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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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JESUS SAID TO HER, 'I AM HE, THE ONE WHO IS SPEAKING TO YOU.'

JOHN 4:26

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Sat. Feb. 2 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+All living and deceased members of the Asack families as requested by Madeline Asack and family

Sun. Feb. 3 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

1 Year Memorial for +Samir Chaiban as requested by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sayah and family



Feast of St. Maron

Sat. Feb. 9 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Intention of the celebrant

Sunday of the Priests

Sun. Feb. 10 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Msgr's. Bolus Mareb, Louis Zouain, Louis Khalil, John Trad, Rev. Adel Abou-Hanna and Rev. Christopher Henderson

+Ibrahim Souaiden and +Antonios Younes as requested by Mr. and Mrs. Charbel Souaiden and family



For the Month of February

Bread & wine for the Holy Gifts are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Paul and Trenetta Saba, son William
by Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Daa boul

Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Peter G. Asiaf, Jr. and Leo and Alice Smith, son John
and Cousin Peter Smith by Maryann Asiaf

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
+Margo Asack by a Friend



Lectors' Schedule

Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019

English: Cauna Macary

Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019

English: Philip

Arabic: Sola

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.



Welcome New Parishioners: If you are new to our parish, please fill out a registration form, which may be found on the table in the lobby 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: Romans 7:1-6

Do you not know brothers and sisters for I am speaking to those who know the law that the law is binding on a person only during that person's lifetime? Thus a married woman is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives; but if her husband dies, she is discharged from the law concerning the husband. Accordingly; she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man, she is not an adulteress. In the same way, my friends, you have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead in order that we may bear fruit for God. While we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are discharged from the law, dead to that which held us captive, so that we are slaves not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل رومة

أيها الإخوة، إني أكلّمكم كأناس يعرفون الشريعة: هل تجهلون أنّ الشريعة تتسلط على الإنسان ما دام حيّاً؟ فالمرأة المتزوجة ترتبطها الشريعة بزوجها ما دام حيّاً، ولكن إذا مات زوجها، أعتقت من الشريعة التي ترتبطها به. فإن صارت لرجل آخر، وزوجها حي، تدعى زانية. ولكن إذا مات زوجها فهي حرة من الشريعة، ولا تكون زانية إن صارت لرجل آخر. هكذا أنتم أيضاً يا إخوتي، قد مُت عن الشريعة بجسد المسيح، لكي تصيروا لآخر، وهو الذي أُقيم من بين الأموات، حتى نُثمر لله. فعندما كنّا أناساً جسديين، كانت أهواء الخطايا تغطّم الشريعة لتعمل في أعضائنا، حتى نُثمر للموت. أمّا الآن فقد أعتقنا من الشريعة، لأننا مُتّا عمّا كان يأسرنا، حتى نعبُد الله في نظام الروح الجديد، لا في نظام الحرف العتيق.

Gospel: John 4:5-7, 9-26

من إنجيل القديس يوحنا

فأتى إلى مدينة من السامرة يقال لها سوحار، على مقربة من الأرض التي أعطاهم يعقوب لابنه يوسف، وفيها نبع يعقوب. وكان يسوع قد تعب من المسير، فجلس عند النبع، وكانت الساعة نحو الظهر. وجاءت امرأة من السامرة لتسقي ماء، فقال لها يسوع: «أعطيني لأشرب»؛ فقالت له المرأة السامرية: «كيف تطلب مني أن تشرب، وأنت يهودي، وأنا امرأة سامرية؟». قالت هذا، لأن اليهود لا يخاطبون السامريين. أجاب يسوع وقال لها: «لو كنت تعرفين عطية الله، ومن القائل لك: أعطيني لأشرب، لطلبت أنت منه فأعطاك ماءً حياً». قالت له المرأة: «يا سيّد، لا دلو معك، والبنر عميقة، فمن أين لك الماء الحي؟ هل أنت أعظم من أبينا يعقوب، الذي أعطانا هذه البئر، ومنها شرب هو وبنوه وماشيئته؟». أجاب يسوع وقال لها: «كل من يشرب من هذا الماء يعطش من جديد. أمّا من يشرب من الماء الذي أعطيه أنا إياه، فلن يعطش إلى الأبد، بل الماء الذي أعطيه إياه يصير فيه نبع ماء يتفجر حياة أبدية». قالت له المرأة: «يا سيّد، أعطني هذا الماء، حتى لا أعطش، ولا أعود إلى هنا لأسقي». قال لها: «إذهبي، وأدعي زوجك، وعودي إلى هنا». أجابت المرأة وقالت له: «لا زوج لي». قال لها يسوع: «حسناً قلت: لا زوج لي. فقد كان لك خمسة أزواج، والذي لك الآن ليس هو زوجك. صدقت في ما قلت». قالت له المرأة: «يا سيّد، أرى أنك نبي. آباؤنا سجدوا في هذا الجبل، وأنتم تقولون: إن المكان الذي فيه يجب السجود هو في أورشليم». قال لها يسوع: «صدّيقني، يا امرأة. تأتي ساعة، فيها تسجدون للآب، لا في هذا الجبل، ولا في أورشليم. أنتم تسجدون لما لا تعلمون، ونحن نسجد لما نعلم، لأن الخلاص هو من اليهود. ولكن تأتي ساعة، وهي الآن، فيها الساجدون الحقيقيون يسجدون للآب بالروح والحق. فعلى مثال هؤلاء يريد الآب الساجدين له. الله روح، وعلى الساجدين له أن يسجدوا بالروح والحق». قالت له المرأة: «أنا أعلم أنّ مسيحاً، أي المسيح، أت؛ وعندما يأتي فهو يُخبرنا بكل شيء». قال لها يسوع: «أنا هو، أنا المتكلّم معك».

