



# Saint Theresa Maronite Church

343 North Main Street / PO Box 2567  
Brockton, MA 02305-2567

**Fr. Joseph Abisaad**  
*Administrator*

Rectory 508-586-1428 ✕ Fax 508-587-8139  
Email: [rectory@sttheresabrockton.org](mailto:rectory@sttheresabrockton.org)

May 20-21, 2023

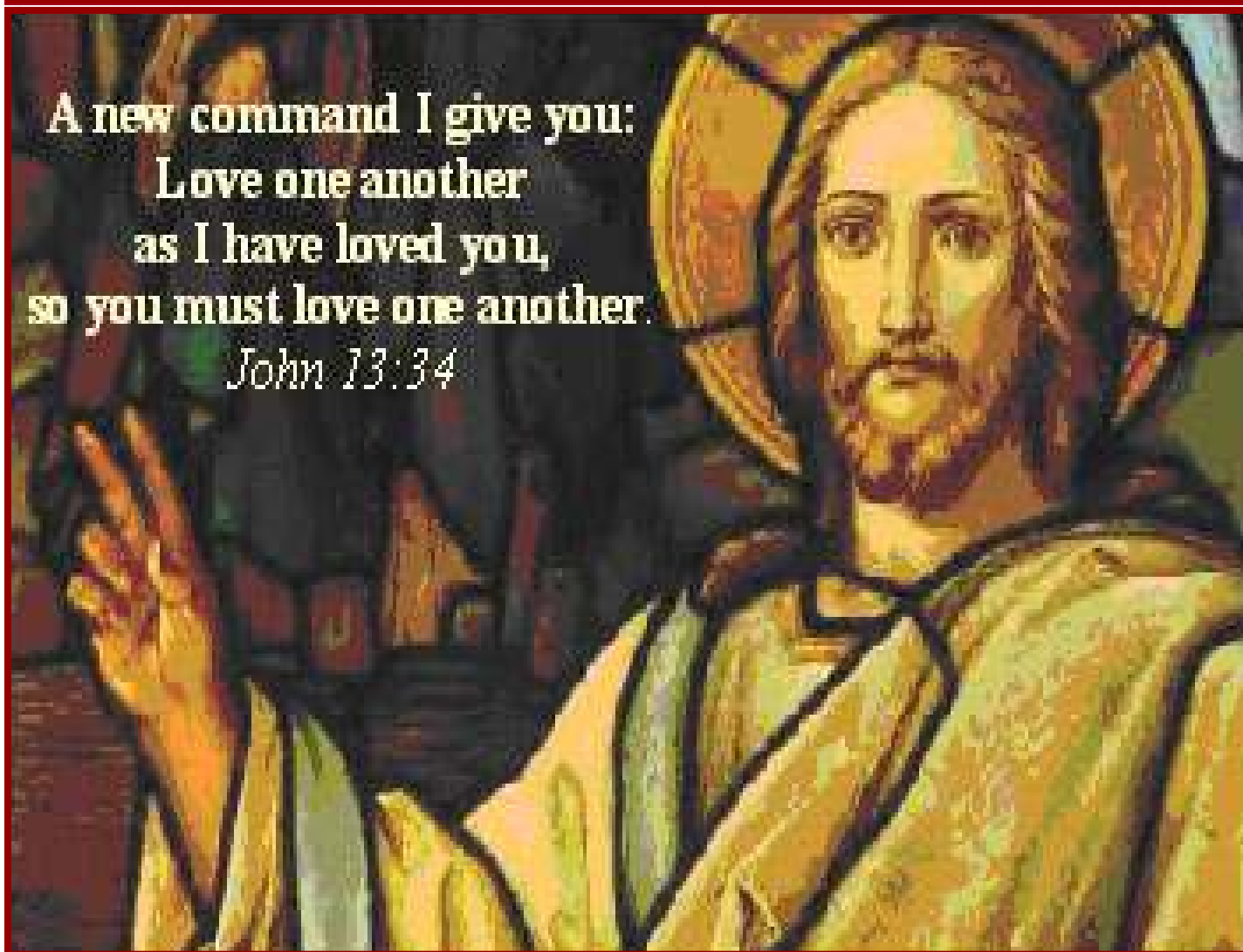


Issue No. 21

## Seventh Sunday of the Resurrection

A new command I give you:  
Love one another  
as I have loved you,  
so you must love one another.

