



Saint Theresa Maronite Church

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Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

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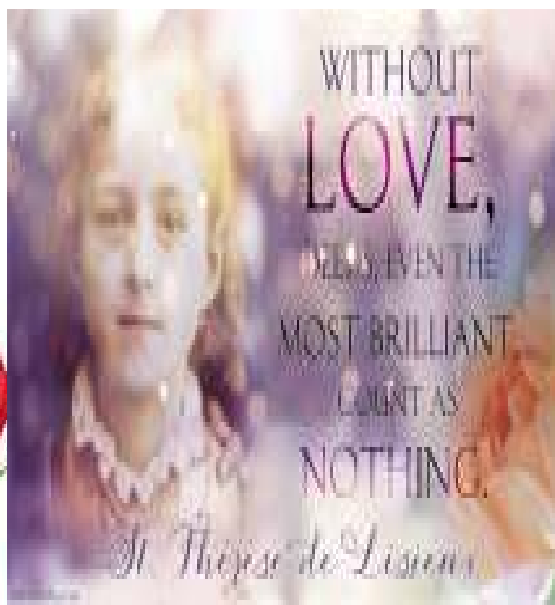
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"I will let fall from Heaven a Shower of Roses."

~Saint Theresa of Lisieux~ "The Little Flower"



Mother Teresa was formally beatified on October 19, 2003 by Pope John Paul II. In 2015, the Vatican confirmed that Pope Francis recognized a second miracle attributed to her intercession and scheduled September 4, 2016 as her canonization date.

**"If we pray, we will believe;
If we believe, we will love;
If we love, we will serve."
~Saint Teresa of Calcutta~**



Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

Sat. Sept. 3 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Edward Kamel as req. by the family

Sun. Sept. 4 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Moussa and Hened Farah as req. by Ghassan Farah and family



Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sat. Sept. 10 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Ibrahim Shafiq Awad as req. by the family

Sun. Sept. 11 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

40 Day Liturgy +Nacklie Nessralla as req. by the family



For the Month of September

Bread & wine for the Holy Gifts are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Rose Saba by the family

Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Leo and Alice Smith, son John and cousin Peter Smith by the family

Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Peter L. Asack by Margo Asack and family

Vigil candle for Shrine of St. Theresa is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Peter G. Asiaf, Jr. by the family



Lectors' Schedule

Saturday, Sept. 2, 2016

Thomas

Sunday, Sept. 3, 2016

English: Mary Anne

Arabic: Lina

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

Reading: Romans 13: 8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة. 8:13-14.

يا إِخْوَتِي: لَا يَكُنْ عَلَيْنِمْ لِأَحَدٍ دَيْنٌ إِلَّا حُبُّ بَعْضِكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ. فَمَنْ أَحَبَّ غَيْرَهُ أَنْتَمُ الشَّرِيعَةَ؛ لِأَنَّ الْوَصَايَا: «لَا تَزْنِ! لَا تَقْتُلْ! لَا تَسْرِقْ! لَا تَشْتَهَ!»، وَأَيَّ وَصِيَّةٍ أُخْرَى، تَخْتَصِرُهَا هَذِهِ الْكَلِمَةُ: «أَحِبِّ قَرِيبَكَ كَنَفْسِكَ!». إِنَّ الْمَحَبَّةَ لَا تَصْنَعُ بِالْقَرِيبِ شَرًّا؛ إِذَا فَاَلْمَحَبَّةُ هِيَ كَمَالُ الشَّرِيعَةِ.

وَإِنَّكُمْ لِعَالِمُونَ فِي أَيِّ وَقْتٍ نَحْنُ: لَقَدْ حَانَتْ السَّاعَةُ لِتَسْتَيْقِظُوا مِنَ النَّوْمِ! لِأَنَّ الْخَلَاصَ أَقْرَبُ إِلَيْنَا الْيَوْمَ مِمَّا كَانَ يَوْمَ أَمْنَا. لَقَدْ تَنَاهَى اللَّيْلُ وَأَقْتَرَبَ النَّهَارُ. إِذَا فَلْنُطْرَحْ أَعْمَالَ الظُّلْمَةِ، وَنَلْبَسْ أَسْلِحَةَ النُّورِ. وَنَلْسُنُكُ سُلُوكًا لَائِقًا كَمَا فِي وَضْحِ النَّهَارِ، لَا فِي الْفُصُوفِ وَالسُّكْرِ، وَلَا فِي الْفُجُورِ وَالْفَحْشَاءِ، وَلَا فِي الْخِصَامِ وَالْحَسَدِ، وَلَا تَهَنَّمُوا بِالْجَسَدِ لِقَضَاءِ شَهَوَاتِهِ، بَلِ الْبَسُوا الرَّبَّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ!



Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend. "Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

إنجيل القديس لوقا. 25:10-37.

إِذَا عَالِمٌ بِالتَّوْرَةِ قَامَ يَجْرُبُ يَسُوعَ قَائِلًا: «يَا مُعَلِّمُ، مَاذَا أَعْمَلُ لِأَرِثَ الْحَيَاةَ الْأَبَدِيَّةَ؟» فَقَالَ لَهُ: «مَاذَا كُتِبَ فِي التَّوْرَةِ؟ كَيْفَ تَقْرَأُ؟».

فَقَالَ: «أَحِبُّ الرَّبَّ إِلَهَكَ مِنْ كُلِّ قَلْبِكَ، وَكُلِّ نَفْسِكَ، وَكُلِّ فُذْرَتِكَ، وَكُلِّ فِعْرِكَ، وَأَحِبُّ قَرِيبَكَ كَنَفْسِكَ».

فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «بِالصَّوَابِ أَحْبَبْتَ. افْعَلْ هَذَا فَتَحْيَا».

أَمَّا هُوَ فَارَادَ أَنْ يُبَيِّرَ نَفْسَهُ، فَقَالَ لِيَسُوعَ: «وَمَنْ هُوَ قَرِيبِي؟».

فَأَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ: «كَانَ رَجُلٌ نَازِلًا مِنْ أُورُشَلِيمَ إِلَى أَرِيخَا، فَوَقَعَ فِي أَيْدِي اللُّصُوفِ، وَعَرَوْهُ، وَأَوْسَعُوهُ ضَرْبًا، وَمَضُوا وَقَدْ تَرَكَوهُ بَيْنَ حَيٍّ وَمَيِّتٍ.

وَصَدَفَ أَنْ مَآهِنًا كَانَ نَازِلًا فِي تِلْكَ الطَّرِيقِ، وَرَأَهُ، فَمَالَ عَنْهُ وَمَضَى.

وَمَرَّ أَيْضًا لَاطِيٌّ بِذَلِكَ الْمَكَانِ، وَرَأَهُ، فَمَالَ عَنْهُ وَمَضَى.

وَلَكِنْ سَامِرِيًّا مُسَافِرًا مَرَّ بِهِ، وَرَأَهُ، فَتَحَنَّنَ عَلَيْهِ،

وَدَنَا مِنْهُ، وَضَمَدَ جِرَاحَهُ، سَاكِبًا عَلَيْهِ رِيثًا وَخَمْرًا. ثُمَّ وَضَعَهُ عَلَى دَابَّتِهِ، وَذَهَبَ بِهِ إِلَى الْفُنْدُقِ، وَأَعْتَنَى بِهِ.

وَفِي الْعَدَى، أَخْرَجَ دِينَارَيْنِ وَأَعْطَاهُمَا لِصَاحِبِ الْفُنْدُقِ، وَقَالَ لَهُ: «إِعْتِنِ بِهِ، وَمَهْمَا أَنْفَقْتَ فَأَنَا أَوْفِيكَ عِنْدَ عَوْدَتِي».

فَمَا رَأَيْكَ؟ أَيُّ هُوَ لِإِثْمِ التَّلَاثَةِ كَانَ قَرِيبَ ذَلِكَ الرَّجُلِ الَّذِي وَقَعَ فِي أَيْدِي اللُّصُوفِ؟».

فَقَالَ: «الَّذِي صَنَعَ إِلَيْهِ الرَّحْمَةَ».

فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «إِذْهَبْ، وَأَصْنَعْ أَنْتَ أَيْضًا كَذَلِكَ».

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: 8/28/16 \$1,314.00, Louisiana Flood Victims Forwarded to the Eparchy \$356.00, Dabke Bake Sale \$768.00



St. Theresa Church Dabke

Troupe: Again, this year at our Festival will be our Dabke Dance Troupe from our students of Religious Education / MYO.

Practice sessions are in full swing . If you are interested in joining please see Mirna Issa.



Dabke Troupe Bake Sale: A great big Thank You for making the St. Theresa Dabke Troupe Bake Sale a Sweet Success! The Dabke Troupe would like to thank and acknowledge

all the fabulous volunteer bakers who donated so generously of their time and talent to provide our bake sale with a great array of treats and goodies. Your generous contribution to the Bake Sale will benefit the Dabke Troupe Costumes for our Festival. God bless you always.



Please join us.... for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall each Sunday following Divine Liturgy. Visit with family and friends.



