



## **Saint Theresa Maronite Church**

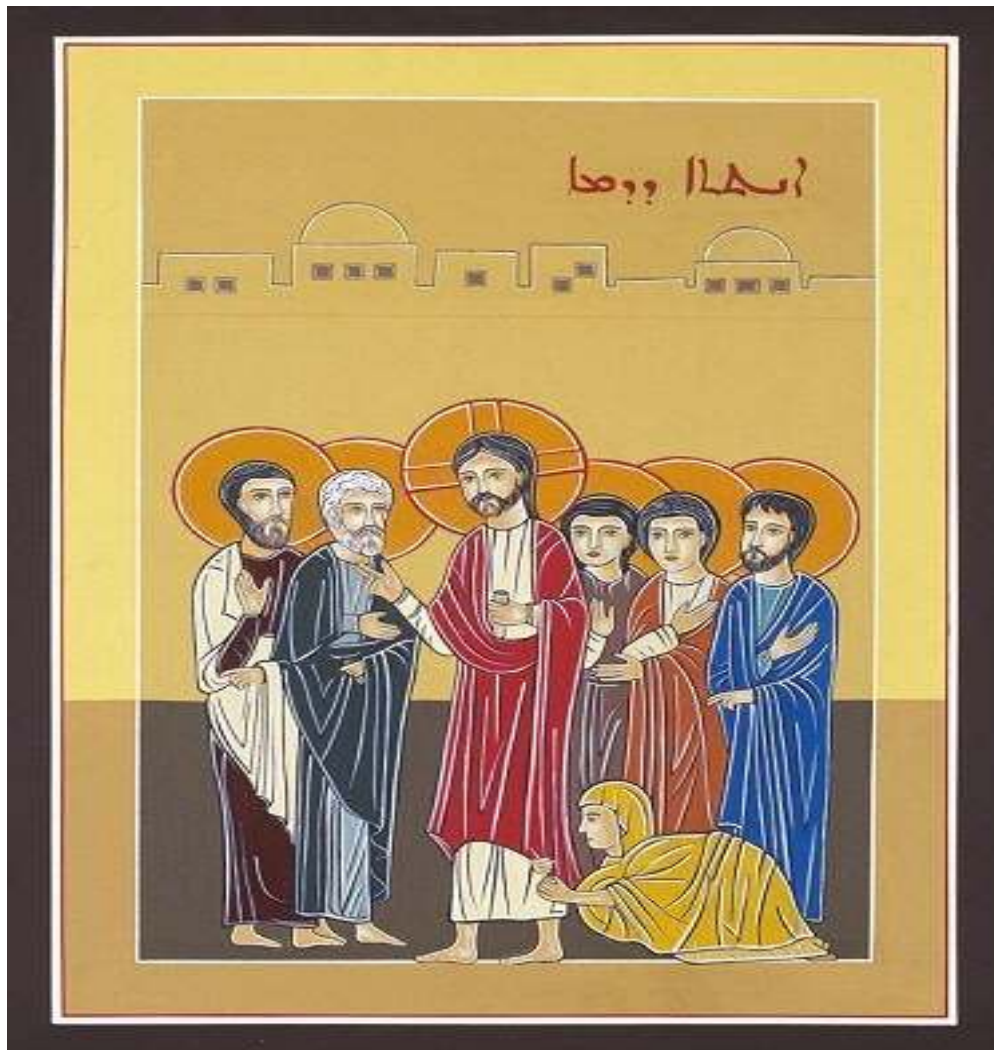
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March 4-5, 2023 † † †

Issue No. 10

## **Sunday of the Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman**

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**Website: [sttheresabrockton.org](http://sttheresabrockton.org)**

**Facebook: SaintTheresa Brockton**

**YouTube Channel: Saint Theresa Brockton**

**Saturday March 25 | 11:30-5pm**  
**at Our Lady of Fatima (future home of OLOP)**  
 4256 Acushnet Ave New Bedford



**Maronite Youth KICK OFF**

RSVP to Fr. Vince Farhat by March 20  
 Ph: 508-996-8934  
 Email: ourladyofpurgatory@gmail.com

Our Lady of Purgatory is sponsoring a MYO Kick Off for a gathering day of reflection on Lent on Saturday, March 25th, if you are interested in attending please see Mirna Issa.


## Maronite Sisters Of Christ the Light

STATE AND BE THE CHAMPION OF THE LIGHT — FEBRUARY 2023

# Discernment Retreat

IF GOD IS CALLING YOU TO COME, TAKE A SEAT AT THE TABLE. BE PART OF CHRIST THE LIGHT. INVITE YOU TO A WEEKEND OF PRAYER, DISCUSSION & FELLOWSHIP, APRIL 14-16TH.

