



## **Saint Theresa Maronite Church**

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**Season of Pentecost - Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost**

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# Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost



*“for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”*

**Luke 18: 14**

September 4-5, 2021

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## Liturgy Schedule

The Holy Mysteries are celebrated:

Saturdays: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 10:30 AM

Doors open one hour before each Liturgy

Holy Days: 7:00 PM

Daily Liturgy: Wednesday-Friday 7:00PM

Arabic Liturgy on Fridays –7:00 PM

## Holy Mystery of Reconciliation

The sacrament of Reconciliation is available one hour before each Liturgy. And, is available any time on request.

## 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  
9:00 AM—12:00 Noon

## Holy Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation

Please make arrangements with the pastor at least one month in advance. Sponsor 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

"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you - for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart...don't listen to the demon, laugh at him, and go without fear to receive the Jesus of peace and love..." ~St. Theresa of Lisieux~

Please Note: Eucharistic Adoration and Liturgy takes place on

Thursday Evenings. Doors open at 6:00PM.

## MYO—MYA

MYO- MYA meet  
September through April

## Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Sat. Sept. 4 at 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Rose Saba as requested by the family

Sun. Sept. 5 at 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+George Elias Rahban and his brother Youssef

as requested by the family



## Feast of the Holy Cross

Sat. Sept. 11 at 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Peter L. Asack, Sr. as requested by the family and friends

+All deceased members of 9/11 attack on the 20th Anniversary

Sun. Sept. 12 at 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

### News from our Sister Parishes

#### **Saint Anthony Maronite Church**

145 Amesbury Street, Lawrence, MA 01841



#### **Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Church**

11 Franklin Street, New Bedford, MA 02740

#### **Summer Lebanese Festival**

Saturday, September 18, 2021

12:00 Noon—11:00 PM

*Featuring George Maalouf and Ensemble*

*This event features Lebanese Food, Saj, Hookas  
Raffles and Money Prizes*

*Rain or Shine! Seating under the Big Tent.  
Free Admission ~ Free Parking*



Sunday School  
START-UP

### 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 2021-2022 Religious Education school year. **Class Times will be held on Saturdays of each month.** **Please Note:** If, the Delta Variant; requires the State to go Virtual during the school year. St. Theresa Church is set up and ready for Virtual lessons to take place. You will be notified. **Face Masks are required for in person learning.** 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 18, 2021**

**from 10:00 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.



**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:** 8/29/21 \$ 1,228.00

**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

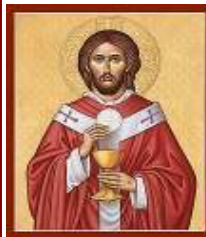
**Second Collection**

**Catholic University of America Collection:** This collection provides funding for academic scholarships at Catholic University this collection is to be taken on **Sept. 11-12, 2021** This collection does not remain in the parish it is forwarded to the Eparchy for its proper distribution. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated as we extend a helping hand to our brothers and sisters in Christ.



**For the Month of September**

**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  
**+Nacklie and Marie Nessralla**  
*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  
**+Rose Saba**  
*by the family*

**Vigil candles for the Gospel Throne**



**Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
**+Eva Abourjaily**  
*by the family*



# **Saint Theresa**

## **Maronite Catholic Church**



**Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost**

**Sept. 4-5, 2021**

### **A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 8:18-27**

**Brothers and Sisters,** 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 the mind of the Spirit is, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

**Praise be to God always**

### **Gospel: Luke 18:9-14**

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.”



## فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل روما

يا إِخْوَتِي، إِنِّي أَحْسَبُ أَنَّ آلامَ الْوَقْتِ الْحَاضِرِ لَا تُؤَاذِي الْمَجْدَ الَّذِي سَوْفَ يَتَجَلَّى فِيْنَا. فَإِنَّ الْخَلِيقَةَ تَنْتَظِرُ بِفَارِغِ الصَّبْرِ تَجَلِّيَ أَبْنَاءِ اللَّهِ؛ لِأَنَّ الْخَلِيقَةَ أُخْضِعَتْ لِلْبَاطِلِ، لَا طَوْعًا، بَلِ «بِسُلْطَانِ اللَّهِ الَّذِي أُخْضِعَهَا»، وَلَكِنْ عَلَى رَجَاءِ أَنَّ الْخَلِيقَةَ نَفْسَهَا سَتُحَرَّرُ هِيَ أَيْضًا مِنْ عُبودِيَّةِ الْفَسَادِ إِلَى حُرِّيَّةِ مَجْدِ أَوْلَادِ اللَّهِ. وَنَحْنُ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّ الْخَلِيقَةَ كُلَّهَا مَعًا تَتَمَّخِضُ إِلَى الْآنِ. وَلَكِنْ لَا هِيَ فَحَسَبُ، بَلِ نَحْنُ أَيْضًا الَّذِينَ لَنَا بَاكُورَةُ الرُّوحِ، نَحْنُ أَيْضًا نَتَمُّنُ فِي أَنْفُسِنَا، مُنْتَظِرِينَ التَّبَنِّيَ أَيَّ فِدَاءِ جَسَدِنَا. فَإِنَّمَا بِالرَّجَاءِ خُلِّصْنَا. وَالرَّجَاءُ الَّذِي يُرَى لَيْسَ رَجَاءً. فَهَلْ يَرْجُو أَحَدٌ مَا يَرَاهُ؟ أَمَّا إِذَا كُنَّا نَرْجُو مَا لَا نَرَاهُ، فَبِالصَّبْرِ نَنْتَظِرُهُ. وَهَكَذَا فَالرُّوحُ نَفْسُهُ يَعْضُدُنَا فِي ضِعْفِنَا، لِأَنَّنا لَا نَعْرِفُ أَنْ نُصَلِّيَ كَمَا يَنْبَغِي، لَكِنَّ الرُّوحَ نَفْسَهُ يَشْفَعُ لَنَا بِأَتَاتٍ لَا تُوصَفُ. وَالَّذِي يَفْحَصُ الْقُلُوبَ يَعْرِفُ رَغْبَةَ الرُّوحِ، وَهِيَ أَنَّهُ يَشْفَعُ لِلْقَدِيسِينَ بِمَا يُوَافِقُ مَشِيئَةَ اللَّهِ.