Welcome New Parishioners: If you are new to our parish, please fill out a registration form, which may be found on the table at the back of the church, and return it to us, so you may be added to our mailing and email list. We express a warm welcome to you and your family to our parish family.



The Religious Education Program at

St. Theresa Church is gearing up once again. As you know, our program not only offers a complete catechetical curriculum, but also teaches an appreciation for the Maronite Church and Liturgy. The program team has been at work preparing for the 2016-2017 Religious Education school year. We look forward to seeing you here at St. Theresa Church and having your child participate in our program. **Registration Day and First Day of Class** will be on **Sunday, September 11, 2016.**

God bless

News from our Sister Parishes

St. Anthony Maronite Church

145 Amesbury Street
Lawrence, MA

Annual Mahrajan

Labor Day Weekend

Saturday, September 3, from 5:00PM--Midnight

Sunday, September 4, from 12 Noon—Midnight

Featuring George Maaloo and Ensemble, Dee Jay Dikon and Andre Keedy and Ensemble

Middle Eastern and American Food, Children Activities.

40th You are cordially invited to attend the **40th Anniversary of Ordination of Monsignor David M. George** will take place on *Sunday, October 2, 2016* at Saint Anthony

Maronite Church, 375 Island Pond Road in Springfield, MA. Liturgy of Thanksgiving will be at 2:00PM followed by a reception at Cedars Hall (*adjacent to the church*). If you are interested in attending please call the church office 508-586-1428 no later than September 21, 2016, so we may give Monsignor a count as to how many will attend.

50th **SAVE THE DATE:** On **Friday, October 7, 2016**, the Eparchy of St. Maron will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the presence of a Maronite Bishop in the United States. A Divine Liturgy will

be held at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lebanon at 6:00 pm, followed by a banquet to be held at the New York Marriott at Brooklyn Bridge at 8:00 pm. Lodging for this celebration is also at the New York Marriot at Brooklyn Bridge, located at 333 Adams Street, Brooklyn NY. A special rate of \$269/night for single or double occupancy is available from October 6th through October 9th. Deadline for reservations at this price is September 16, 2016. For reservations call (877) 303 0104, using the Group name: Lady of Lebanon or online at: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/ladyoflebanon>.

HOLY DOOR PILGRIMAGE FOR JUBILEE YEAR OF

MERCY: During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Maronites throughout the Eparchy are invited to visit the designated place of pilgrimage with Holy Doors. OUR LADY OF MERCY, WORCESTER, MA is our designated place of pilgrimage and your family is invited to walk through the Holy Doors on Sunday, October 16th to receive the special blessings of this Jubilee. The day will begin with Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am, followed by refreshments, then a walk through the Holy Doors, into the church for Eucharistic Adoration, and an opportunity for confession, concluding by 1:30 pm .

Saint Theresa Church

Lebanese Festival

September 23rd , 24th , 25th , 2016



Homemade Gift Basket Ideas



Gift Basket Theme

We are asking for your help in making this year's Basket Raffle our most successful event yet. Many creative baskets have been donated in the past, and we hope you will continue your generosity this year. A significant number of baskets with various themes ranging in price from \$50, \$75 and \$100 are needed. Here are a few ways you can help:

- If you would like to donate any monetary denomination for a theme basket, please make your check payable to **St. Theresa Church**; your basket will have a theme and be displayed for the raffle with your name on it- **[example: donated by...]**. You may drop your donation in the collection box or mail it to St. Theresa Church, PO Box 2567, Brockton, MA 02305-2567, **by September 11, 2016**
- Here are **some ideas** if you would like to design your own theme basket: *Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Baking, Kitchen, Tea, Coffee, Knitting, Country Jams and Relishes, School Supplies, Tuscany Pasta & Wine, Toys, Lottery, Family Movie Night, Italian Gourmet, Lebanese Gourmet, Children's, Baby, Soup to Nuts, Gifts Certificates are welcome.*

If you need **help** or have any questions, please call Paula at the Church office. **All Theme Baskets are due by September 20, 2016.**

The success of our Theme Basket Raffle depends on your help and generosity. Let's get our collective imaginations and artistic juices flowing to create the best theme baskets yet! And let's spread the word of our Festival to family and friends.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of Saint Theresa Church, our spiritual home, in which we all take great pride.

Lebanese Food Festival

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

~Helen Keller~

Our Annual Lebanese Food Festival will be held on **Friday, September 23rd, Saturday, September 24th and Sunday, September 25th**. We are busily planning and preparing for this year's Festival to be the most successful one thus far!

Once again, we are inviting all parishioners and families to join to ensure the success of our Festival. There are so many ways that you can contribute.

