

Saint Theresa Maronite Church

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**Fourth Sunday after Holy Cross /
Feast of St. Theresa**

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

~Saint Theresa of Lisieux~ “The Little Flower”



**HOW LOVELY IS YOUR DWELLING PLACE O LORD OF HOSTS
MY SOUL YEARNES AND PINES FOR THE COURTS OF THE LORD
MY HEART AND MY FLESH CRY OUT FOR THE LIVING GOD
HAPPY THEY WHO DWELL IN YOUR HOUSE!
CONTINUALLY THEY PRAISE YOU**

Fourth Sunday after Holy Cross

Sat. Oct. 7 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+All deceased members of the Bolus and Rose Saba families and
+All deceased members of the James Samia families as requested by the family

Sun. Oct. 8 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Intention of the celebrant



Fifth Sunday after Holy Cross

Sat. Oct. 14 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Geraldine George as requested by Manthala George, Jr. and family

Sun. Oct. 15 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

1 Year Memorial for +Nacklie Nessralla as requested by the family
Liturgy of Thanksgiving for all persons who sponsored, volunteered and supported the Festival



For the Month of October

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
+*Bolus and Rose Saba and all deceased member of the
Saba families by the family*

Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle is given to the
glory of God and in loving memory of
+*Peter L. Asack, Sr. by Margo Asack*

Vigil candle for Shrine of St. Theresa is given to the
glory of God and in loving memory of
+*Geraldine George by Manthala George, Jr. and family*



Lectors' Schedule

Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017

English: Kevin

Sunday, Oct. 8, 2017

English: Mary Anne

Arabic: Jeymie

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



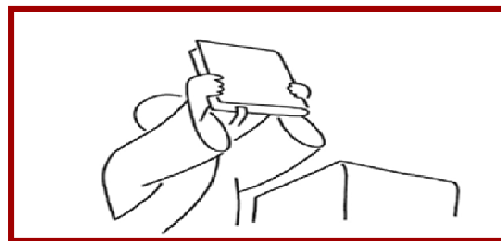
Welcome New Parishioners: If you are new to our parish, please fill out a registration form, which may be found on the table at the back of the church, and return it to us, so you may be added to our mailing and email list. We extend a warm welcome to you and your family to our parish family.

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقى

يا إِخْوَتِي، أَمَّا الْأَزْمِنَةُ وَالْأَوْقَاتُ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةَ، فَلَا حَاجَةَ بِكُمْ أَنْ يُكْتَبَ إِلَيْكُمْ فِي شَأْنِهَا؛ لِأَنَّكُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ جَيِّدًا أَنَّ يَوْمَ الرَّبِّ يَأْتِي كَالسَّارِقِ لَيْلًا. فَحِينَ يَقُولُونَ: سَلَامٌ وَأَمْنٌ! حِينَئِذٍ يَدْهَمُهُمُ الْهَلَاكُ دَهْمَ الْمَخَاضِ لِلْحَبْلِى، وَلَا يُفْلِتُونَ. أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةَ، فَلَسْتُمْ فِي ظُلْمَةٍ لِيُفَاجِئَكُمْ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمَ كَالسَّارِقِ. فَأَنْتُمْ كُلُّكُمْ أَبْنَاءُ النُّورِ، وَأَبْنَاءُ النَّهَارِ؛ وَلَسْنَا أَبْنَاءَ اللَّيْلِ وَلَا أَبْنَاءَ الظُّلْمَةِ. إِذَا فَلَا نَتَمَّ كَسَائِرِ النَّاسِ، بَلْ لِنَسْهَرَ وَنَصْحُ؛ لِأَنَّ الَّذِينَ يَنَامُونَ فِي اللَّيْلِ يَنَامُونَ، وَالَّذِينَ يَسْكُرُونَ فِي اللَّيْلِ يَسْكُرُونَ. أَمَّا نَحْنُ أَبْنَاءُ النَّهَارِ، فَلْنَصْحُ لَابْسِينَ دِرْعَ الْإِيمَانِ وَالْمَحَبَّةِ، وَوَضَعِينَ خُوْدَةَ رَجَاءِ الْخَلَاصِ. فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَمْ يَجْعَلْنَا لِلْغَضَبِ، بَلْ لِإِحْرَازِ الْخَلَاصِ بِرَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي مَاتَ مِنْ أَجْلِنَا، لِنَحْيَا مَعَهُ سَاهِرِينَ كُنَّا أَمْ نَائِمِينَ. فَلِذَلِكَ شَجَّعُوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا، وَلَيَّبِنِ الْوَاحِدُ الْآخَرَ، كَمَا أَنْتُمْ فَاعِلُونَ.



