



# Saint Theresa Maronite Church

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## Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

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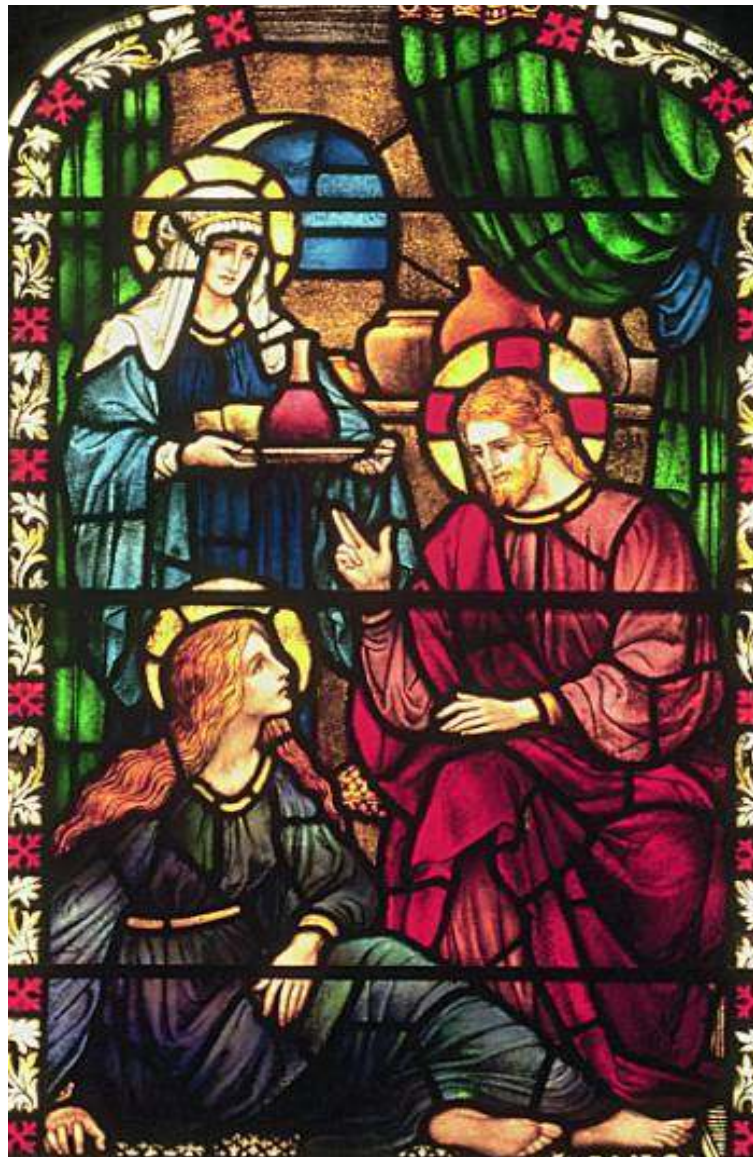
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**MARY HAS CHOSEN THE BETTER PART,  
WHICH WILL NOT BE TAKEN AWAY FROM HER.**

**LUKE 10:42**

## **Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost**

**Sat. Sept. 2 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+ Intention of the celebrant

**Sun. Sept. 3 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+Sayde Merhej and her daughter Lea as requested by the family



## **Feast of the Holy Cross**

**Sat. Sept. 9 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+Rose Saba as requested by the family

+Leo and Alice Smith, son John , Cousin Peter as requested by Mary Ann Asiaf

**Sun. Sept. 10 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+Michael and Bacara (Becky) Sullivan as requested by the family



### **For the Month of September**

**Bread & wine for the Holy Gifts** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
+Peter G. Asiaf, Jr. by Mary Ann Asiaf

**Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
+Rose Saba by the family

**Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
+Special Intention

**Vigil candle for Shrine of St. Theresa** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
+Peter L. Asack, Sr. by Margo Asack



### **Lectors' Schedule**

**Saturday, Sept. 2 , 2017**

**English:** Thomas

**Sunday, Sept. 3, 2017**

**English:** Mirna

**Arabic:** Alison

### **The Holy Mysteries are celebrated:**

Saturdays at 4:00 PM; Sundays at 10:30 AM; 7:00 PM Holydays

**Holy Mystery of Reconciliation:** Available any time on request.

**Ministry to 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 Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation:** Please make arrangements with the pastor at least one month in advance. Sponsors must meet particular requirements of church law; parents must consult with the pastor before inviting someone to serve as a sponsor.