WOMEN AGES 18-35 ARE WELCOME  
 TO REGISTER PLEASE BE CODE BE VISIT MARONITESERVANTS.COM



Our Maronite Servant sisters will be hosting a **Discernment Retreat Weekend** for young adult women on **April 14-16, 2023** at their **Mother of the Light Convent** in Dartmouth MA. To learn more about the Sisters' mission in our Eparchy you are welcome to watch and share their Day in the Life video:

[https://youtu.be/\\_6S\\_c24SiPs](https://youtu.be/_6S_c24SiPs)

### Liturgy Schedule

The Holy Mysteries are celebrated:  
**Saturdays: 4:00 PM**  
**Sunday: 10:30 AM**

Holy Days: 7:00 PM

Daily Liturgy: To be announced  
 Arabic Liturgy : To be announced



*"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~*

### Holy Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation

Please make arrangements with the pastor at least one month in advance. Sponsors 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.

### Holy Mystery of Reconciliation

The sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment.

### Adoration

You are invited to spend some time before our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to grow in faith and love.

*"Your heart is made to love Jesus, to love Him passionately; pray so that the beautiful years of your life may not pass by in chimerical fears."  
 Saint Theresa of Lisieux*

### 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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 First Thursday of the month from  
 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

### 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

### Religious Education

Classes are held on Saturdays  
 September through April  
 For registration please see  
 Mirna Issa

### MYO—MYA

MYO—MYA meet  
 September through April

## Sunday of the Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

**Sat. March 4 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+Leo and Alice Smith, son John and Cousin Peter Smith as requested by Maryann Asiaf  
+For the Souls of Remember Me In Your Kingdom

**Sun. March 5 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+ Chafic Saade and his daughter Therese Saade as requested by Joseph,  
Rouhana, Hoda, and Mahroussie Saade



## Sunday of the Parable of the Prodigal Son

**Sat. March 11 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+Mary George Davin as requested by the family

**Sun. March 12 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+ Intention available on request



### CEMETERY PALM CROSSES

Cost: \$25.00 each

Order Must Be Received By  
March 26, 2023

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

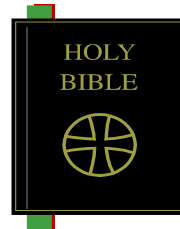
Number of Palm Crosses Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Payment Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:  
**St. Theresa Church**

Please Note: We can not fill orders placed after  
March 26, 2023. Thank you.

Crosses will be distributed on **Sha'NeeNee (Hosanna  
Sunday) Weekend.**  
April 1 and April 2, 2023.



### Lectors' Schedule

**Saturday, March 4, 2023**

**English: Michelle**

**Sunday, March 5, 2023**

**English: Diana Saab**

**Arabic: Randa**



**St. Theresa Church  
Spiritual Lenten Retreat  
On  
Eucharist,  
The Real Presence**

**Tuesday, March 7, 2023**

**Please mark your calendars now  
to attend with  
Abouna Joseph  
From 7:00 PM—8:00PM  
In the Church Hall**

## St. Theresa Church Invites you to LENTEN POTLUCK DINNERS



Which will be held on every Friday during  
Lent; beginning on February 24, 2023 in the  
Church Hall following the Stations and  
Benediction of the Cross. If, you are able to  
assist in any way please see *Mirna Issa*.



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

**Parish Support**

Offertory needed each week \$ 2,500.00. Our offertory is needed for the following: Parish Assessment, paid monthly from Feb. thru Nov: \$900.00. Building Insurance, paid monthly from Jan. thru Nov: \$1,320.00: 2/26/23 \$723.00, Easter Flowers \$75.00, Donation \$150.00.

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

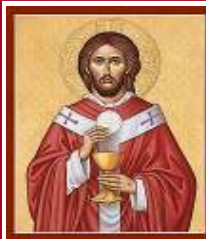
O Divine Ocean of Mercy and Compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties. Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the Life-Giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At this time I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ,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

**2023 Eparchial Annual Bishop's Appeal**

As we enter the Season of Lent, parishioners are once again asked to participate in the Annual Eparchial Bishop's Appeal; monies raised will help enrich many lives and programs entrusted to the mission of our Eparchy. *Within the next week, you will receive a mailing regarding this appeal.* In the past, your collective generosity has helped Saint Theresa Church reach her quota of **\$3,500.00**. Our parish family is obligated to forward this amount to the Eparchy by **April 9, 2023**. When each household generously supports the *2023 Eparchial Bishop's Appeal*, the required amount can easily be raised without using funds from our general parish account. Like the power of the widow's mite, any donations will be greatly appreciated.

