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**When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic,
'Son, your sins are forgiven.'**

Mark 2:5

March 18-19, 2023 † † †

Issue No. 12

Sunday of the Healing of the Paralytic

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Website: 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 SEE THE CHAMPION
 OF THE WORLD! — FRANCIS JAY

Discernment Retreat

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

WOMEN AGES 18-35 ARE WELCOME
 TO REGISTER NOW OR TO 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

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 Paralytic

Sat. March 18 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Naja and Samera Nessralla as requested by Mr. and Mrs. Mansur Nessralla and family

Sun. March 19 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+ Intention available on request



Sunday of the Healing of the Blind Man

Sat. March 25 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Intention available on request

Sun. March 26 @ 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: _____

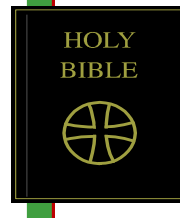
Number of Palm Crosses Ordered: _____

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 18, 2023

English: Cauna

Sunday, March 19, 2023

English: Philip N.

Arabic: Leila N.



Calling for Altar Servers!

This is a special invitation for young boys who have received their First Holy Communion to serve as an Altar Server for the Liturgies. Kindly, let me know if your child would like to serve in this capacity. Blessings, Abouna Joseph

Please Note: 40 Day Liturgies are considered a priority. When necessary, they take precedence over previously reserved intentions. Reserved intentions will be rescheduled to a date that is convenient to your preference.



**Saint Theresa Parish
Welcomes our Shepherd
Bishop Gregory J. Mansour
for a visit during Holy Week for the
Ritual of Lamp Service at 7:00 PM
Wednesday, April 5, 2023**

SAVE THE DATE!

**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: 3/12/23 \$1,056.00, Easter Flowers \$100.00, Donation \$500.00, Candles \$24.00

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.

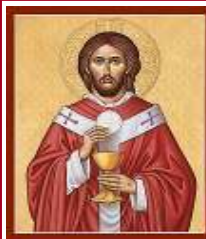
**St. Theresa Church
Invites you to
LENTEN POTLUCK DINNERS**



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*.

For the Month of March

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

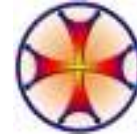


Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:
+ Special Intention



Saint Theresa

Maronite Catholic Church



Sunday of the Healing of the Paralytic

March 18-19, 2023

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy 5:24-6:5

Brothers and sisters: The sins of some people are conspicuous and precede them to judgment, while the sins of others follow them there. So also good works are conspicuous; and even when they are not, they cannot remain hidden. Let all who are under the yoke of slavery regard their masters as worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be blasphemed. Those who have believing masters must not be disrespectful to them on the ground that they are members of the church; rather they must serve them all the more, since those who benefit by their service are believers and beloved. Teach and urge these duties. Whoever teaches otherwise and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that is in accordance with godliness, is conceited, understanding nothing, and has a morbid craving for controversy and for disputes about words. From these come envy, dissension, slander, base suspicions, and wrangling among those who are depraved in mind and bereft of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.

Praise be to God always

Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.' Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 'Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?' At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, 'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and take your mat and walk"? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins' he said to the paralytic 'I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.' And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'



فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الأولى إلى تلميذه طيموتاوس

يا إخوتي، مِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ تَكُونُ خَطَايَاهُمْ وَاضِحَةً قَبْلَ الْحُكْمِ فِيهَا، وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ لَا تَكُونُ وَاضِحَةً إِلَّا بَعْدَهُ. كَذَلِكَ فَإِنَّ الْأَعْمَالَ الصَّالِحَةَ هِيَ أَيْضًا وَاضِحَةٌ، وَالَّتِي هِيَ غَيْرُ وَاضِحَةٍ فَلَا يُمَكِّنُ أَنْ تَبْقَى خَفِيَّةً. عَلَى جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ تَحْتَ نِيرِ الْعُبُودِيَّةِ أَنْ يَحْسُبُوا أَسْيَادَهُمْ أَهْلًا لِكُلِّ كَرَامَةٍ، لِئَلَّا يُجَدَّفَ عَلَى أَسْمِ اللَّهِ وَتَعْلِيمِهِ. أَمَّا الَّذِينَ لَهُمْ أَسْيَادٌ مُؤْمِنُونَ فَلَا يَسْتَهِينُوا بِهِمْ، لِأَنَّهُمْ إِخْوَةٌ، بَلْ بِالْأَحْرَى فَلْيُخْدَمُوهُمْ، لِأَنَّ الْمُسْتَفِيدِينَ مِنْ خِدْمَتِهِمِ الطَّيِّبَةَ هُمْ مُؤْمِنُونَ وَأَحِبَّاءُ، ذَلِكَ مَا يَجِبُ أَنْ تُعَلِّمَهُ وَتَعْطِ بِهِ. فَإِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ يُعَلِّمُ تَعْلِيمًا مُخَالِفًا، وَلَا يَتَمَسَّكُ بِالْكَلَامِ الصَّحِيحِ، كَلَامِ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، وَبِالتَّعْلِيمِ الْمُوَافِقِ لِلنَّقْوَى، فَهُوَ إِنْسَانٌ أَعْمَتُهُ الْكِبْرِيَاءُ، لَا يَفْهَمُ شَيْئًا، بَلْ مُصَابٌ بَمَرَضِ الْمُجَادَلَاتِ وَالْمُمَاكَاتِ، الَّتِي يَنْشَأُ عَنْهَا الْحَسَدُ وَالْخِصَامُ وَالتَّجْدِيفُ وَسُوءُ الظَّنِّ، وَالمُشَاجَرَاتُ بَيْنَ أَنَاسٍ فَاسِدِي الْعَقْلِ، زَائِفِينَ عَنِ الْحَقِّ، يَطُّنُونَ أَنَّ النَّقْوَى وَسِيلَةٌ لِلرَّيْحِ. **والتسبيح لله دائما**

