

# Saint Theresa Maronite Church

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Seventh Sunday of the Resurrection

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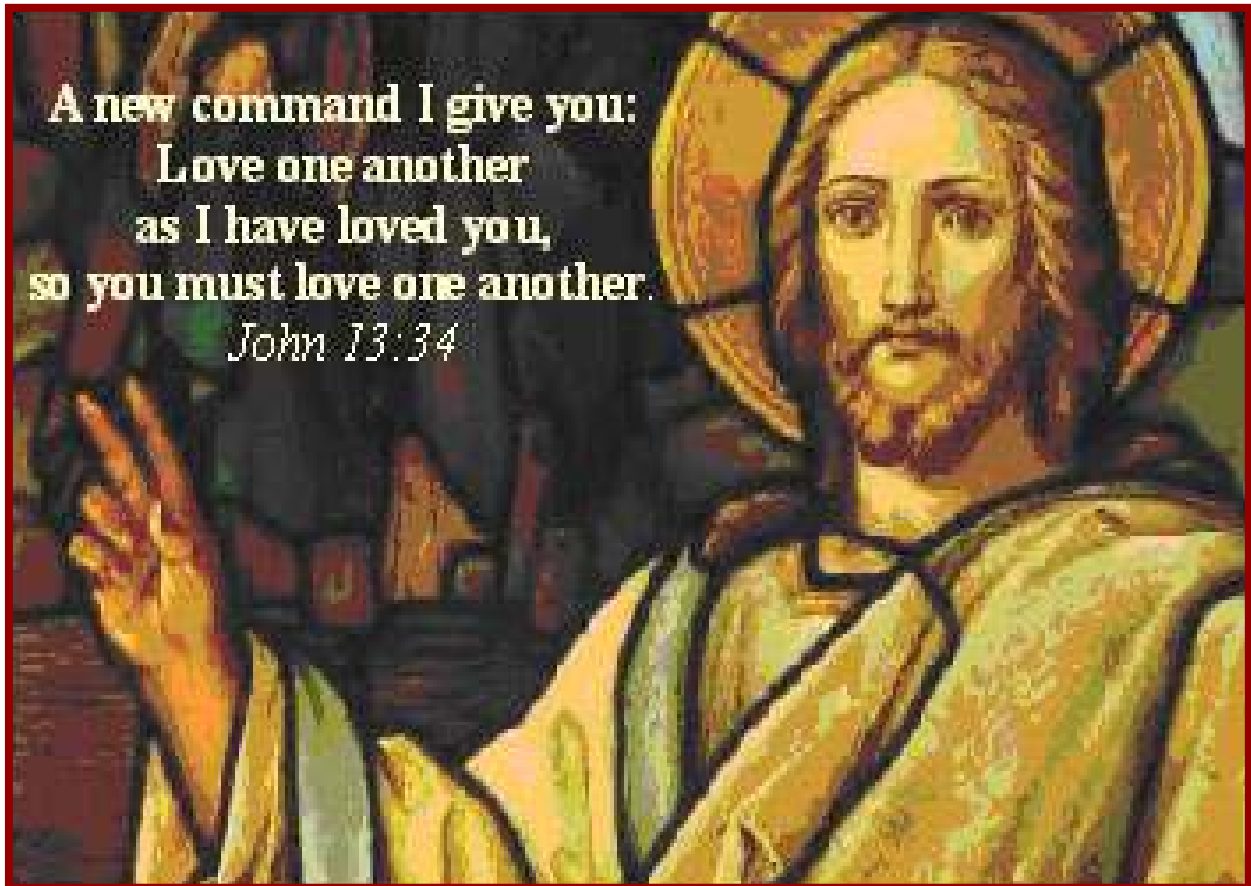
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**The Holy Mysteries are celebrated:** Saturdays at 4:00 PM; Sundays at 10:30 AM; 7:00 PM Holydays

**Holy Mystery of Reconciliation: Please Note:** The sacrament of Reconciliation is available one hour before each Liturgy. And, is 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.

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

## **Seventh Sunday of the Resurrection**

**Sat. May 23 at 4:00 PM Liturgy will be Streamed Live on  
[SaintTheresa Brockton] Facebook Page.**

**Sun. May 24 at 10:30 AM Liturgy will be Streamed Live on  
[SaintTheresa Brockton] Facebook Page.**

**Please subscribe to Saint Theresa Brockton channel on YouTube  
to watch the Liturgies and Adoration in HD**



### **COVID-19 Safety Standards for Religious Services**

**by Massachusetts Governor Baker**

**Dated May 18, 2020**

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Theresa Maronite Church,

The safety and well-being of all our parishioners is utmost in my thoughts and prayers. As we now enter Phase 1 of the Safety Standards issued by Governor Baker we will be adhering to the following guidelines **effective immediately**:

- Persons who are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19 according to the Center for Disease Control (e.g., due to age or underlying conditions) are encouraged to stay home.
- If you are exhibiting any of the following symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell) or have potentially been exposed to someone with confirmed or suspected COVID-19, then you should stay home.
- Occupancy Limitations: is 40% of the church maximum permitted level which equals 160 persons.  
**(If there is a need, another Liturgy will be added to the schedule).**
- If you can bring your own bottle of hand sanitizer to the church, please do so and keep it with you.
- There will be **NO** social gatherings either before or after Liturgies. (e.g., coffee hours or any other food services).
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

#### **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. If a parishioner wants to receive Communion in the hand, this can be done without intinction.
- **Cleaning and Disinfecting:** The church will be cleaned and disinfected between each Liturgy. (e.g., pews, doorknobs, bathrooms, and heavy transit areas).