**For the Month of February**

**Bread and Wine**



**Bread & wine for the Holy Gifts** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:  
**+Nacklie and Marie Nessralla**  
*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:  
**+Alan J. Poirier**  
*by Donna Poirier*

**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 :  
**+Naja and Samera Nessralla**  
*by Mr. and Mrs. Mansur Nessralla and family*

**Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle**

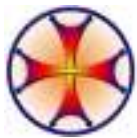


**Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of :  
**+Laudy Ghazal**

**Vigil candles for the Gospel Throne**

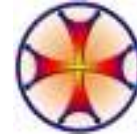


**Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:  
**+ Special Intention**



# **Saint Theresa**

## **Maronite Catholic Church**



**Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman**

**March 4-5, 2023**

### **A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 7:4-11**

**Brothers and Sisters:** I often boast about you; I have great pride in you; I am filled with consolation; I am overjoyed in all our entire affliction. For even when we came into Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were afflicted in every way disputes without and fears within. But God, who consoles the downcast, consoled us by the arrival of Titus, and not only by his coming, but also by the consolation with which he was consoled about you, as he told us of your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced still more. For even if I made you sorry with my letter; I do not regret it (though I did regret it, for I see that I grieved you with that letter, though only briefly). Now I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because your grief led to repentance; for you felt a godly grief, so that you were not harmed in any way by us. For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation and brings no regret, but worldly grief produces death. For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves guiltless in the matter.

**Praise be to God always.**

### **Gospel: Luke 8:40-56**

When Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. Just then there came a man named Jairus, a leader of the synagogue. He fell at Jesus' feet and begged him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, who was dying. As he went, the crowds pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. Then Jesus asked, 'Who touched me?' When all denied it, Peter said, 'Master, the crowds surround you and press in on you.' But Jesus said, 'Someone touched me; for I noticed that power had gone out from me.' When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.' While he was still speaking, someone came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer.' When Jesus heard this, he replied, 'Do not fear. Only believe, and she will be saved.' When he came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him, except Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother. They were all weeping and wailing for her; but he said, 'Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and called out, 'Child, get up!' Her spirit returned, and she got up at once. Then he directed them to give her something to eat. Her parents were astounded; but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened.



## فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الثانية إلى أهل كورنثس

يا إخوتي، إن لي عليكم دالة كبيرة، ولي بكم فخرا عظيما. ولقد امتلأت تعزية، وأنا أبيض فرحا في ضيقنا كله. فإننا لما وصلنا إلى مقدونية، لم يكن لجسدنا شيء من الراحة، بل كنا متضايقين في كل شيء، صراع من الخارج، وخوف من الداخل! لكن الله الذي يعزي المتواضعين عزانا بمجيء طيطس، لا بمجيئه فحسب، بل أيضا بالتعزية التي تعزاهما بكم. وقد أخبرنا بأشقيائكم إلينا، وحزنكم، وغيرتكم علي، حتى إنني أزدت فرحا. وإذا كنت قد أحزنتكم برسالتي فلست نادما على ذلك، مع أنني كنت قد ندمت، لأنني أرى أن تلك الرسالة، ولو أحزنتكم إلى حين، قد سببت لي فرحا كثيرا، لا لأنكم حزنتم، بل لأن حزنكم أدى بكم إلى التوبة. فقد حزنتم حزنا مرضيا لله، كي لا تخسروا بسببنا في أي شيء؛ لأن الحزن المرضي لله يصنع توبة للخلاص لا ندم عليها، أما حزن العالم فيصنع موتا. فأنظروا حزنكم هذا المرضي لله كم أنشأ فيكم من الاجتهاد، بل من الاعتذار، بل من الاستنكار، بل من الخوف، بل من الشوق، بل من العيرة، بل من الإصرار على العقاب! وقد أظهرتم أنفسكم في كل ذلك أنكم أبرياء من هذا الأمر.

