

Saint Theresa Maronite Church

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Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

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**'FOR ALL WHO EXALT THEMSELVES WILL BE HUMBLLED, BUT ALL WHO HUMBLE
THEMSELVES WILL BE EXALTED.'**

LUKE 18: 14

Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Sat. Sept. 1 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+ Margo Asack as requested by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Magner

Sun. Sept. 2 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+ Intention of the celebrant



Feast of the Holy Cross

Sat. Sept. 8 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+ Rose Saba as requested by the family

Sun. Sept. 9 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+ Intention of the celebrant



For the Month of September

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 Gospel Throne is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
For the Good Health of Lucille Maroon by Mae Dickinson

Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Rose Saba by the family

Vigil candle for Shrine of St. Theresa is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Dr. William, Abraham, Joseph, Michael and Margaret George and Mary George Davin, Deborah Davin Sperre by the family



Lectors' Schedule

Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018

English: Cauna

Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018

English: Mary Anne

Arabic: Alison

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.

Reading: Romans 8:18-27

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول

إلى أهل روما

يَا إِخْوَتِي : إِنِّي أَحْسَبُ أَنَّ أَلَمَ الْوَقْتِ الْحَاضِرِ لَا تُوَارِي الْمَجْدَ الَّذِي سَوْفَ يَتَجَلَّى فِينَا. فَإِنَّ الْخَلِيقَةَ تَنْتَظِرُ بِفَارَغٍ الصَّبْرَ تَجَلِّي أبنَاءِ اللَّهِ؛ لِأَنَّ الْخَلِيقَةَ أُخْضِعَتْ لِلْبَاطِلِ، لَا طَوْعًا، بَلْ «بِسُلْطَانِ اللَّهِ الَّذِي أُخْضِعَهَا»، وَلَكِنْ عَلَى رَجَاءِ أَنَّ الْخَلِيقَةَ نَفْسَهَا سَتَحَرَّرُ هِيَ أَيْضًا مِنْ عُبُودِيَّةِ الْفَسَادِ إِلَى حُرِّيَّةِ مَجْدِ أَوْلَادِ اللَّهِ. وَنَحْنُ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّ الْخَلِيقَةَ كُلَّهَا مَعًا تَتَنُحَّنُ وَتَتَمَخَّضُ إِلَى الْآنِ. وَلَكِنْ لَا هِيَ فَحَسَبُ، بَلْ نَحْنُ أَيْضًا الَّذِينَ لَنَا بَاكُورَةُ الرُّوحِ، نَحْنُ أَيْضًا نَتَنُحَّنُ فِي أَنْفُسِنَا، مُنْتَظِرِينَ التَّبَيُّنَ أَيْ فِدَاءَ جَسَدِنَا. فَإِنَّمَا بِالرَّجَاءِ خُلِّصْنَا. وَالرَّجَاءُ الَّذِي يُرَى لَيْسَ رَجَاءً. فَهَلْ يَرْجُو أَحَدٌ مَا يَرَاهُ؟ أَمَا إِذَا كُنَّا نَرْجُو مَا لَا نَرَاهُ، فَبِالصَّبْرِ نَنْتَظِرُهُ. وَهَكَذَا فَالرُّوحُ نَفْسَهُ يَعْضُدُنَا فِي ضَعْفِنَا، لِأَنَّهَا لَا نَعْرِفُ أَنْ نُصَلِّيَ كَمَا يَنْبَغِي، لَكِنَّ الرُّوحَ نَفْسَهُ يَشْفَعُ لَنَا بِأَنَاتٍ لَا تُوصَفُ. وَالَّذِي يَفْحَصُ الْقُلُوبَ يَعْرِفُ رَغْبَةَ الرُّوحِ، وَهِيَ أَنَّهُ يَشْفَعُ لِلْقَدِيسِينَ بِمَا يُوَافِقُ مَشِيئَةَ اللَّهِ.



Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

The Evangelist Luke Writes: Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس لوقا

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ هَذَا الْمَثَلُ لِلنَّاسِ يَتَّقُونَ فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ أَنَّهُمْ أَبْرَارٌ، وَيَحْتَقِرُونَ الْآخَرِينَ: رَجُلَانِ صَعِدَا إِلَى الْهَيْكَلِ لِيُصَلِّيَا، أَحَدُهُمَا فَرِّيسِيٌّ وَالْآخَرُ عَشَّارٌ. فَوَقَفَ الْفَرِّيسِيُّ يُصَلِّي فِي نَفْسِهِ وَيَقُولُ: أَللَّهُمَّ، أَشْكُرُكَ لِأَنِّي لَسْتُ كَبَقَايِ النَّاسِ الطَّمَاعِينَ الظَّالِمِينَ الزُّنَاةَ، وَلَا كَهَذَا الْعَشَّارِ. إِنِّي أَصُومُ مَرَّتَيْنِ فِي الْأُسْبُوعِ، وَأُؤَدِّي الْعُشْرَ عَنْ كُلِّ مَا أَقْتَنِي. أَمَّا الْعَشَّارُ فَوَقَفَ بَعِيدًا وَهُوَ لَا يُرِيدُ حَتَّى أَنْ يَرْفَعَ عَيْنَيْهِ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ، بَلْ كَانَ يَفْرَعُ صَدْرَهُ قَائِلًا: أَللَّهُمَّ، إِصْفَحْ عَنِّي أَنَا الْخَاطِي! أَقُولُ لَكُمْ إِنَّ هَذَا نَزَلَ إِلَى بَيْتِهِ مُبَرَّرًا، أَمَا ذَاكَ فَلَا! لِأَنَّ كُلَّ مَنْ يَرْفَعُ نَفْسَهُ يُوَضِعُ، وَمَنْ يُوَضِعُ نَفْسَهُ يُرْفَعُ.

**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:** 8/26/18, \$1,295.00

Eucharistic **Please Note:** Eucharistic Adoration and Liturgy for the Summer Schedule **To Be Announced.**



Coffee Hour Volunteers: If you are able to lend a hand in sponsoring a Sunday morning Coffee Hour please see Abouna. We **NEED** your Help!



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 have started if you are interested in joining please see Mirna



Festival Volunteers are needed...

- ♦ If you are able to volunteer to work at the **Festival** on one or more days; speak with Abouna Joseph or Michelle Nessralla.
- ♦ We also need volunteers to help set-up and clean-up.
- ♦ Students that need Community Service for school, please sign up to work the Festival.

**Many hands make light work
You Can Make A Difference**

**Upcoming MYO and Young Adults
Events in our New England Area:**

- ♦ **MYA Liturgy and Theology of the Body Talk** given by Bishop Gregory Mansour at Saint Theresa Church on Friday, September 7, 2018 at 6:30 PM followed by Dinner. All are welcome to the Liturgy.

- ♦ **10th Anniversary of Maronite Servants of Christ the Light;** Open House on Saturday, September 8, from 2:00 PM-5:00PM at the Convent in Dartmouth. Bishop Gregory will be present.
- ♦ **Maronite Servants of Christ the Light ;** fundraiser on October 13, 2018 at Our Lady of the Cedars in Jamaica Plain, MA
- ♦ **Maronite Servants of Christ the Light;** Liturgy of Thanksgiving on Nov. 16, 2018 at 6:30PM, followed by a light reception hosted by St. George Maronite Church in Cranston, RI.

News From Our Sister Parishes

St. George Maronite Church in Cranston, RI , is hosting their Annual Lebanese Mahrajan on Friday, Sept. 14th, from 4PM-11:00PM, Featuring Elio Mitri and Saturday, Sept. 15th, from 12 Noon -11:00PM, Featuring Maurice Chedid and Sunday, Sept. 16th from 11:30 AM 7:00PM, Featuring Mitchell Kaltsunas and Ensemble. Free Admission ! All are welcome to attend at 1493 Cranston Street, Cranston, RI.

Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Church in New Bedford, MA, is hosting a celebration of the Feast of the Holy Cross on Saturday, September 22nd , from 1:00PM-11:00PM on the Church Grounds, 11 Franklin Street. Featuring: Lebanese Food, Music & Dancing, Hookah Rentals [For Adults Only], Games, Raffles, and Saj provided by "Thyme" Mediterranean Food, Saj and Shawarma etc. Free Admission! All are welcome to attend.