**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:** 1/27/19 \$1,070.00, Second Collection Forwarded \$205.00

Eucharistic Adoration **Please Note:** Eucharistic Adoration will take place on **Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019;** Doors are opened at 6:00 pm.

Coffee Hour Volunteers: If you are able to lend a hand in sponsoring a Sunday morning Coffee Hour please see Abouna. **The following Sunday's are open for volunteers: Feb. 17, Feb. 24, 2019.**

Lebanon American National Club Scholarship Application: The Lebanon American National Club was organized in April 1933 in order to promote and encourage the progress and social welfare of Lebanese Americans in the greater Brockton area. In order to fulfill that promise, LANC, has reinstated its annual Scholarship Program and will award a scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.00. **Eligibility Requirements:** The candidate must be a graduating high school senior, of Lebanese birth or descent, accepted at an accredited college, university or other approved post-graduate program. If the father's name is not of Lebanese descent, please give mother's maiden name. Scholarship will be awarded based on character, academic performance and financial need. Some consideration will be given to applicants with relatives who are or have been members of the Lebanon American National Club or its Auxiliary. The application forms are available at Brockton High School guidance office, St. Theresa Church, or directly from any LANC member. All applications must be returned **No later than April 1, 2019.**

Coming Event: Save the Date!
Saint Theresa Church
Invites you to our Annual Hafli
on Saturday, April 6, 2019
More details Coming Soon!

News From Our Sister Parishes

ST. MARON'S HAFLI
SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 9, 2019




Entertainment by:
The Famous Singer:
Andre Ibrahim
and ensemble

Our Lady of the Cedars Church
61 Rockwood Street
Jamaica Plain, MA 02132


Cash Bar Admission: \$10 • VIP \$20 • Children under 12, \$20

Menu: Baked beef tenderloin, Baked Chicken Teriyaki, Chicken & Rice, Salad, Muesli, Tabbouleh, Hummus, Labneh, Pita chips, Desserts and Coffee.

Dinner opens at 6:30 pm • Cocktail hour: 6:30 - 7:30pm
Dinner buffet start serving at 7:30pm
For tickets or table reservations: Text or call

Head Server: 617-226-0728 • Tony Samaha: 617-487-2891
Social Media: 617-487-2723 • Parish Office: 617-526-0225

THE SAMEDI GRAS HAFLI
Presented By: St. Anthony Church - Cedars Hall



Saturday March 2nd, 2019
8PM to 1AM

Marwan Youssef - Lebanese Super Star Academy

Admission: \$10 (Includes Dinner)
Admission: \$12 (Includes Dinner & Drink)
Admission: \$15 (Includes Dinner & 2 Drinks)
Admission: \$18 (Includes Dinner & 3 Drinks)
Admission: \$20 (Includes Dinner & 4 Drinks)
Admission: \$25 (Includes Dinner & 5 Drinks)
Admission: \$30 (Includes Dinner & 6 Drinks)
Admission: \$35 (Includes Dinner & 7 Drinks)
Admission: \$40 (Includes Dinner & 8 Drinks)
Admission: \$45 (Includes Dinner & 9 Drinks)
Admission: \$50 (Includes Dinner & 10 Drinks)

70th Annual
Saint Joseph's Hafli

Sponsored by
St. George Maronite Catholic Church
Cranston, RI

Live Arabic Music
by
MARWAN YOUSSEF
Grand Champion of the 2018 World Arab Music Competition

\$1,000 Door Prize

Saturday
March 16, 2019

7:00pm: Cocktail & Mezza Hour
8:00pm: Dinner

Verus DeMio Restaurant
75 Grand Army Highway (Route 51)
Cranston, RI 02910

Admission: \$20
Children under 12: \$10
(Under 10: \$5.00 per child at the door)

For tickets contact:
Joanne DeLuca: 401-881-7788
Nancy Pappas: 401-271-8991
Doris Salomon: 401-884-1833

\$10,000 GRAND RAFFLE

All Inquiries:
Lisa Manton: 507-286-5381
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Raffle Tickets:
John Dickey: 401-886-3325

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The recent New York State Bill promoting abortion through the last trimester of pregnancy is a very sad reality. Sometimes we can only respond by prayer (and fasting).

Recently, the Eparchy gathered in Washington, DC to join the March for Life. We prayed with our feet and filmed this video. The photo is below and the link is here <https://youtu.be/FhemYQdzone>

But more is needed, and for this reason I echo the sentiments of the New York Bishops who have been courageous defenders of life here in the State and who have been clear that "the primary purpose of this legislation is to expand late term abortion". Professor Robby George, who after seeing the standing ovation given in the New York State Senate wrote that he was "physically ill" to see the applause for something so inhumane, and how we as a nation became so indifferent to the child in the womb and to her mother.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, the enemy of life is not people who disagree with us, the enemy is a certain way of thinking that promotes the rights of some and callously disregards the rights of others, namely the innocent child in the womb. Unfortunately, all of this passes under the false guise of science and/or progress. True science proves that life begins at conception. Please see the link <https://youtu.be/WH9ZJu4wRUE>

May God spare us from such thinking and help us promote and defend life courageously. May God restore us to be a nation of just laws and respect for life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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