Gospel: Matthew 24:45-51

'Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that wicked slave says to himself, "My master is delayed", and he begins to beat his fellow-slaves, and eats and drinks with drunkards, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know. He will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: «مَنْ هُوَ الْعَبْدُ الْأَمِينُ الْحَكِيمُ الَّذِي أَقَامَهُ سَيِّدُهُ عَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ، لِيُعْطِيَهُمُ الطَّعَامَ فِي حِينِهِ؟ طُوبَى لِذَلِكَ الْعَبْدِ الَّذِي يَجِيءُ سَيِّدُهُ فَيَجِدُهُ فَاعِلًا هَكَذَا! أَلْحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّهُ يُقِيمُهُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ مُمْتَلِكَاتِهِ. وَلَكِنْ إِنْ قَالَ ذَلِكَ الْعَبْدُ الشَّرِيرُ فِي قَلْبِهِ: سَيَتَأَخَّرُ سَيِّدِي! وَبَدَأَ يَضْرِبُ رِفَاقَهُ، وَيَأْكُلُ وَيَشْرَبُ مَعَ السَّكْرَانِ، يَجِيءُ سَيِّدُ ذَلِكَ الْعَبْدِ فِي يَوْمٍ لَا يَنْتَظِرُهُ، وَفِي سَاعَةٍ لَا يَعْرِفُهَا، فَيَفْصِلُهُ، وَيَجْعَلُ نَصِيبَهُ مَعَ الْمُرَائِينَ. هُنَاكَ يَكُونُ الْبُكَاءُ وَصْرِيْفُ الْأَسْنَانِ.

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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:** 10/1/17 \$858.00

Eucharistic Adoration Please Note: Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Friday, Oct. 6, 2017. Liturgy will take place at 7:00 PM followed by Eucharistic Adoration at 7:30 PM



St. Theresa Church Annual Harvest Brunch in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, October 22, 2017** following the **10:30 AM Divine Liturgy**. A traditional fall Harvest Menu will be served. *Cost is \$15.00 per adult; \$7.00 for children six-ten yrs., children under 5 eat free if accompanied by a paying adult.*

The Lebanese American Council for Democracy will be holding Election Workshops to help the Lebanese Diaspora better prepare and register to vote in the next Lebanese elections 2018. LACD election experts will volunteer their time to explain and assist voters throughout the whole process. All you need to bring is your Lebanese identity card or passport. The first meeting will be held on Sunday, October 15, at 12:00 Noon, at Our Lady of the Cedars, 61 Rockwood Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. **The second meeting will take place on Sunday, October 22, at 12:00 Noon, here at St. Theresa Church.** The third meeting will take place at St. George Orthodox, in Roslindale, MA. More information is available from: Mrs. Nathalie Homsy at 781-492-7662 or Mr. George Jbeily at 978-390-9095.



Patriarch Bechara Peter Cardinal Rai
Maronite Patriarch of Antioch and All the East.

Visit of Patriarch Bechara Peter Cardinal Rai to the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, New York. The Patriarch will visit our sister church of Our Lady of the Cedars of Lebanon in Jamaica Plain, MA on Friday, October 27, 2017 and will celebrate the Divine Liturgy at 5:00PM. A Dinner will follow at the Four Points Hotel in Norwood, MA at 7:30PM. If you are interested in attending the dinner please call for tickets at 617-522-0225 as soon as possible. All are welcome.



St. Theresa Church: MYA [Maronite Young Adults] welcomes everyone between the ages of 18-35. We invite all young adults to join us on **First Sunday of the each month** for Liturgy at **6:00PM**. All young adults are welcome to attend and we especially welcome our brothers and sisters from neighboring parishes.