*John 13:34*



Follow us on

Facebook: [SaintTheresa Brockton](#)

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



**High School and College Graduates:** Please contact the Church Office with your name, school, degree, and where you will be attending etc., so that you may be included in our **Baccalaureate ( Graduation ) Liturgy on Sunday, May 28, 2023**



### 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**

### Holy Mystery of Reconciliation

The sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment.

### 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 proposed date in order to avoid difficulty in scheduling



*"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~*

### Religious Education

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

### 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.

### 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*

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

### MYO—MYA

MYO- MYA meet  
 September through April



## Seventh Sunday of the Resurrection

**Sat. May 20 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+Intention available on request

**Sat. May 20 @ 6:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

Memorial for + Cynthia Sfeir (mother-in-law of Ziad Rouhana ) as requested by the family

**Sun. May 21 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

2 Anniversary for +Malek El Hayek as requested by the family



## Pentecost Sunday

**Sat. May 27 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+Teffaha and Emile Haddad, Theresa Asacker, and

Angelina Kamel, Joseph Lattouf, Richard Huet

as requested by Mr. and Mrs. George Haddad

**Sun. May 28 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

Honoring the Parish Graduates



Saint Theresa Maronite Catholic Church

@sttheresabrockton



**venmo**

Scan this code to pay

## Lectors' Schedule

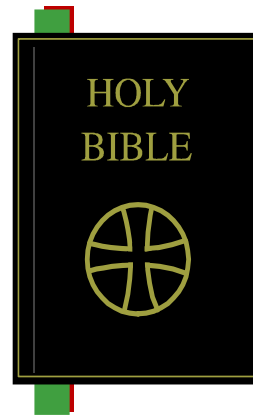
**Saturday, May 20, 2023**

**English:** Cauna

**Sunday, May 21, 2023**

**English:** Diana

**Arabic:** Randa



## Second Collection

**May 20-21, 2023**

### Catholic Communication Campaign

This collection was established by the USCCB, and 50% of this collection is sent to them for national Catholic television, radio and other media, and 50% is retained by our Eparchy for the Maronite Voice and any other communication needs they may have. This collection does not stay in the parish it is sent to the Eparchy for its proper distribution.

## Weekly Collections

	Amount
Saturday 5/16/23	\$ 260.00
Sunday 5/17/23	\$ 427.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 687.00</b>
Operational Expenses Needed weekly	\$ 3,400.00
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>-( \$ 2,713.00 )</b>

### Members of St. Theresa Church Stewardship -Building Committee

George Lattouf  
Joyce Nessralla  
Shirley Asack Younes

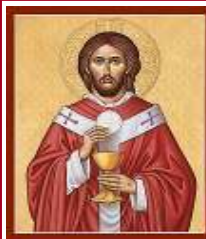
### Members of St. Theresa Church Parish Council

Copal Awad  
Solange Badran  
Randa El Hayek  
Salma Haikal  
Mirna Issa  
Hanne Nessralla  
Alison Farah Saade  
George Matta



## For the Month of May

### Bread and Wine



#### **Bread & wine for the Holy Gifts**

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

**+Peter G. Asiaf, Jr.**

*by Maryann Asiaf*

### Vigil Candle for the Blessed Mother



#### **Vigil candle for the Blessed Mother**

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

**+Paulette 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 :

**+Bolus and Rose Saba**

*by the family*

### Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle



#### **Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle**

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

**+Malek El Hayek**

### Vigil candles for the Gospel Throne



#### **Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne**

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

**+ Private Intention**





# **Saint Theresa**

## **Maronite Catholic Church**



**Seventh Sunday of the Resurrection**

**May 20-21, 2023**

### **A Reading from the Letter Saint Paul to the Ephesians 1:15-23**

**Brothers and Sisters:** I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. **Praise be to God always.**

### **Gospel: John 13:31-35**

When Judas Iscariot had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'



## فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل أفسس

يا إِخْوَتِي، أَنَا أَيْضًا، وَقَدْ سَمِعْتُ بِإِيمَانِكُمْ بِالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ، وَمَحَبَّتِكُمْ لِجَمِيعِ الإِخْوَةِ الْقَدِيسِينَ، لَا أَزَالُ أَشْكُرُ اللَّهَ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، وَأَذْكُرْكُمْ فِي صَلَوَاتِي، لِيُعْطِيَكُمْ إِلَهُ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ، أَبُو الْمَجْدِ، رُوحَ الْحِكْمَةِ وَالْوَحْيِ فِي مَعْرِفَتِكُمْ لَهُ، فَيُنِيرَ عُيُونَ قُلُوبِكُمْ، لِتَعْلَمُوا مَا هُوَ رَجَاءُ دَعْوَتِهِ، وَمَا هُوَ غِنَى مَجْدِ مِيرَاثِهِ فِي الْقَدِيسِينَ، وَمَا هِيَ عَظَمَةُ قُدْرَتِهِ الْفَائِقَةِ مِنْ أَجْلِنَا، نَحْنُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ، بِحَسَبِ عَمَلِ عِزَّةِ قُوَّتِهِ، الَّذِي عَمِلَهُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ، إِذْ أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمْوَاتِ، وَأَجْلَسَهُ إِلَى يَمِينِهِ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، فَوْقَ كُلِّ رِئَاسَةٍ وَسُلْطَانٍ وَقُوَّةٍ وَسَيَادَةٍ، وَكُلِّ أَسْمٍ مُسَمًّى، لَا فِي هَذَا الدَّهْرِ وَحَسَبُ، بَلْ فِي الآتِي أَيْضًا؛ وَأَخْضَعَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ تَحْتَ قَدَمَيْهِ، وَجَعَلَهُ فَوْقَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ، رَأْسًا لِلْكَنِيسَةِ، وَهِيَ جَسَدُهُ وَمِلْؤُهُ، هُوَ الَّذِي يَمَلَأُ الْكُلَّ فِي الْكُلِّ.

**والتسبيح لله دائما**

### من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس يوحنا

لَمَّا خَرَجَ يَهُودَا الإِسْخَرِيوطِيُّ قَالَ يَسُوعَ: "الآن مُجَدِّدُ ابْنِ الإِنْسَانِ وَمُجَدِّدُ اللَّهِ فِيهِ. إِنْ كَانَ اللَّهُ قَدْ مُجَدِّدَ فِيهِ، فَاللَّهُ سَيَمَجِّدُهُ فِي ذَاتِهِ، وَحَالًا يَمَجِّدُهُ. يَا أَوْلَادِي، أَنَا مَعَكُمْ بَعْدَ زَمَنًا قَلِيلًا. سَتَطْلُبُونِي، وَلَكِنْ مَا فُلْتُهُ لِلْيَهُودِ أَقُولُهُ لَكُمْ الآن: حَيْثُ أَنَا أَمْضِي لَا تَقْدِرُونَ أَنْتُمْ أَنْ تَأْتُوا. وَصِيَّةٌ جَدِيدَةٌ أُعْطِيَكُمْ، أَنْ تُحِبُّوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا. أَجَلٌ، أَنْ تُحِبُّوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا كَمَا أَنَا أَحْبَبْتُكُمْ. بِهِذَا يَعْرِفُ الْجَمِيعُ أَنَّكُمْ تَلَامِيذِي، إِنْ كَانَ فِيكُمْ حُبٌّ بَعْضُكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ."

# 2023 NAM CONVENTION

**WELCOME TO PROVIDENCE, RI**

**58TH NATIONAL MARONITE CONVENTION**

**JULY 5 - 9 2023**

Hosted by St. Anthony of the Desert Church  
Sponsored by The National Apostolate of Maronites  
[namnews.org](http://namnews.org)

**OMNI HOTEL PROVIDENCE**

The Omni Hotel is located in the heart of downtown at 1 W. Exchange St., Providence, RI, 02903. For reservations call 1-800-963-6666 and ask for the National Maronite convention room block or visit [www.omnihotels.com/hotels/providence/meeting](http://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/providence/meeting). [www.namnews.org](http://www.namnews.org) national-convention-2023-07022023

**\$189/night**

Reservations must be made no later than Monday, June 12, 2023.

**THURSDAY, JULY 6**

**ENTERTAIN M E N T**

**NEWPORT, RI**

**PLAYED BY ABEEER NEHME**  
A VOCALIST CHRISTIAN ARTIST

**EXCURSIONS**

**WILSONS PASSION TOUR**  
A symbol of the Maronite family's social standing in the United Age, the Deacons is the flagship of the Newport Maronite.

**BEACHES ON SHOPPING**  
Enjoy sun and surf at the popular Gasco's Beach or Shopping on Fenwick Street, RI and America's Cup Avenue.