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 **2018-2019** 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 / First Class
Saturday, September 22, 2018
from 9:00 AM—12:00 Noon**

Sunday School Teachers are needed!

If, you are interested in volunteering to be a Sunday School Teacher, please contact Abouna or Gordon.

St. Theresa Maronite Catholic Church

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

- St. Theresa of Lisieux, 'The Little Flower' -

Saint Theresa Church Lebanese Festival 2018

August 10, 2018

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Theresa Church:

Saint Theresa Maronite Catholic Church is proudly sponsoring our tenth annual **Lebanese Festival** on **Friday, September 28th, Saturday, September 29th, and Sunday, September 30th**. This festival is a major fundraiser for our parish, and we take pride in 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 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 ***2018 Sponsorship Banners*** and return it to Saint Theresa Church by **Friday, September 14th, to ensure a high-quality banner.**

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,
Father Joseph Daiif and the Festival Committee



Saint Theresa Church Lebanese Festival

September 28, 29, and 30, 2018

Sponsorship Banners

Contact Person _____ Telephone _____

Address _____
Street City, State Zip Code

STEP ONE: Select Banner Type. I would like a banner with the name of:

___ My Business/Corporation ___ My Family Name ___ My Deceased Loved One

STEP TWO: I would like my banner to read: (Please print legibly)

Line One _____

Line Two _____

Line Three _____

STEP THREE: Select Banner Size (Please Choose one)

___ White Diamond Sponsorship	(12' X 2 ½')	Vinyl Banner	\$10,000.00
___ Chrystal Sponsorship	(10' X 2 ½')	Vinyl Banner	\$5,000.00
___ Diamond Sponsorship	(8' X 2 ½')	Vinyl Banner	\$2,000.00
___ Platinum Sponsorship	(6' X 2 ½')	Vinyl Banner	\$1,000.00
___ Gold Sponsorship	(4' X 2 ½')	Vinyl Banner	\$500.00
___ Silver Sponsorship	(3' X 1.6')	Vinyl Banner	\$250.00

STEP FOUR: PLEASE return this completed form with full payment by Friday, September 14, 2018 to ensure a high-quality banner.

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We thank you for your ongoing support and generosity! God Bless You!!

PLEASE NOTE: Donations of \$250.00 or more will be acknowledged with a tax-deductible letter required by the Internal Revenue Service.

SAINT THERESA CHURCH



LEBANESE

FESTIVAL

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FRIDAY, 9/28
3 PM - MIDNIGHT
ANDRE IBRAHIM

SATURDAY, 9/29
11:00 AM - 1:00AM
TONY MIKHAEL

SUNDAY, 9/30
NOON - 6:00PM
TONY MIKHAEL



Singer Tony Mikhael



Singer MITCHELL KALTSUNAS



Singer Andre Ibrahim



Tabouli



Shawarma



DJ GABE ELMASSIH



Grape Leaves



Falafel



Sajj



Beef & Chicken Kabob



Nammoura



Spinach Pie



Hummos



Lebanese Coffee



Baklava



Hot Dogs



Hamburgers



Full Liquor • Cash Bar

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



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 28th, Saturday, September 29th and Sunday, September 30th**. 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: 3-50 lbs bags of onions, 8 cases of lettuces, 3 cases of cucumbers, 6 cases of tomatoes, 3 cases of Green peppers,
- ◆ Carrots, Peppers, Garlic
- ◆ Olive Oil and [One 5 Gallon of Canola Oil for the Sajj]
- ◆ Feta Cheese, Zaatar, Falafel items, 1 Gallon of Olives, 2 Gallons of Labne, Rice Pilaf, Nuts
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Donations towards the outside Tents, Freezer, Dumpster and Restrooms.
- ◆ Volunteer to work at the Festival on one or more days; speak with Abouna Joseph or Michelle about how you can help.
- ◆ Buy a Sponsorship for your Family/Business in loving memory of a deceased family member.

SPREAD THE WORD and attend the Festival with your family, friends and relatives! Ahla ou Sahla Feekoon! The more the merrier!