



## 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

February 25-26, 2023

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Issue No. 9

**Sunday of the Healing of the Leper**

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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

# 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 Leper**

**Sat. Feb. 25 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

40 Day Memorial for +Sara Gebara as requested by the family

**Sun. Feb. 26 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+ Gebrael , Marie and Gisele Hanna

Parents and Sister of Vivian Awad as requested by Mr. and Mrs. Copal Awad



## **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

+Catherine Mirza as requested by the family

+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



### **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: \_\_\_\_\_

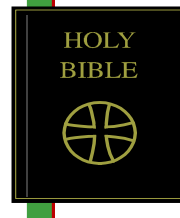
**Please make checks payable to:**

**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, February 25, 2023**

**English: Cauna**

**Sunday, February 26, 2023**

**English: Mirna Issa**

**Arabic: Solange**



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

**February 28, and 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 \$ 2,000.00. Our offertory is needed for the following: Parish Assessment, paid monthly from Feb. thru Nov: \$900.00. Parish Building Insurance, paid monthly from Jan. thru Nov: \$970.00: 2/19/23 \$795.00, 2/20/23 Ash Monday \$754.00, Candles \$36.37

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

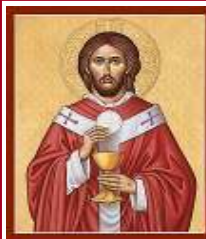
O Divine Ocean of Mercy and Compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties. Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the Life-Giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At this time I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ,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

**+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:

**+Elias Abourjaily**  
*by the family*

**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 :

**+All deceased members of the Asack families**  
*by Madeline Asack and family*

**Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle**



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

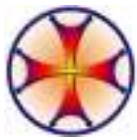
**+Peter Asiaf, Jr., Leo and Alice Smith, son John and Cousin Peter Smith**  
*by Maryann Asiaf*

**Vigil candles for the Gospel Throne**



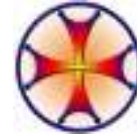
**Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

**+ Special Intention**



# **Saint Theresa**

## **Maronite Catholic Church**



**Sunday of the Healing of the Leper**

**February 25-26, 2023**

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

**Brothers and Sisters:** 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. **Praise be to God always.**

### **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 إخواني، لا تملكَنَّ الخَطِيئَةُ بَعْدُ في جَسَدِكُمْ المَائِتِ، فَتُطِيعُوا شَهَوَاتِهِ. وَلَا تَجْعَلُوا أَعْضَاءَكُمْ سِلَاحَ ظُلْمٍ لِلخَطِيئَةِ، بَلْ قَرَّبُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ لِلَّهِ كَأَحْيَاءٍ قَامُوا مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمْوَاتِ، وَأَجْعَلُوا أَعْضَاءَكُمْ سِلَاحَ بِرِّ اللَّهِ. فلا تَتَسَلَّطْ عَلَيْكُمْ الخَطِيئَةُ، لِأَنَّكُمْ لَسْتُمْ في حُكْمِ الشَّرِيعَةِ بَلْ في حُكْمِ النِّعْمَةِ. فَمَاذَا إِذَا؟ هَلْ نَخْطَأُ لِأَنَّنا لَسْنَا في حُكْمِ الشَّرِيعَةِ، بَلْ في حُكْمِ النِّعْمَةِ؟ حَاشَا! أَلَا تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّكُمْ عِنْدَمَا تَجْعَلُونَ أَنْفُسَكُمْ عبيدًا لِأَحَدٍ فَتُطِيعُونَهُ، تَكُونُونَ عبيدًا لِلَّذِي تُطِيعُونَهُ: إمَّا عبيدًا لِلخَطِيئَةِ الَّتِي تَوُؤَلُ إلى المَوْتِ، وإمَّا لِلطَّاعَةِ الَّتِي تَوُؤَلُ إلى البِرِّ. فَشُكْرًا لِلَّهِ لِأَنَّكُمْ بَعْدَمَا 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 الْآنَ أَعْضَاءَكُمْ عبيدًا لِلبِرِّ في سَبِيلِ القَدَاسَةِ. فَلَمَّا كُنْتُمْ عبيدَ الخَطِيئَةِ، كُنْتُمْ أَحْرَارًا مِنَ البِرِّ. فَأَيُّ ثَمَرٍ جَنَيْتُمْ حِينَئِذٍ مِنْ تِلْكَ الأُمُورِ الَّتِي تَسْتَحُونَ مِنْهَا الْآنَ؟ فَإِنَّ عَاقِبَتَهَا المَوْتُ. أَمَّا الْآنَ، 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 رَبَّنَا.