من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس مرقس

عَادَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى كَفَرْنَاحُومَ. وَسَمِعَ النَّاسُ أَنَّهُ فِي الْبَيْتِ. فَتَجَمَعَ عَدَدٌ كَبِيرٌ مِنْهُمْ حَتَّى غَصَّ بِهِمِ الْمَكَانُ، وَلَمْ يَبْقَ مَوْضِعٌ لِأَحَدٍ وَلَا عِنْدَ الْبَابِ. وَكَانَ يُخَاطِبُهُمْ بِكَلِمَةِ اللَّهِ. فَأَتَوْهُ بِمُخَلِّعٍ يَحْمِلُهُ أَرْبَعَةُ رِجَالٍ. وَبِسَبَبِ الْجَمْعِ لَمْ يَسْتَطِيعُوا الْوُصُولَ بِهِ إِلَى يَسُوعَ، فَكَشَفُوا السَّقْفَ فَوْقَ يَسُوعَ، وَنَبَشَوْهُ، وَدَلَّوْا الْفِرَاشَ الَّذِي كَانَ الْمُخَلِّعُ مَطْرُوحًا عَلَيْهِ. وَرَأَى يَسُوعُ إِيمَانَهُمْ، فَقَالَ لِلْمُخَلِّعِ: «يَا ابْنِي، مَغْفُورَةٌ لَكَ خَطَايَاكَ!». وَكَانَ بَعْضُ الْكُتَّابَةِ جَالِسِينَ هُنَاكَ يُفَكِّرُونَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ: لِمَاذَا يَتَكَلَّمُ هَذَا الرَّجُلُ هَكَذَا؟ إِنَّهُ يُجَدَّفُ! مَنْ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَغْفِرَ الْخَطَايَا إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ؟ وَفِي الْحَالِ عَرَفَ يَسُوعُ بِرُوحِهِ أَنَّهُمْ يُفَكِّرُونَ هَكَذَا فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «لِمَاذَا تُفَكِّرُونَ بِهِذَا فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ؟ مَا هُوَ الْأَسْهَلُ؟ أَنْ يُقَالَ لِلْمُخَلِّعِ: مَغْفُورَةٌ لَكَ خَطَايَاكَ؟ أَمْ أَنْ يُقَالَ: قُمْ وَاحْمِلْ فِرَاشَكَ وَامْشِ؟ وَلَكِي تَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ لَأَبْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ سُلْطَانًا أَنْ يَغْفِرَ الْخَطَايَا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ»، قَالَ لِلْمُخَلِّعِ: لَكَ أَقُولُ: قُمْ، إِحْمِلْ فِرَاشَكَ، وَأَذْهَبْ إِلَى بَيْتِكَ! فَقَامَ فِي الْحَالِ وَحَمَلَ فِرَاشَهُ، وَخَرَجَ أَمَامَ الْجَمِيعِ، حَتَّى دَهَشُوا كُلَّهُمْ وَمَجَّدُوا اللَّهَ قَائِلِينَ: «مَا رَأَيْنَا مِثْلَ هَذَا الْبَيْتَةِ!».

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*

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

Join
BISHOP GREGORY J. MANSOUR
FR. VINCENT FARHAT
&
OUR LADY OF PURGATORY PARISH
to pray the Rosary
for our faithful departed
EVERY THURSDAY
5:00PM - VIA ZOOM

*May the souls of the
faithful departed
rest in peace*

Meeting ID:
890 3889 9691

Scan the QR code
to join the meeting

MARONITE RITUALS ONLINE SERIES

**GREAT LENT
& PASSION
WEEK**

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

VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

FEB. 16: ASH MONDAY AND BENEDICTION OF THE CROSS	MARCH 2: RITE OF THE LAMP AND THURSDAY OF MYSTERIES
FEB. 25: 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 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
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GOD'S HEALING MERCY: FINDING YOUR PATH TO
FREEDOM & FORGIVENESS

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MARCH 26, 2023