



## Saint Theresa Maronite Church

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JESUS STRETCHED OUT HIS HAND AND TOUCHED HIM, AND SAID TO HIM,

'I DO CHOOSE. BE MADE CLEAN!'

MARK 1:41

## Healing of the Leper



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

Facebook: SaintTheresa Brockton

YouTube Channel: Saint Theresa Brockton

## What guidelines do parishioners need to observe while in church?

- ◆ **Social Distancing:** Parishioners **who are not part** of the same immediate household are asked to be seated 6 feet apart. Members of the same immediate household are permitted to sit together and less than 6 feet apart.
- ◆ **Face Coverings:** **ALL** attendees **must wear face covering or masks** in accordance with **COVID-19 Order No. 31** and the Department of Public Health's Guidance while inside and upon entering and exiting the church.
- ◆ **For Children:** For children who are between the ages 2 and 5, the wearing of a face covering or mask is at the discretion of the child's parent or guardian. Children under the age 2 should not wear a face covering or mask.
- ◆ **Parents:** For the health and safety of others and you please keep your child seated in the pew with you at all times during the Liturgy.
- ◆ **Distribution of Communion:** Distribution is by intinction, in the usual way, with as much care as possible.
- ◆ **Cleaning and Disinfecting:** The church will be cleaned and disinfected between each Liturgy. (e.g., pews, doorknobs, bathrooms, and heavy transit areas).

February 20-21, 2021

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### Liturgy Schedule

The Holy Mysteries are celebrated:

Saturdays: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 10:30 AM

Doors open one hour before each Liturgy

Holy Days: 7:00 PM

Daily Liturgy: Wednesday-Friday 7:00PM

Arabic Liturgy on Fridays -7:00 PM



*"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 one hour before each Liturgy. And, it is also available any time upon request.

### 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.

### Holy Mystery of Crowning

Please consult with the pastor to make arrangements at least 6 months in advance of your proposed date in order to avoid conflicts in scheduling.

### Adoration

"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you - for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart...don't listen to the demon; laugh at him, and go without fear to receive the Jesus of peace and love..."  
~St. Theresa of Lisieux~

Please Note: Eucharistic Adoration and Liturgy takes place on

Thursday Evenings. Doors open at 6:00PM.

### Religious Education

Classes are held on Saturdays  
September through April  
9:00 AM—12:00 Noon

### MYO—MYA

MYO—MYA meet  
September through April

## **Sunday of the Healing of the Leper**

**Sat. Feb. 20 at 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+ Peter G. Asiaf, Jr. as requested by Maryann Asiaf

**Sun. Feb. 21 at 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+ Mary George Davin as requested by the family



## **Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman**

**Sat. Feb. 27 at 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

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

**Sun. Feb. 28 at 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+ Boutrossieh Nesseralla as requested by Youseff Nesseralla and family

### **2021 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 few weeks, 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 4, 2021**. When each household generously supports the *2021 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.

### **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, 2021.**



### **The Year of Saint Joseph Workshop for Children**

Join the Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light  
on March 20, 2021

Via Zoom from 4:30PM-6:00PM

For children age 5-12 years.

To learn about the wonders and virtues of Saint Joseph. For more information and to register call

508-996-1753 or

email: srtherese2010@gmail.com



**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. 2/14/21 \$2,103.00, Ash Monday 2/15/21 \$688.00

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

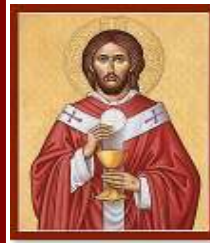
O Divine Ocean of Mercy and Compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties. Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the Life-Giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At this time I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ,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

**Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn**



**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:

**+Paul and Trenetta Saba, son William**

*by Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Daaboul*

**Vigil Candle for the Blessed Mother**



**Vigil candle for the Blessed Mother**

is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

**+Peter Asiaf, Jr., Leo and Alice Smith, son John and cousin Peter Smith**

*by Maryann Asiaf*

**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:

**+Abdallah and Richidi Ackil, son Faris**

*by Dr. and Mrs. Albert Ackil*

**Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle**



**Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle**

is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

**+Gordon Solomon**

*by Dr. and Mrs. Albert Ackil*

**Vigil candles for the Gospel Throne**

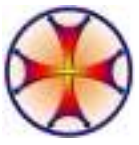


**Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne**

is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

**+Peter and Josephine [Ackil] George**

*by Dr. and Mrs. Albert Ackil*



# **Saint Theresa**

## **Maronite Catholic Church**



**Healing of the Leper**

**February 20-21, 2021**

### **A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 6: 12-23**

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death; but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Gospel: Mark 1:35-45**

In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons. A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, 'If you choose, you can make me clean.' Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.' But he went out and began to proclaim it freely and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.



## فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل روما

يا إخوتي، لا تملكَنَّ الخَطِيئَةُ بَعْدُ في جَسَدِكُمْ المَائِتِ، فَتُطِيعُوا شَهَوَاتِهِ. وَلَا تَجْعَلُوا أَعْضَاءَكُمْ سِلَاحَ ظَلَمٍ لِلخَطِيئَةِ، بَلْ قَرَّبُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ لِلَّهِ كَأَحْيَاءٍ قَامُوا مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمْوَاتِ، وَأَجْعَلُوا أَعْضَاءَكُمْ سِلَاحَ بِرِّ اللَّهِ. فلا تَتَسَلَّطْ عَلَيْكُمُ الخَطِيئَةُ، لأنَّكُمْ لَسْتُمْ في حُكْمِ الشَّرِيعَةِ بَلْ في حُكْمِ النِّعْمَةِ. فَمَاذَا إِذَا؟ هَلْ نَحْطَأُ لِأَنَّنا لَسْنَا في حُكْمِ الشَّرِيعَةِ، بَلْ في حُكْمِ النِّعْمَةِ؟ حَاشَا! أَلَا تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّكُمْ عِنْدَمَا تَجْعَلُونَ أَنْفُسَكُمْ عبيدًا لِأَحَدٍ فَتُطِيعُونَهُ، تَكُونُونَ عبيدًا لِلَّذِي تُطِيعُونَهُ: إِمَّا عبيدًا لِلخَطِيئَةِ الَّتِي تُؤْوِلُ إِلَى المَوْتِ، وَإِمَّا لِلطَّاعَةِ الَّتِي تُؤْوِلُ إِلَى البِرِّ. فَشُكْرًا لِلَّهِ لِأَنَّكُمْ بَعْدَما كُنْتُمْ عبيدَ الخَطِيئَةِ، أَطَعْتُمْ مِنْ كُلِّ قَلْبِكُمْ مِثَالَ التَّعْلِيمِ الَّذِي سَلَّمْتُمْ إِلَيْهِ. وَبَعْدَ أَنْ حُرِّزْتُمْ مِنَ الخَطِيئَةِ، صِرْتُمْ عبيدًا لِلبِرِّ. وَأَقُولُ قَوْلًا بَشْرِيًّا مُرَاعَاةً لِضَعْفِكُمْ: فَكَمَا جَعَلْتُمْ أَعْضَاءَكُمْ عبيدًا لِلنَّجَاسَةِ وَالإِثْمِ في سَبِيلِ الإِثْمِ، كَذَلِكَ أَجْعَلُوا الآنَ أَعْضَاءَكُمْ عبيدًا لِلبِرِّ في سَبِيلِ القَدَاسَةِ. فَلَمَّا كُنْتُمْ عبيدَ الخَطِيئَةِ، كُنْتُمْ أَحْرَارًا مِنَ البِرِّ. فَأَيُّ ثَمَرٍ جَنَيْتُمْ حِينَئِذٍ مِنْ تِلْكَ الأُمُورِ الَّتِي تَسْتَحُونَ مِنْهَا الآنَ؟ فَإِنَّ عَاقِبَتَهَا المَوْتُ. أَمَّا الآنَ، وَقَدْ صِرْتُمْ أَحْرَارًا مِنَ الخَطِيئَةِ وَعبيدًا لِلَّهِ، فَإِنَّكُمْ تَجْنُونَ ثَمَرًا لِلقَدَاسَةِ، وَعَاقِبَتُهَا الحَيَاةُ الأَبَدِيَّةُ. لِأَنَّ أَجْرَةَ الخَطِيئَةِ هِيَ المَوْتُ. أَمَّا مَوْهَبَةُ اللَّهِ فَهِيَ الحَيَاةُ الأَبَدِيَّةُ في المَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ رَبِّنا.