**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 any difficulty in scheduling

## Reading: 1 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.

### فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقي

يا إخوتي، 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 اختبرنا الله فأمننا على الإنجيل، هكذا نكلّم، لا إرضاءً للناس بل لله الذي يختبر قلوبنا. فإننا ولا مرة أتيناكم بكلمة تملق، كما تعلمون، ولا بدافع طمع، والله شاهد، ولا طلبنا مجداً من بشر، لا منكم ولا من غيركم، مع أننا قادرين أن نكون ذوي وقار، كرسلٍ للمسيح، لكننا صرنا بينكم ذوي لطف، كمريضٍ تحضن أولادها. وهكذا فإننا من شدة الحنين إليكم، نرتضي أن نعطيك لا إنجيل الله وحسب، بل أنفسنا أيضاً، لأنكم صرتم لنا أحبباء. وإتكم تتذكرون، أيها الإخوة، تعبنا وكذا: فلقد بشرناكم بإنجيل الله، ونحن نعمل ليل نهار، لئلا نقل على أحدٍ 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، 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.



## 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.'

### من إنجيل القديس لوقا

فِيمَا كَانَ يَسُوعُ وَتَلَامِيذُهُ سَائِرِينَ، دَخَلَ يَسُوعُ إِحْدَى الْفُرَى، فَاسْتَقْبَلَتْهُ فِي بَيْتِهَا امْرَأَةٌ اسْمُهَا مَرْثَا. وَكَانَ لِمَرْثَا أُخْتُ تُدْعَى مَرْيَمَ. فَجَلَسَتْ عِنْدَ قَدَمِي الرَّبِّ تَسْمَعُ كَلَامَهُ. أَمَّا مَرْثَا فَكَانَتْ مُنْهَمِكَةً بِكَثْرَةِ الْخِدْمَةِ، فَجَاءَتْ وَقَالَتْ: يَا رَبِّ، أَمَّا ثِبَالِي بِأَنَّ أُخْتِي تَرَكْتَنِي أُحْدِمُ وَحْدِي؟ فَقُلْ لَهَا أَنْ تُسَاعِدَنِي!. فَأَجَابَ الرَّبُّ وَقَالَ لَهَا: مَرْثَا، مَرْثَا، إِنَّكَ تَهْتَمِينَ بِأُمُورٍ كَثِيرَةٍ وَتَضْطَرِّبِينَ! إِنَّمَا الْمَطْلُوبُ وَاحِدٌ! فَمَرْيَمُ اخْتَارَتْ النَّصِيبَ الْأَفْضَلَ، وَلَنْ يُنْزَعَ مِنْهَا.

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:** 8/27/17 \$696.00



**Welcome New Parishioners:** If you are new to our parish, please fill out a registration form, which may be found on the table at the back of the church, and return it

to us, so you may be added to our mailing and email list. We extend a warm welcome to you and your family to our parish family.

**Eucharistic Adoration** **Please Note:** Eucharistic Adoration will take place on **Friday, Sept. 1, 2017.** Liturgy will take place at 7:00 PM followed by Eucharistic Adoration at 7:30 PM



**Coffee Hour—Help Wanted!** If you are able to lend a hand on sponsoring a Sunday Morning Coffee Hour, **Please** see Abouna.



**Office of the Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, New York and the United States**

**Conference of Catholic Bishops** is asking that an emergency **second collection** be taken in all parishes on the weekend of September 2 –3, 2017. All monies collected will be sent to the Eparchy so they may forward them to their proper destination. Thank you for your continued support and generosity in this catastrophic event.



**St. Theresa Church: MYA**

**[Maronite Young Adults]** welcomes everyone between the ages of 18-39. We invite all young adults to join us on **Sunday, Sept. 3, 2017** for Liturgy at **7:00PM.** A Young Adult Liturgy will be celebrated on the First Sunday of each month at 7:00PM. All young adults are welcome to attend and we especially welcome our brothers and sisters from neighboring parishes.



**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 **2017-2018** Religious Education school year. We look forward to seeing you here at St. Theresa Church and having your child participate in our program.

**Registration Day / First Class**  
**Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 8:45AM**

Back-to-School 



**St. Theresa Church Dabke**

**Troupe:** Again, this year at our Festival will be our Dabke Dance Troupe from our students of Religious Education / MYO. **Practice** sessions have started if you are interested in joining please see Mirna Issa.



**St. Theresa Church Festival**  
**Sept. 22, 23, 24, 2017**

Once again, we are inviting all parishioners and families to join to ensure the success of our Festival. Volunteers are needed to work at the Festival on one or more days; if you are able to lend a helping hand please speak with Abouna Joseph or Michelle Nesseralla.