والتسبيح لله دائما

## من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس لوقا

قال الربُّ يَسُوعُ هَذَا الْمَثَلُ لِلنَّاسِ يَتَّفِقُونَ فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ أَنَّهُمْ أَبْرَارٌ، وَيَحْتَقِرُونَ الْآخَرِينَ: رَجُلَانِ صَعِدَا إِلَى الْهَيْكَلِ لِيُصَلِّيَا، أَحَدُهُمَا فَرِيسِيٌّ وَالْآخَرُ عَشَّارٌ. فَوَقَفَ الْفَرِيسِيُّ يُصَلِّيَ فِي نَفْسِهِ وَيَقُولُ: اَللَّهُمَّ، أَشْكُرُكَ لِأَنِّي لَسْتُ كَبَاقِي النَّاسِ الطَّمَّاعِينَ الظَّالِمِينَ الزُّنَاةَ، وَلَا كَهَذَا الْعَشَّارِ. إِنِّي أَصُومُ مَرَّتَيْنِ فِي الْأُسْبُوعِ، وَأُؤَدِّي الْعَشْرَ عَنْ كُلِّ مَا أَقْتَنِي. أَمَّا الْعَشَّارُ فَوَقَفَ بَعِيدًا وَهُوَ لَا يُرِيدُ حَتَّى أَنْ يَرْفَعَ عَيْنَيْهِ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ، بَلِ كَانَ يَقْرَعُ صَدْرَهُ قَائِلًا: اَللَّهُمَّ، اِصْفَحْ عَنِّي أَنَا الْخَاطِئُ! أَقُولُ لَكُمْ إِنَّ هَذَا نَزَلَ إِلَى بَيْتِهِ مُبَرَّرًا، أَمَّا ذَاكَ فَلَا! لِأَنَّ كُلَّ مَنْ يَرْفَعُ نَفْسَهُ يُوَضَعُ، وَمَنْ يُوَضَعُ نَفْسَهُ يَرْفَعُ.

## 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 Feast Day Hafli 2021 September 25, 2021 8:00 PM-11:00 PM

*"For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich"  
(Matthew 24: 29a)-*

August 20, 2021

Dear Parishioners/Sponsors/ Friends of Saint Theresa Church:

I hope this message finds you and your family all in good health and doing well; 2021 continues to be a difficult year for so many of our families. Like so many events that typically take place in late summer and early fall, Saint Theresa Church will **NOT** hold the annual Lebanese Festival. Moving forward, our plans are for a **virtual fundraiser and a Hafli to be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021 in the Church Hall**. Seating is limited to **NO** more than **150 people**. Tickets will be on sale soon at \$75.00 Per Person. Doors will open at 7:00 PM and dinner will be served at 8:30 PM.

As part of this year's public acknowledgement of gratitude, Sponsorship Banners advertising businesses or in honor of loved ones will be used in a **PowerPoint presentation** which will be made available to our parishioners, friends and supporters via **social media**. The PowerPoint presentation will also be shown during the Hafli.

**Purchasing a sponsorship banner or a donation** this year will have an even greater impact, because so many of our families and small businesses are struggling financially; your continued kindness provides much-needed financial support for our beautiful church of Saint Theresa. Please complete the attached form entitled 2021 Sponsorship Banners or Donation and return it to Saint Theresa Church by **September 14, 2021**. 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. *Remember what Jesus says 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'* Acts 20:25

At this moment in time, the **MOST** important thing is that all members of our parish family are safe, healthy and continue to be in good spirits.

I thank you for your ongoing commitment and devotion to Saint Theresa Church.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph Daiif". The signature is stylized and includes a flourish at the end.

Father Joseph Daiif  
Pastor



## Saint Theresa Church Virtual Fundraiser 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)

___ 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  
September 14, 2021.

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PO Box 2567, Brockton, MA 02305-2567

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

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# **Saint Theresa Church Feast Day Hafli**

**Saturday, Sept, 25th, 2021**

**8:00 PM-11:00 PM**

**Doors Open at 7:00 PM**

**Dinner Served at 8:30 PM**

*Food ~ Bar ~ Music ~*

*Hookas ~ Raffles*

**Tickets are \$75.00 Per Person**

**Seating is Limited to 150 persons**

**No Tickets will be sold at the door**

**Promote Your Business By Donating To  
the Saint Theresa Church**

**Sponsorship Banners Virtual Fundraiser**

**Please Call Church Office for more information**

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