

# Saint Theresa Maronite Church

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Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost / Feast of the Assumption

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*“I will let fall from Heaven a Shower of Roses.”*

*~Saint Theresa of Lisieux~ “The Little Flower”*



**Feast of the Assumption**

## **Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost**

**Sat. Aug. 13 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+Youssef Houwwesh and his wife Saada as req. by the family

**Sun. Aug. 14 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+Yasmine Moussa as req. by Joseph Moussa and family



**NB: Holy Day of Obligation**

**The Assumption of the Blessed Mother**

**Monday, Aug. 15 @ 7:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+Isabelle Bethoney as req. by Margo Asack



**Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost**

**Sat. Aug. 20 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+Intention available

**Sun. Aug. 21 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+Charles and Enda Nessralla, daughter Judy as req. by the Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Nessralla, Jr.



### **For the Month of August**

**Bread & wine for the Holy Gifts** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
+*Special Intention*

**Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
+*All deceased members of the Asiاف families by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Colanderea*

**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  
+*John E. Samia, Jr. by the family*



### **Lectors' Schedule**

Saturday, August 13, 2016

Gail

Sunday, August 14, 2016

English: Alison

Arabic: Rouhanna

### **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.

## رسالة القديس بولس الاولى إلى أهل تسالونيقي. 1:2-13

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 ننكّم، لا إرضاءً للناس بل لله الذي يختبر قلوبنا. فأبنا ولا مرة أتيناكم بكلمة تملق، كما تعلمون، ولا بدافع طمع، والله شاهد، ولا طلبنا مجداً من بشر، لا منكم ولا من غيركم، مع أننا قادرون أن نكون ذوي وقار، كرسلٍ للمسيح، لكننا صرنا بينكم ذوي لطف، كمرضع تحضن أولادها. وهكذا فإننا من شدة الحنين إليكم، نرنّضي أن نعطيكم 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 نقفل على أحد منكم. أنتم شهود، والله شاهد، كيف كنا معكم، أنتم المؤمنين، في نقاوة وبرٍ وبغير لوم، نعامل كل منكم، كما تعلمون، معاملة الأب لأولاده. وكنا نناشدكم، ونسجعكم، ونحثكم على أن تسلكوا مسلكاً يليق بالله، الذي يدعوكم إلى ملكوته ومجده. لذلك نحن أيضاً نشكر الله بغير انقطاع، لأنكم لما تلقيتكم 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.'

## إنجيل القديس لوقا. 38:10-42

فيما (كان يسوع وتلاميذه) سائرين، دخل يسوع إحدى القرى، فاستقبلته في بيتها امرأة اسمها مَرْتَا. وكان لمرتا أخت تدعى مريم. فجلست عند قدمي الرب تسمع كلامه. أما مَرْتَا فكانت منهمكة بكثرة الخدمة، فجاءت وقالت: «يا رب، أما تبالي بأن أختي تركتني أخدم وحدي؟ فقل لها أن تساعدي!» فأجاب الرب وقال لها: «مَرْتَا، مَرْتَا، إنك تهتمين بأمر كثيرة، وتضطربين! إنما المطلوب واحد! فمريم اختارت النصيب الأفضل، ولن يُنزع منها».

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: 8/7/16 \$830.00



**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 are in full swing . If you are interested in joining please see Mirna Issa.



**Please join us....** for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall each Sunday following Divine Liturgy. Visit with family and friends.

**BIBLE STUDY**

Please join Abouna Joseph for Bible Study on *Saturday, August 27, 2016* in the church hall following the 4:00PM Liturgy. We will be studying the Gospel of Luke 15:11-32, The Prodigal Son. Everyone is welcomed. Ahalan Wa Sahlan!

**Thoughts to ponder:**

- ◆ We must seek unity within diversity!
- ◆ Representing God is more important than getting your way!
- ◆ Crying is a way your eyes speak when your mouth can't explain how broken your heart is!



**St. Theresa Church Dabke Troupe** will be hosting a Bake Sale on *Sunday, August 28, 2016* following the 10:30 AM

Liturgy. All proceeds will benefit the **Dabke Troupe** for their costume's for our Festival. If you are able to bake one of your delicious sweets please call *Mirna*. Thank you for your continued support of St. Theresa Church and her programs. Please Join US!



**News from our Sister Parishes**

**Our Lady of the Cedars**

61 Rockwood Street, Jamaica Plain, MA

**Annual Lebanese Festival**

Friday, August 12th from 5:00PM-11:00PM,  
Saturday, August 13th from 4:00PM-11:00PM and  
Sunday, August 14th from 12:00 Noon –4:00PM.  
Featuring *Mitchell Kaltsunas, George Maalouf and DJ-Roy Chahwan*. The event features Lebanese food, Sweets, Children Games and more.

**St. Sharbel Maronite Church**

3679 Providence Road  
Newtown Square, PA 19073

**Annual Festival**

Saturday, August 13th and Sunday, August 14th, 2016  
Saturday, Noon to 11PM –Sunday, 12:30 to 9PM  
Featuring George Maamari Band and Live Arabic & English DJ. The event features Lebanese food, Sweets, Children Games and more.

**St. Anthony Maronite Church**

17 Granville Avenue, Danbury, CT

**Annual Lebanese Maharjan**

Friday, August 19th and Saturday, August 20th, 2016  
From 12:00 Noon — 12 Midnight both days  
Featuring Amin Sultan and the Sultan Orchestra.  
The event features Lebanese food, Sweets, Children Games

**Our Lady of the Cedars Melkite Church**

140 Mitchell Street, Manchester, NH

**Annual Maharjan 2016**

Friday, August 19th, from 5PM-10PM  
Saturday, August 20th, 12 Noon-10PM-Sunday August 21st, 12 Noon-5PM. Featuring George Maalouf & Band. Middle Eastern food, Sweets and Children Games.

**St. Ann Melkite Church**

41 Cross Road, Waterford, CT

**Annual Mahrajan**

**Sunday, August 28, 2016**

Sunday, from 11:00AM —5:00PM  
Featuring Nader Hawa and Ensemble  
Middle Eastern and American Food, Children Activities.  
Special guest: Bishop Nicholas J. Samra

**Save The Date**

**St. Theresa Church Presents Our Annual Lebanese Food Festival**

Friday, September 23, 2016  
Saturday, September 24, 2016  
Sunday, September 25, 2016

**Ahalan Wa Sahlan!**

## St. Theresa Maronite Catholic Church

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### Saint Theresa Church Lebanese Festival 2016

August 12, 2016

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Theresa Church:

Saint Theresa Maronite Catholic Church is proudly sponsoring our eighth annual **Lebanese Festival** on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, September 25<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 **2016 Sponsorship Banners** and return it to Saint Theresa Church by **Sunday, September 11<sup>th</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,

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

Father Joseph Daiff and the Festival Committee



**Saint Theresa Church Lebanese Festival  
September 23, 24 and 25, 2016  
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 11, 2016

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PO Box 2567 Brockton, MA 02305-2567**

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

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