**WORK SHOPS**

- THE SYNOD
- EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (12:30 PM THURSDAY TO 12:30 PM FRIDAY)

**FRIDAY, JULY 7**

**ENTERTAIN M E N T**

**ROGER WILLIAMS PARK**

**AMIN SULTAN**  
A LOCAL TALENT FROM ST. ANTHONY OF THE DESERT PARISH AND THE SULTAN FAMILY

**EXCURSIONS**

**BOTANICAL GARDENS**  
New England's largest greenhouse garden, a beautiful time to visit and many outdoor perennial gardens to explore.

**BOATING**  
Family friendly boating excursions offer rides on the Brown water boats, water boat, sight-seeing boats and a paddle steamer.

**WORK SHOPS**

- PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS ON OUR HEALTH TODAY
- HCF SUPPER CAMP 10-12
- NYO YOUTH ACTIVITIES 7 - 12
- NYO HOURS TOOLS AND PROFESSIONAL DISCUSSION: Coptic spirituality meeting in retreats, ABA, nurse-riding, and more.

**SATURDAY, JULY 8**

**ENTERTAIN M E N T**

**GRAND BANQUET FEATURING INTERNATIONAL LEBANESE SUPERSTARS GEORGE & ABEER NEHME**

**EXCURSIONS**

**APPOINTMENT ON THE PINK**  
Enjoy morning with Bishop Maron and Bishop Zaiden at Women's Club next next door for conversation, drinks and light lunch.

**PROVIDENCE WALKING TOURS**  
Choose from five different walking tours: Downtown Historic Tour, Early Black History Tour, East Side Historic Tour, Jewelry District Tour or the West Side Historic Tour. Maps will be provided at exploration.

**WORK SHOPS**

- CHORUS WORKSHOP
- CARL ANDERSON, former CEO & Chairman of the Board of the Knights of Columbus and CHAIRMANSHIP SHERY BOGGIANI will speak on the Commission of Lebanon.
- HCF SUPPER CAMP 10-12
- NYO YOUTH ACTIVITIES 7 - 12

**SILENT AUCTION**

Our Silent Auction is planned for Thursday, July 6 and Friday, July 7th. We will have wonderful items for you to bid on. We hope you will attend as this event supports NAM service programs and host parish, St. Anthony of the Desert Church.

For more information: Please visit the NAM website at: [www.namnews.org](http://www.namnews.org). We also recommend you visit our Convention Microsite at: [www.goprovidence.com/nam](http://www.goprovidence.com/nam) Connect with us on both the NAM and St. Anthony of the Desert Maronite Catholic Church Facebook pages.

**SUNDAY, JULY 9**

**CLOSING**

CLOSE OUT THE CONVENTION by attending a beautiful Maronite liturgy with our bishops and then enjoy a wonderful brunch.

*Safe travels home!*  
**SEE YOU IN DETROIT IN 2024!**

**St. Anthony of the Desert Maronite Catholic church in Fall River, Massachusetts is proud to host the 58th National Maronite Convention.**

Our theme this year is: "Eucharistic Amosment - The Maronite Way". We look forward to hosting you and offering an exceptional convention experience! Enjoy spiritual engagement, liturgies, educational workshops for all ages, sing-alongs, and New England hospitality.

Our dinner and entertainment activities will begin on Thursday evening this year and we are proud to present *Robbie's talent to you!*

Our raffish has four cash prizes- \$10,000 grand prize, followed by \$2,500, \$5,000, and \$2,500.

Thank you to all who are considering placing an ad in the Convention Ad Book. It is a tradition that we all look forward to and each family will receive the book at registration!

Come celebrate July 8th in Providence and thank you in advance for your support.

In Christ,  
Most Reverend James Root

**ADDITIONAL HOTEL OPTIONS**

The Graduate Providence, 11 Dorrance St., Providence, RI 02903  
Group Registration Code: 2307APOMAR  
BOOKING LINK:  
<https://www.graduatehotels.com/providence/ri/booking/step-group-2307APOMAR/price-2023/department-2023>  
Hotel Registration: 401-421-0000

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN JUNE 2, 2023**

Providence Courtyard Downtown (Courtyard by Marriott)  
28 Exchange Ter., Providence, RI 02903  
BOOKING LINK:  
<https://www.marriott.com/events/submit?cid=1668893266666&gclid=CJ01>

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN JUNE 2, 2023**



## 58TH NATIONAL MARONITE CONVENTION

Sponsored by the National Apostolate of Maronites

### REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-registration Deadline: **Monday, June 5, 2023**

Please complete all information or register online: [www.namnews.org](http://www.namnews.org)

Incomplete forms will not be processed. Please PRINT legibly. You will receive a confirmation via email or mail.