Our goal is to have all items donated towards the Festival. The following is a list of items needed. We appreciate any Monetary Donations towards these items that we need to purchase.

Items Needed for Purchase

- Vegetables: 5 bags of onions, 10 boxes of lettuces, 3 boxes of cucumbers, 10 boxes of tomatoes
- Carrots, Peppers, Garlic
- Oil: Vegetable Oil and Cooking Oil
- Feta Cheese, Zaatar, Falafel items, 1 Gallon of Olives, 2 Gallons of Labne, Rice Pilaf, Nuts
- 1 Gallons of Grape leaves
- Water, Soda, Beer, Liquor, Lebanese Coffee
- Arguile: Tobacco, Charcoal
- Propane: Gas for the tanks
- Meat: Beef and Chicken for both Shawarma, Kabobs, and Kafta
- Paper Products: Tablecloth's, Plates, Utensils, Gloves, Trash Bags, Popcorn, Sugar, Salt
- Donation towards the outside Tents, Freezer and Dumpster
- Volunteer to work at the Festival on one or more days; speak with Abouna Joseph or Michelle Nessralla about how you can help.
- Buy a Sponsorship for your Family/Business in loving memory of a deceased family member.
- Offer to take a Lawn Sign and place it in your yard.
- **SPREAD THE WORD** and attend the Festival with your family, friends and relatives! Ahla ou Sahla Feekoon! The more the merrier!

St. Theresa Maronite Catholic Church

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Saint Theresa Church Lebanese Festival 2016

August 12, 2016

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Theresa Church:

Saint Theresa Maronite Catholic Church is proudly sponsoring our eighth annual **Lebanese Festival** on Friday, September 23rd, Saturday, September 24th, and Sunday, September 25th. This festival is a major fundraiser for our parish, and we look forward to showcasing the food, music and dance of our Lebanese heritage to our many expected visitors and guests. Past years' festivals were well-attended and highly publicized events, drawing thousands of guests and visitors including city and regional dignitaries and business leaders, area clergy, residents of the Greater Brockton area, and fellow parishioners from across the diocese.

As part of our fundraising efforts, **Sponsorship Banners** advertising businesses or in honor of loved ones will once again be made available to our parishioners, friends and supporters. Purchasing a sponsorship banner provides an excellent opportunity for each of us to financially support our beautiful church of Saint Theresa. Each banner will be uniquely designed. Please complete the attached form entitled **2016 Sponsorship Banners** and return it to Saint Theresa Church by **Sunday, September 11th**.

We greatly appreciate your generosity in making this annual fundraiser a successful one. Please make your checks payable to "**Saint Theresa Church**" and write **Sponsorship Banners** in the space marked **Memo**. Donations of \$250.00 or more will be acknowledged with a tax-deductible letter required by the Internal Revenue Service. Kindly mail your donation sponsorship form to **Saint Theresa Church, PO Box 2567, Brockton, MA 02305-2567**. Also, feel free to place your envelope with payment and completed form in the collection basket.

I thank you for your generosity and kindness. May God bless you and your family!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Father Joseph Daiif and the Festival Committee

SAINT THERESA CHURCH

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LEBANESE

FESTIVAL

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FRIDAY, 9/23
12 NOON - MIDNIGHT

JAD RAHME
MITCHELL KALTSUNAS
MARY MATAR
GABE ELMASSIH

SATURDAY, 9/24
11:00 AM - 1:00AM

ASSAAD HASSAN
MITCHELL KALTSUNAS
MARY MATAR
GABE ELMASSIH

SUNDAY, 9/25
NOON - 7:00PM

JAD RAHME
MITCHELL KALTSUNAS
MARY MATAR
GABE ELMASSIH
NICK YOUSSEF



Singer ASSAAD HASSAN



Singer

MARY MATAR



Singer

MITCHELL KALTSUNAS



Singer JAD RAHME

Kebbe - Sweets
Maccaroun



Tabouli



Comedian
NICK YOUSSEF



DJ
GABE ELMASSIH

كبة - مناقيش خبز صاج
لبنة - حلويات - معكرون



Falafel



Sajj



Shawarma



Beef & Chicken Kabob



Kafta



Spinach Pie



Grape Leaves



Hummos



Lebanese Coffee



Baklava



Nammoura



Hot Dogs



Hamburgers



Full Liquor • Cash Bar



Parking is Available
at the AMR Ambulance Center
and the Angelo School

Daily Raffles

Promote Your Business By Donating
To Saint Theresa Festival Sponsorship Banners

Call Church Office @ 508-586-1428

NO OUTSIDE FOOD, DRINKS OR ARGUILE

St. Theresa
Dabke Group