



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

August 29-30, 2020

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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

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September through April

Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Sat. Aug. 29 at 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Emile Saba and family as requested by the family

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

+Georgette Attieh and +Angie kamel as requested by the family



Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Sat. Sept. 5 at 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Rose Saba as requested by the family

+Sun. Sept. 6 at 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Carl Fischer as requested by Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Nessralla, Jr.



THE NEW "NON-SHAMING" MODESTY RULES



1

WHO AM I DRESSING FOR?

- AM I DRESSING TO IMPRESS A GUY?
- AM I DRESSING TO IMPRESS MY GIRLFRIENDS ON INSTAGRAM?
- OR AM I DRESSING TO SHOW RESPECT FOR MYSELF AND MY SAVIOR?

WHAT IS THE FIRST IMPRESSION I GIVE?

2

- HOW WILL PEOPLE CHARACTERIZE ME BASED ON WHAT I'M WEARING?
- AM I GIVING OFF A GOOD IMPRESSION?

3

AM I APPROACHABLE, FRIENDLY, AND OPEN?

- DO I LOOK LIKE I WELCOME CONVERSATION AND HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP?
- AM I ON PAR WITH OTHERS WHOM I WILL BE WITH?
- DOES MY CLOTHING SET ME APART FROM OTHERS?

National Maronite Youth Organization

Anchored in Hope

VIRTUAL REGIONAL MYO RETREATS FOR THE EPARCHY OF SAINT MARON OF BROOKLYN

SAVE THE DATE!

Mid-Atlantic
East & West
Region:
October 10th

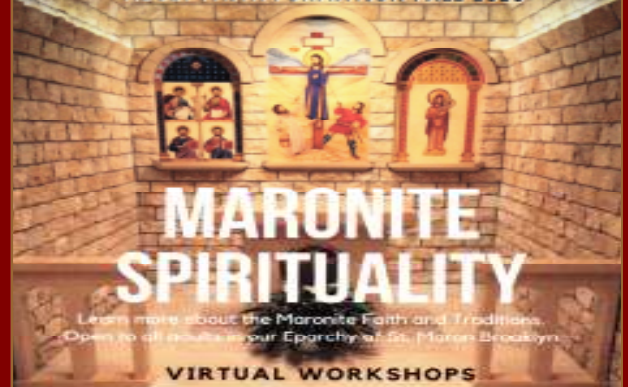
New England
Region:
October 17th

Southern/
Far Southern
Region:
October 24th

Email the MYO Office at myooffice@gmail.com with any questions.

Adult Faith Formation Fall 2020

ADULT FAITH FORMATION FALL 2020



MARONITE SPIRITUALITY

Learn more about the Maronite Faith and Traditions.
Open to all adults in our Eparchy of St. Maron Brooklyn.

VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

OCT. 3, THE MARONITE CHURCH
FR. DOMINIQUE HANNA
OCT. 7, DEVILS LITURGY
MSGR. JIM ROOT
OCT. 14, SCRIPTURE & TYPOLOGY
FR. VINCE FARHAT

OCT. 20, STS. EPHRAIM &
JAMES OF SEEDS
FR. JAMES DORAN
OCT. 27, VOCATIONS IN
THE MARONITE CHURCH
FR. ELIE MIKHAEL

Via Zoom on Thursdays 6:00-9:15PM
Register Here

HOSTED BY THE MARONITE SERVANTS OF CHRIST THE LIGHT

**TIME, TALENT & TREASURE
STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE**

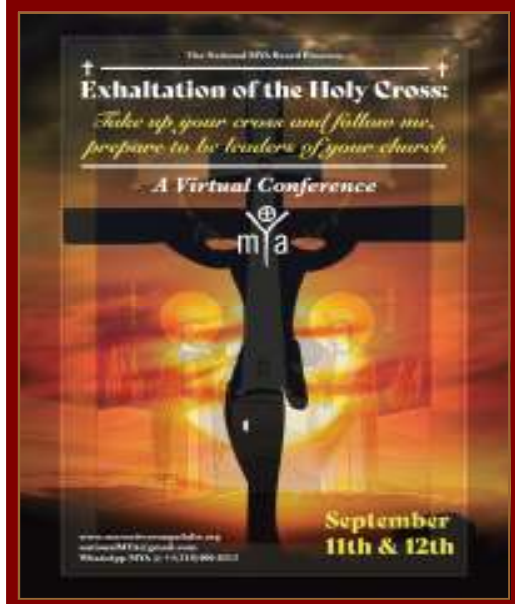
Parish Support

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:** 8/23/20 \$994.00, Second Collection Forwarded to Eparchy: \$280.00

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

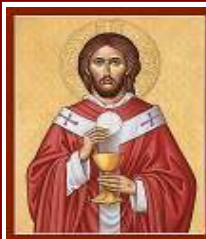
O Divine Ocean of Mercy and Compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties. Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the Life-Giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At this time I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, 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

National Maronite Young Adults



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
+Tofie and Theresa Samia, son John
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
+Faris Ackil
by Dr. and Mrs. Albert Ackil