Primary Registrant: *(Please add additional family members on reverse side)*

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check all that apply:**

- NAM Member     NAM Delegate  
 NAM Board     Order of St. Sharbel  
 Conv. Comm.     Child (5-11)  
 Youth (12-18)     Young Adult (18-35)

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

**PACKAGES ONLY** - Enter number of packages desired and make sure to fill in Grand Total. Daily Workshops are included with any purchase. NAM members whose 2023 dues have been paid will receive \$15 off of the full adult package and \$10 off all other packages. This discount is void after the pre-registration deadline of June 5, 2023. If you wish to pay for your membership with this registration: send a check payable to NAM.

Excursions are additional and not included in packages. Saturday Banquet seating is available on-line or please contact NAM office at 914-964-3070. The "Covenant of Behavior" MUST be completed for all Child and Youth registrants- if not accompanied by parent. See forms on-line. **\*\*YOUTH:** If you are 18 and did not graduate from high school by summer; **YOUNG ADULT:** If you are over 18 and a high school graduate and younger than 35.

### PACKAGE OPTIONS AND PRICING

Package Options  DOES NOT INCLUDE HOTEL ROOMS	Adult and Young Adult 18+ years		Youth 12 - 18 years		Child 5 - 11 years	
	Before 6/5/2023	After 6/5/2023	Before 6/5/2023	After 6/5/2023	Before 6/5/2023	After 6/5/2023
Full: Thursday-Sunday	#____@ \$390	#____@ \$410	#____@ \$380	#____@ \$400	#____@ \$170	#____@ \$190
Weekend: Friday-Sunday	#____@ \$350	#____@ \$370	#____@ \$340	#____@ \$360	#____@ \$150	#____@ \$170
Saturday-Sunday: Entertainment & Dinner (Sunday Brunch included)	#____@ \$250	#____@ \$270	#____@ \$240	#____@ \$260	#____@ \$140	#____@ \$160
Saturday Entertainment Only at 10 PM						#____@ \$175

### EXCURSIONS AND PRICING

Date	Excursions - transportation is included in pricing below where applicable	Time	# of Attendees	Price
Thursday, July 6	Newport, RI — Explore beaches or shopping on famous Thames St. and America's Cup Avenue <i>All ages welcome, cold beverages and snacks provided</i>	11 AM - 6 PM		#____@ \$25
	Newport, RI — Explore the historic Breakers mansion and more <i>All ages welcome, cold beverages and snacks provided</i>	11 AM - 6 PM		#____@ \$45
Friday, July 7	Roger Williams Park — Zoo: Admission <i>Toddlers 1 year and younger are free</i>	12:30 PM - 4:30 PM		#____@ \$45
	Roger Williams Park — Boating: Swan boats, Electric boats, Kayaks, and Pirate Boat <b>*BUS ONLY;</b> All boat rental tickets purchased on site (Avg. Price \$5-\$15 p/p)	12:30 PM - 4:30 PM		#____@ \$25*
	Roger Williams Park — Botanical Center <b>*BUS ONLY;</b> All admission tickets purchased on site (Avg. Price \$2-\$5 p/p)	12:30 PM - 4:30 PM		#____@ \$25*
Saturday, July 8	"Amazement on Tap" with the Bishops at Reiner's Pub with light fare <i>(MYA Only)</i>	2 PM - 4 PM		#____@ \$25
	Providence Walking Tours — Self guided, maps provided	1 PM - 5 PM		FREE

**GRAND TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to "NAM Convention" and mail to NAM 2110 Redwood Pl, Canfield, OH 44406  
Do not send cash. If using a Credit Card register online or call 914-964-3070

Omni Hotel Rate is \$189.00 + tax. For Reservations please call 1-402-952-6646 and ask for the National Maronite Convention room block or visit [www.omnihotels.com/hotels/providence/meetings/nam-national-convention-2023-07022023](http://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/providence/meetings/nam-national-convention-2023-07022023)

Reservations must be made no later than **Monday, June 12, 2023**

Please note the nearest airport is TF Green Airport in Warwick, RI.