**Saint Theresa Church Ordains**  
**Sub-Deacon Alexander Gordon McKinnon**



As a parish family, we send our warmest congratulations and heartfelt prayers to Subdeacon Gordon McKinnon for continued wisdom and faith as he grows in his vocation. His presence in our lives and his faithful service to the altar of our beloved church is a blessing to all of us.

# SAINT THERESA CHURCH



## LEBANESE

## FESTIVAL

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<b>FRIDAY, 9/22</b> 3 PM - MIDNIGHT	<b>SATURDAY, 9/23</b> 11:00 AM - 1:00AM	<b>SUNDAY, 9/24</b> NOON - 6:00PM
MITCHELL KALTSUNAS ANDRE KEEDY	MITCHELL KALTSUNAS CHADI NADDAF NICK YOUSSEF	MITCHELL KALTSUNAS ANDRE KEEDY



Singer Chadi Naddaf



Singer MITCHELL KALTSUNAS



Singer Andre Keedy

Kebbe - Sweets  
Maccaroun



Tabouli



Shawarma



Comedian  
NICK YOUSSEF



DJ  
GABE ELMASSIH

كبة - مناقيش خبز صاج  
لبنة - حلويات - معكرون



Falafel



Sajj



Beef & Chicken Kabob



Kalta



Spinach Pie



Grape Leaves



Hummos



Lebanese Coffee



Baklava



Nammoura



Hot Dogs



Hamburgers



Full Liquor • Cash Bar

### Daily Raffles

Promote Your Business By Donating  
To Saint Theresa Festival Sponsorship Banners

Call Church Office @ 508-586-1428

**NO OUTSIDE FOOD, DRINKS OR ARGUILE**



Parking is Available  
at the AMR Ambulance Center  
and the Angelo School

St. Theresa  
Dabke Group

# Lebanese Food Festival

*"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."*

~Helen Keller~

**Our Annual Lebanese Food Festival** will be held on **Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**. We are busily planning and preparing for this year's Festival to be the most successful one thus far!

Once again, we are inviting all parishioners and families to join to ensure the success of our Festival. There are so many ways that you can contribute.

**\*Our goal is to have all items donated towards the Festival. The following is a list of items needed. We appreciate any Monetary Donations towards these items that we need to purchase.\***

## Items Needed for Purchase

- Vegetables: 5 bags of onions, 10 boxes of lettuces, 3 boxes of cucumbers, 10 boxes of tomatoes
- Carrots, Peppers, Garlic
- Oil: Vegetable Oil and Cooking Oil
- Feta Cheese, Zaatar, Falafel items, 1 Gallon of Olives, 2 Gallons of Labne, Rice Pilaf, Nuts
- Water, Soda, Beer, Liquor, Lebanese Coffee
- Arguile: Tobacco, Charcoal
- Propane: Gas for the tanks
- Meat: Beef and Chicken for both Shawarma, Kabobs, and Kafta
- Paper Products: Tablecloth's, Plates, Utensils, Gloves, Trash Bags, Popcorn, Sugar, Salt
- Donation towards the outside Tents, Freezer and Dumpster
- Volunteer to work at the Festival on one or more days; speak with Abouna Joseph or Michelle Nessralla about how you can help.
- Buy a Sponsorship for your Family/Business in loving memory of a deceased family member.
- Offer to take a Lawn Sign and place it in your yard.
- SPREAD THE WORD and attend the Festival with your family, friends and relatives! Ahla ou Sahla Feekoon! The more the merrier!

## 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 2017

August 1, 2017

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Theresa Church:

Saint Theresa Maronite Catholic Church is proudly sponsoring our ninth annual **Lebanese Festival** on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. This festival is a major fundraiser for our parish, and we look forward to 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, residents of the Greater Brockton area, and fellow parishioners from across the diocese.

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 **2017 Sponsorship Banners** and return it to Saint Theresa Church by **Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

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 Daiif and the Festival Committee



**Saint Theresa Church Lebanese Festival  
September 22, 23 and 24, 2017  
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')	Vinyl Banner	\$10,000.00
___ Chrystal Sponsorship	(10' X 2 ½')	Vinyl Banner	\$5,000.00
___ 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:** Return this completed form with full payment by Sunday, September 3, 2017

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

**PLEASE NOTE:** Donations of \$250.00 or more will be acknowledged with a tax-deductible letter required by the Internal Revenue Service.