Let us remain vigilant, and stay safe and healthy; let us continue to pray for one another.

God bless,  
Father Joseph Daiif,

### Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

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.

### فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل أفسس

يا إِخْوَتِي، أَنَا أَيضًا، وَقَدْ سَمِعْتُ بِإِيمَانِكُمْ بِالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ، وَمَحَبَّتِكُمْ لِجَمِيعِ الإِخْوَةِ القَدِيسِينَ، لَا أزالُ أَشكُرُ اللهَ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، وَأَذكُرُكُمْ فِي صَلَوَاتِي، لِيُعْطِيَكُمْ إِلَهُ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ المَسِيحَ، أَبُو المَجْدِ، رُوحَ الحِكْمَةِ وَالوَحْيِ فِي مَعْرِفَتِكُمْ لَهُ، فَيُنِيرَ عِيُونَ قُلُوبِكُمْ، لِتَعْلَمُوا مَا هُوَ رَجَاءُ دَعْوَتِهِ، وَمَا هُوَ غِنَى مَجْدِ مِيراثِهِ فِي القَدِيسِينَ، وَمَا هِيَ عَظْمَةُ قُدْرَتِهِ الفَائِقَةِ مِنْ أَجْلِنَا، نَحْنُ المُؤْمِنِينَ، بِحَسَبِ عَمَلِ عِرَّةِ قُوَّتِهِ، الَّذِي عَمَلَهُ فِي المَسِيحِ، إِذْ أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمْواتِ، وَأجْلَسَهُ إِلَى يَمِينِهِ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، فَوْقَ كُلِّ رِئاسَةٍ وَسُلْطَانٍ وَقُوَّةٍ وَسِيَادَةٍ، وَكُلِّ أَسْمٍ مُسَمًّى، لَا فِي هَذَا الدَّهْرِ وَحَسْبُ، بَلْ فِي الآتِي أَيْضًا؛ وَأخضَعَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ تَحْتَ قَدَمَيْهِ، وَجَعَلَهُ فَوْقَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ، رَأْسًا لِلكَنِيسَةِ، وَهِيَ جَسَدُهُ وَمِلْؤُهُ، هُوَ الَّذِي يَمْلأُ الكُلَّ فِي الكُلِّ.

والتسبيح لله دائما



### 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.'

### من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس يوحنا

لَمَّا خَرَجَ يَهُودَا الإِسْخَرِيوطِيُّ قَالَ يَسُوعُ: "الآنَ مُجْدَ ابْنِ الإِنْسَانِ وَمُجْدَ اللهِ فِيهِ. إِنْ كَانَ اللهُ قَدْ مُجْدَ فِيهِ، فَاللهُ سَيَمَجِّدُهُ فِي ذَاتِهِ، وَحَالًا يَمَجِّدُهُ. يَا أَوْلَادِي، أَنَا مَعَكُمْ بَعْدَ زَمَنًا قَلِيلًا. سَتَطْلُبُونِي، وَلَكِنْ مَا قُلْتُهُ لِلْيَهُودِ أَقُولُهُ لَكُمْ الآنَ: حَيْثُ أَنَا أَمْضِي لَا تَقْدِرُونَ أَنْتُمْ أَنْ تَأْتُوا. وَصِيَّةٌ جَدِيدَةٌ أُعْطِيَكُمْ، أَنْ تُحِبُّوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا. أَجَلٌ، أَنْ تُحِبُّوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا كَمَا أَنَا أَحْبَبْتُكُمْ. بِهَذَا يَعْرِفُ الجَمِيعُ أَنَّكُمْ تَلَامِيذِي، إِنْ كَانَ فِيكُمْ حُبٌّ بَعْضُكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ."

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 by mail: \$461.00**



**Religious Education  
Calendar**

**Please Note:** Classes are postponed along with First Holy Communion indefinitely. As soon as we have new dates we will communicate them with you.

**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.



**For the Month of May**

**Bread & wine for the Holy Gifts** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
**+All deceased members of the Bolus Saba families**  
*by the family*

**Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
**+John and Amanda Nessralla**  
*by Shirley, Diane and Joyce*

**Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of a  
**+Peter and Margo Asack**

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



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Lent and Easter 2020

Dear Brother Priests, Deacons and Subdeacons, Consecrated Men and Women, Lay Faithful:

Since my letter to you on Holy Tuesday, April 7, 2020, I have felt the need to give you an update, and to give some good news. A few days ago, I tested "very positive" for the COVID-19 antibodies, which means that I had it, and developed some resistance to further exposure. I thank you all so very much for your prayers.

My greatest joy in all this was being able to confirm you, my brother priests, as Saint Peter was asked to do, simply by living with you the same social distancing and the same necessary outreach required in this pandemic. I learned how well you priests served and suffered with your parishioners during this time. In the midst of it all, I felt, and I still feel, that God is very much with us.

As Pope Francis has urged us, this quarantine time has been a time of serious self-reflection. This past Lent and Easter reminded us all that a loving, yet exacting God, has accompanied us throughout. We can be more confident in his mercy, and acutely aware that he is asking so much more from us. Let us then be ready to respond generously to the Merciful One, as generous as we can.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Gregory John Mansour

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*Just A Reminder*



**Please Note: Our address for mailing is the following.**

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