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
+Gordon Solomon
by Dr. and Mrs. Albert Ackil

Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle



Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Abdallah and Richidi 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 a
+Peter and Josephine (Ackil) George
by Dr. and Mrs. Albert Ackil

SAINT THERESA MARONITE CHURCH



2020



**Please Note:
Doors open for each service one hour before**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Liturgy at 7:00 PM	3 Liturgy at 7:00 PM Followed by Adoration	4 Liturgy at 7:00 PM <u>In Arabic</u>	5 Liturgy at 4:00PM In English
6 Liturgy at 10:30 AM	7 	8 The Nativity of the Blessed Mother Liturgy at 7:00 PM	9 Liturgy at 7:00 PM	10 Liturgy at 7:00 PM Followed by Adoration	11 Liturgy at 7:00 PM <u>In Arabic</u>	12 Liturgy at 4:00PM In English
13 Feast of the Holy Cross Liturgy at 10:30 AM	14	15	16 Liturgy at 7:00 PM	17 Liturgy at 7:00 PM Followed by Adoration	18 Liturgy at 7:00 PM <u>In Arabic</u>	19 Liturgy at 4:00PM In English
20 Liturgy at 10:30 AM	21	22 Novena of St. Theresa at 7:00 PM Followed by Liturgy	23 Novena of St. Theresa at 7:00 PM Followed by Liturgy	24 Novena of St. Theresa at 7:00 PM Followed by Liturgy and Adoration	25 Novena of St. Theresa at 7:00 PM Followed by Liturgy <u>In Arabic</u>	26 Liturgy at 4:00PM In English
27 Liturgy at 10:30 AM	28 Novena of St. Theresa at 7:00 PM Followed by Liturgy	29 Novena of St. Theresa at 7:00 PM Followed by Liturgy	30 Novena of St. Theresa at 7:00 PM Followed by Liturgy			



Saint Theresa

Maronite Catholic Church



Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

August 29-30, 2020

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

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.

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 تسالونيكي

يا إخواني، أنتم أنفسكم تعلمون، أيها الإخوة، أن دخولنا إليكم لم يكن باطلاً. ولكن، كما تعلمون، بعد أن تألمنا وشئنا في فيلبّي، تجرأنا باليهنا أن نكلّمكم بإنجيل الله، في جهادٍ كثير. ولم يكن وغطنا عن ضلال، ولا عن نجاسة، ولا بمكر، بل كما اختبرنا 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 مجداً من بشر، لا منكم ولا من غيركم، مع أننا قادرين أن نكون ذوي وقار، كرسُل للمسيح، لكننا صرنا بينكم ذوي لطف، كمريضٍ تحتضن أولادها. وهكذا فإننا من شدة الحنين إليكم، نرتضي أن نعطيكُم لا إنجيل الله وحسب، بل أنفسنا أيضاً، لأنكم صرتم لنا أحبباء. وإنكم تتذكرون، أيها الإخوة، تعبنا وكدنا: فلقد بشرناكم بإنجيل الله، ونحن نعمل ليل نهار، لئلا نثقل على أحد منكم. أنتم شهود، والله شاهد، كيف كنا معكم، أنتم المؤمنين، في نقاوة وبرٍ وبغير لوم، نعامل كلاً منكم، كما تعلمون، معاملة الأب لأولاده. وكنا نناشدكم، ونسجّعكم، 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 أسمها مَرْتَا. وكان لمرتا أخت تدعى مريم. فجلست عند قدمي الرب تسمع كلامه. أما مَرْتَا فكانت منهمكةً بكثرة الخدمة، فجاءت وقالت: "يا رب، أما تُبالي بأن أختي تركتني أخدم وحدي؟ فقل لها أن تساعدني!". فأجاب الرب وقال لها: "مَرْتَا، مَرْتَا، إنك تهتمين بأمرٍ كثيرة، وتضطربين! إنما المطلوب واحد! فمريم اختارت 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 Virtual Festival 2020

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

August 14, 2020

Dear Parishioners/Sponsors/ Friends of Saint Theresa Church:

I hope this message finds you and your family all in good health and doing well; 2020 continues to be a difficult year for so many of our families. I miss seeing everyone in church, praying and worshipping together and enjoying the fellowship of coffee hours and at our many social events. So many of our families are unable to come to church to pray and I want you to know that I am praying for you at each liturgy. **Know that I am here for you if you need anything; feel free to stop by the church or please call so that I can visit you at home if you would like communion.**

Like so many events that typically take place in late summer and early fall, Saint Theresa Church will **NOT** hold the annual Lebanese Festival due to our committed adherence to guidelines that maximize public health and safety and to our concerns about the spread of **COVID-19**. Moving forward, our plans are for a **virtual fundraiser**. 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**.

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 2020 Sponsorship Banners or Donation and return it to Saint Theresa Church by **September 14, 2020**. 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 in good spirits.

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

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Joseph Daiif". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name of the pastor.

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, 2020.

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

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