**والتسبيح لله دائما**

## من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس مرقس

قَامَ يَسُوعُ قَبْلَ طُلُوعِ الفَجْرِ، فَخَرَجَ وَدَهَبَ إِلَى مَكَانٍ قَفْرٍ، وَأَخَذَ يُصَلِّي هُنَاكَ. وَلَحِقَ بِهِ سِمَعَانُ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ، وَوَجَدُوهُ فَقَالُوا لَهُ: أَلْجَمِيعِ يَطْلُبُونَكَ. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: لِنَدْهَبْ إِلَى مَكَانٍ آخَرَ، إِلَى القُرَى المُجَاوِرَةِ، لِأُبَشِّرَ هُنَاكَ أَيْضًا، فَإِنِّي لِهَذَا خَرَجْتُ. وَسَارَ فِي كُلِّ الجَلِيلِ، وَهُوَ يَكْرَهُ فِي مَجَامِعِهِمْ وَيَطْرُدُ الشَّيَاطِينَ. وَأَتَاهُ أَبْرَصٌ يَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْهِ، فَجَنَّا وَقَالَ لَهُ: إِنَّ شَيْئًا فَانْتِ قَادِرٌ أَنْ تُطَهِّرَنِي. فَتَحَنَّنَ يَسُوعُ وَمَدَّ يَدَهُ وَلَمَسَهُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: قَدْ شِئْتُ، فَأَطْهَرُ. وَفِي الحَالِ زَالَ عَنْهُ البَرَصُ، فَطَهَّرَ. فَأَنْتَهَرَهُ يَسُوعُ وَصَرَفَهُ حَالًا، وَقَالَ لَهُ: أَنْظِرْ، لا تُخْبِرْ أَحَدًا بِشَيْءٍ، بَلْ أَذْهَبْ وَأَرِ نَفْسَكَ لِلكَاهِنِ، وَقَدِّمْ عَنْ طَهْرِكَ مَا أَمَرَ بِهِ مُوسَى، شَهَادَةً لَهُمْ. أَمَّا هُوَ فَخَرَجَ وَبَدَأَ يُنَادِي بِأَعْلَى صَوْتِهِ وَيُذِيعُ الخَبَرَ، حَتَّى إِنَّ يَسُوعَ لَمْ يَعُدْ قَادِرًا أَنْ يَدْخُلَ إِلَى مَدِينَةٍ عَلاَنِيَّةٍ، بَلْ كَانَ يُقِيمُ فِي الخَارِجِ، فِي أَمَاكِنٍ مُفْفِرَةٍ، وَكَانَ النَّاسُ يَأْتُونَ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ كُلِّ مَكَانٍ.

# ST. THERESA CHURCH

## LENTEN SCHEDULE 2021



- **Mondays:** Liturgy will be celebrated at 7:00 PM
- **Tuesdays:** Liturgy will be celebrated at 7:00 PM  
(Note: Liturgy will be celebrated in Arabic)
- **Wednesdays:** Liturgy will be celebrated at 7:00 PM
- **Thursdays:** Liturgy will be celebrated at 7:00 PM  
followed by Eucharistic Adoration.
- **Fridays:** Service of the Holy Cross at 7:00 PM
- **Saturdays:** Liturgy will be celebrated at 4:00 PM
- **Sundays:** Liturgy will be celebrated at 9:00 AM  
and 10:30 AM

**Note:** The sacrament of Reconciliation is available one hour before each Liturgy.  
And, is available any time on request.



† Pray as much as you can; this is a time of grace †

**Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn  
And  
Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon-Los Angeles**



" I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue always to pray the Rosary every day" ~*Our Lady of Fatima*



JOIN US AS WE PRAY THE

# ROSARY

EVERY 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH  
AT 8PM EASTERN STANDARD TIME

FORTHE INTENTIONS OF GOOD HEALTH,  
PEACE, & STABILITY FOR OUR WORLD

**FEBRUARY 8**

LED BY BISHOP GREGORY MANSOUR

**MARCH 8**

LED BY CHORBISHOP MICHAEL THOMAS

**APRIL 12**

LED BY BISHOP ELIAS ZAIDAN

LOOKING AHEAD ■ **MAY 10**



**ZOOM LINK**

MEETING ID: 883 4965 1080

PASSCODE: rosary

<https://tinyurl.com/OFSLROSARY>