**والتسبيح لله دائما**

## من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس مرقس

قَامَ يَسُوعُ قَبْلَ طُلُوعِ الفَجْرِ، فَخَرَجَ وَذَهَبَ إلى مَكَانٍ قَفْرٍ، وَأَخَذَ يُصَلِّي هُنَاكَ. وَلَحِقَ بِهِ سِمَعَانُ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ، وَوَجَدُوهُ فَقَالُوا لَهُ: أَلْجَمِيعُ يَطْلُبُونَكَ. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: لِنَذْهَبْ إلى مَكَانٍ آخَرَ، إلى القَرْيَةِ المُجَاوِرَةِ، لِأُبَشِّرَ هُنَاكَ أَيْضًا، فَإِنِّي لِهَذَا خَرَجْتُ. وَسَارَ في كُلِّ الجَلِيلِ، وَهُوَ يَكْرِزُ في مَجَامِعِهِمْ وَيَطْرُدُ الشَّيَاطِينَ. وَأَتَاهُ أَبْرَصٌ يَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْهِ، فَجَنَّتَا وَقَالَ لَهُ: إِنَّ شِئْتِ فَأَنْتِ قَادِرٌ أَنْ تُطَهِّرَنِي. فَتَحَنَّنَ يَسُوعُ وَمَدَّ يَدَهُ وَلَمَسَهُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: قَدْ شِئْتِ، فَأَطْهُرِي. وَفِي الحَالِ زَالَ عَنْهُ البَرَصُ، فَطَهَّرَهُ يَسُوعُ وَصَرَفَهُ حَالًا، وَقَالَ لَهُ: أَنْظُرْ، لَا تُخْبِرْ أَحَدًا بِشَيْءٍ، بَلْ أَذْهَبْ وَارْ نَفْسَكَ لِلكَاهِنِ، وَقَدِّمْ عَنْ طَهْرِكَ مَا أَمَرَ بِهِ مُوسَى، شَهَادَةً لَهُمْ. أَمَّا هُوَ فَخَرَجَ وَبَدَأَ يُنَادِي بِأَعْلَى صَوْتِهِ وَيُذِيعُ الخَبَرَ، حَتَّى إِنَّ يَسُوعَ لَمْ يَعْذُ قَادِرًا أَنْ يَدْخُلَ إلى مَدِينَةٍ عَلَانِيَةً، بَلْ كَانَ يُقِيمُ في الحَارِجِ، في أَمَاكِنَ مُفْرَةٍ، وَكَانَ النَّاسُ يَأْتُونَ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ كُلِّ مَكَانٍ.



## Other Events

SAINT THERESA MARONITE CHURCH  
BROCKTON, MA

*Save The Date*

*Saturday*  
*April 29, 2023*

*Annual Hafli*

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



**St. George Maronite Catholic Church**  
*St. Joseph 74th Annual Hafli*  
**Saturday,**  
**March 18, 2023**  
6:30pm

*Dancing*  
*Live Entertainment*  
*Grand Raffle!*

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 Sleiman (401) 864-1933



**RHODES**  
on the pawtuxet  
60 Rhodes Pl. Cranston, RI



**SUPERSTAR**  
*Rami Badr*

MARONITE RITUALS ONLINE SERIES



# GREAT LENT & PASSION WEEK

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


**VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS**

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



EPARCHIAL YOUTH LENTEN

# BIBLE STUDY

FOUR SUNDAYS

8	PM	FEB 26	MAR 5
	EST	MAR 19	MAR 26

OPEN TO ALL  
HIGHSCHOOLERS

**RSVP IS REQUIRED**

**WWW.MYOEPARCHYSTMARON.ORG**

