th from 12:00- 11:00PM

Sunday, August 29th from 11:00 AM –7:00PM.

Featuring *Mitchell Kaltsunas, DJ-George Ayoub.*

The event features Lebanese Food, Sweets & more

Saint Anthony Maronite Church

145 Amesbury Street, Lawrence, MA 01841



Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Church

11 Franklin Street, New Bedford, MA 02740

Summer Lebanese Festival

Saturday, September 18, 2021

12:00 Noon—11:00 PM

Featuring *George Maalouf and Ensemble*

This event features Lebanese Food, Saj, Hookas

Raffles and Money Prizes

Rain or Shine! Seating under the Big Tent.

Free Admission ~ Free Parking



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11 August 2021

Prot. No. 3041/21
Cir. No. 21.21

Brother Priests, Deacons and Subdeacons, Consecrated Men and Women, Brothers and Sisters,

In my letter of 28 May 2021 (Prot. No. 3561/21; Cir. No. 21.16), I reiterated the obligation for all to attend Divine Liturgy on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Sunday, June 27, 2021. I also stated the following:

(During these trying circumstances, we hope to return to the normal exchange of the Greeting of Peace and usually eliminate Holy Communion in the bread, as of August 15, 2021, the Feast of the Assumption.

Unfortunately, the new Delta variant of the Corona Virus is that "unbreakable" situation. Therefore, at this time we will retain the status quo, and the above-cited paragraph will not be implemented until further notice.

I thank the priests once again for their faithful service as true pastors during these difficult times.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Gregory

GIM:6



**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:** 8/15/21 \$ 1,623.00

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



**YEAR OF
Saint Joseph**

December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021

**PRAYER FOR
The Year of Saint Joseph**

Holy Saint Joseph, guardian of Jesus Christ, husband of the Blessed Mother and patron of the Catholic Church, we pray to you for guidance this "Year of Saint Joseph" proclaimed by Pope Francis.

You have showed us by your loving ways, the value of work and the joys of fatherhood. By teaching God's Son to do the will of His Father you have given us the path to do the same. By your example, you have encouraged us to accept others as they are, without exception.

To you Saint Joseph, our Heavenly Father entrusted his only Son, Jesus Christ to your tender care and upbringing. In you, our Blessed Mother Mary placed her love and trust. Through your mentoring, Jesus Christ became man.

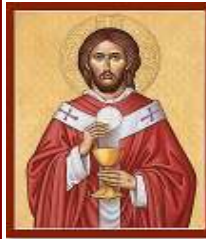
We praise you and ask of you to defend us and our loved ones from every evil and guide us with your grace and mercy.

AMEN.

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For the Month of August

Bread and Wine



Bread & wine for the Holy Gifts

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

+Abdallah and Richidi Ackil

by Dr. and Mrs. Albert Ackil

Vigil Candle for the Blessed Mother



Vigil candle for the Blessed Mother

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

+Paulette Abourjaily

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

+Eva Abourjaily

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

+Faris 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

+ Gordon Solomon and

+Peter and Josephine [Ackil] George

by Dr. and Mrs. Albert Ackil



Saint Theresa

Maronite Catholic Church



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A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians 2:1-13

Brothers and Sisters, You yourselves know, brothers and sisters that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal, does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers. **Praise be to God Always!**

Gospel: Luke 10: 38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'



فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيكى

يا إخواني، أنتم أنفسكم تعلمون، أيها الإخوة، أن دخولنا إليكم لم يكن باطلاً. ولكن، كما تعلمون، بعد أن تألمنا وشتمنا في فيلبّي، تجرأنا بالهنا أن نكلّمكم بإنجيل الله، في جهادٍ كثير. ولم يكن وعظنا عن ضلال، ولا عن نجاسة، ولا بمكر، بل كما أختبرنا الله فأمننا على الإنجيل، هكذا نتكلّم، لا إرضاءً للناس بل لله الذي يختبر قلوبنا. فإننا ولا مرة أتيناكم بكلمة تمّلق، كما تعلمون، ولا بدافع طمع، والله شاهد، ولا طلبنا مجدًا من بشر، لا منكم ولا من غيركم، مع أننا قادرين أن نكون ذوي وقار، كرسُلٍ للمسيح، لكننا صرنا بينكم ذوي لطف، كمريضٍ تحتضن أولادها. وهكذا فإننا من سدة الحنين إليكم، نرتضي أن نعطيكم لا إنجيل الله وحسب، بل أنفسنا أيضاً، لأنكم صرتم لنا أجباء. وإنكم تتذكرون، أيها الإخوة، تعبنا وكدنا: فلقد بشرناكم بإنجيل الله، ونحن نعمل ليل نهار، لئلا ننقل على أحدٍ منكم. أنتم شهود، والله شاهد، كيف كنّا معكم، أنتم المؤمنين، في نقاوة وبرٍ وبغير لوم، نعامل كلًّا منكم، كما تعلمون، معاملة الأب لأولاده. وكنا نناشدكم، ونشجعكم، ونحثكم على أن تسلكوا مسلكاً يليق بالله، الذي يدعوكم إلى ملكوته ومجده. لذلك نحن أيضاً نشكر الله بغير انقطاع، لأنكم لما تلقيتُم كلمة الله التي سمعتموها منا، قبلتموها لا بأنها كلمة بشر، بل بأنها حقاً كلمة الله. وإنها لفاعلة فيكم، أيها المؤمنون.

والتسبيح لله دائماً

من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس لوقا

فيما كان يسوع وتلاميذه سائرين، دخل يسوع إحدى القرى، فأستقبلته في بيتها امرأة أسماها مَرْتَا. وكان لمرتا أخت تُدعى مريم. فجلست عند قدمي الربّ تسمع كلامه. أما مَرْتَا فكانت مُهمكةً بكثرة الخدّمة، فجاءت وقالت: "يا ربّ، أما تُبالي بأن أختي تركتني أخدم وحدي؟ فقل لها أن تُساعدني!". فأجاب الربّ وقال لها: "مَرْتَا، مَرْتَا، إنك تهتمين بأمرٍ كثيرة، وتضطربين! إنّما المطلوب واحد! فمريم أختارت النصيب الأفضل، ولن يُنزع منها".

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*"I will let fall from Heaven a Shower of Roses."
- St. Theresa of Lisieux, 'The Little Flower' -*

Saint Theresa Church Feast Day Hafli 2021 September 25, 2021 8:00 PM-11:00 PM

*"For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich"
(Matthew 24: 29a)-*

August 20, 2021

Dear Parishioners/Sponsors/ Friends of Saint Theresa Church:

I hope this message finds you and your family all in good health and doing well; 2021 continues to be a difficult year for so many of our families. Like so many events that typically take place in late summer and early fall, Saint Theresa Church will **NOT** hold the annual Lebanese Festival. Moving forward, our plans are for a **virtual fundraiser and a Hafli to be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021 in the Church Hall**. Seating is limited to **NO** more than **150 people**. Tickets will be on sale soon at \$75.00 Per Person. Doors will open at 7:00 PM and dinner will be served at 8:30 PM.

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**. The PowerPoint presentation will also be shown during the Hafli.

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 2021 Sponsorship Banners or Donation and return it to Saint Theresa Church by **September 14, 2021**. 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 continue to be in good spirits.

I thank you for your ongoing commitment and devotion to Saint Theresa Church.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph Daiif". The signature is stylized and includes a flourish at the end.

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, 2021.

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

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