**والتسبيح لله دائما**

## من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس لوقا

لما عاد يسوع، استقبله الجمع، لأنهم جميعهم كانوا ينتظرونه. وإذا برجل اسمه يائيرس، وكان رئيس المجمع، جاء فأرتمى على قدمي يسوع، وأخذ يتوسل إليه أن يدخل بيته، لأن له ابنة وحيدة، عمرها نحو اثنتي عشرة سنة، قد أشرقت على الموت. وفيما هو ذاهب، كان الجموع يزحمونه. وكانت امرأة مصابة بنزف دم منذ اثنتي عشرة سنة، ولم يقدر أحد أن يشفيها. دنت من وراء يسوع، ولمست طرف ردايه، وفجأة وقف نزف دمها. فقال يسوع: من لمسني؟ وأنكر الجميع. فقال بطرس ومن معه: يا معلم، إن الجموع يزحمونك ويضايقونك! فقال يسوع: إن واحدا قد لمسني! فأني عرفت أن قوة قد خرجت مني! ورأت المرأة أن أمرها لم يخف عليه، فدنت مرتعدة وأرتمت على قدميه، وأعلنت أمام الشعب كله لماذا لمسته، وكيف شفيت للحال. فقال لها يسوع: يا ابنتي، إيمانك خلصك! إذ هبى بسلام! وفيما هو يتكلم، وصل واحد من دار رئيس المجمع يقول: ماتت ابنتك! فلا تزعج المعلم! وسمع يسوع فأجاب: لا تخف! يكفي أن تؤمن فتحيا ابنتك! ولما وصل إلى البيت، لم يدع أحدا يدخل معه سوى بطرس ويوحنا ويعقوب وأبي الصبية وأمها. وكان الجميع يبكون عليها ويفرعون صدورهم. فقال: لا تبكوا! إنها لم تمت. لكنها نائمة! فأخذوا يضحكون منه لعلمهم بأنها ماتت. أمها هو فأمسك بيدها ونادى قائلاً: أيتها الصبية، قومي! فعادت روحها إليها، وفجأة نهضت. ثم أمر بأن يطعموها. فدهش أبواها، وأوصاهما يسوع ألا يخبرا أحدا بما حدث.



## Other Events

SAINT THERESA MARONITE CHURCH  
BROCKTON, MA

*Save The Date*

*Saturday*  
*April 29, 2023*

*Annual Haftli*

*Location Saint Anthony of the Desert,  
300 North Eastern Ave.  
Fall River, MA 02723*

EPARCHIAL YOUTH LENTEN

**BIBLE STUDY**

FOUR SUNDAYS

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| 8 | PM  | FEB 26 | MAR 5  |
|   | EST | MAR 19 | MAR 26 |

OPEN TO ALL  
HIGHSCHOOLERS

**RSVP IS REQUIRED**

**WWW.MYOEPARCHYSTMARON.ORG**

CELEBRATING THE  
*Feminine Genius*

"Perhaps you were made QUEEN  
for such a time as this." Esther 4:14

HOST  
SPEAKER

**ALLISON  
WELCH**



JOIN US FOR A WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT VIA ZOOM. AS WE JOURNEY THROUGH THE LETTERS OF ST. POPE JOHN PAUL II ON THE DIGNITY OF WOMEN, EXPLORING OUR ROLES AS DAUGHTERS, SISTERS, MOTHERS AND BRIDES. LEARN MORE ABOUT EMBRACING AND OPENING THE UNIQUE GIFTS YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN!

**MAR 4 SATURDAY**  
**10 - 11:30 AM**

[tinyurl.com/femgenius](https://tinyurl.com/femgenius)  
822-4754-4491 MEETING ID

MARONITE RITUALS ONLINE SERIES

**GREAT LENT  
& PASSION  
WEEK**

PRESENTED BY FR. CLAUDE FRANKLIN,  
PASTOR ST JOSEPH'S MARONITE CHURCH,  
CLEAN, NY

VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

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| FEB. 16: ASH MONDAY AND BENEDICTION OF THE CROSS | MARCH 2: RITE OF THE LAMP AND THURSDAY OF MYSTERIES  |
| FEB. 23: HOSANNA SUNDAY AND PASSION WEEK         | MARCH 9: SIGNING OF THE CHALICE, GREAT FRIDAY OF THE CRUCIFIXION AND SATURDAY OF THE LIGHT |



Via Zoom on Thursdays 8:00-9:00PM EST  
To register Scan QR Code or [Click Here](#)

HOSTED BY THE MARONITE SERVANTS OF CHRIST THE LIGHT

**St. George Maronite Catholic Church**  
*St. Joseph 74th Annual Haftli*  
**Saturday,**  
**March 18, 2023**  
6:30pm  
*Dancing*  
*Live Entertainment*  
*Grand Raffle!*

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|-----------------------|----------|
| VIP Seating           | \$100.00 |
| General Admission     | \$75.00  |
| MYO (Age 12-17)       | \$45.00  |
| Children (12 & Under) | \$25.00  |

For Tickets please contact:  
Lillian Barish (401) 521-4888  
Nancy Pasquerillo (401) 231-8981  
Samia Sicman (401) 864-1933



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on the pawtuxet  
60 Rhodes Pl., Cranston, RI



**SUPERSTAR**  
*Rami Badr*

**MYA NEW ENGLAND  
REGIONAL RETREAT**



GOD'S HEALING MERCY: FINDING YOUR PATH TO  
FREEDOM & FORGIVENESS

*Dartmouth, Ma*  
MARCH 26, 2023

