



Saint Theresa Maronite Church

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Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

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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~

Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Sat. Aug. 27 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Intention Available

Sun. Aug. 28 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Intention Available



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:

+Intention Available



For the Month of August

Bread & wine for the Holy Gifts are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+*Special Intention*

Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+*All deceased members of the Asiaf families by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Colanderea*

Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+*Special Intention*

Vigil candle for Shrine of St. Theresa is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+*John E. Samia, Jr. by the family*



Lectors' Schedule

Saturday, August 27, 2016

Gail

Sunday, August 28, 2016

English: Michelle

Arabic: Sadie

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 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.

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 18:8-27

يا إخوتي : إني أحسب أن آلام الوقت الحاضر لا تُوازى المجد الذي سوف يتجلى فينا.
فإن الخليقة تنتظر بفارغ الصبر تجلي أبناء الله؛ لأن الخليقة أخضعت للباطل، لا طوعاً، بل «بسُلطان الله الذي أخضعها»، ولكن على رجاء
أن الخليقة نفسها ستحرر هي أيضاً من عبودية الفساد إلى حرية مجد أولاد الله.
ونحن نعلم أن الخليقة كلها معاً تئن وتتمخض إلى الآن. ولكن لا هي فحسب، بل نحن أيضاً الذين لنا باكورة الروح، نحن أيضاً تئن في أنفسنا، مُنتظرين النبي أي فداء جسدينا. فإتينا بالرجاء خلصنا. والرجاء الذي يرى ليس رجاء. فهل يرجو أحد ما يراه؟
أما إذا كنا نرجو ما لا نراه، فبالصبر ننتظره. وهكذا فالروح نفسه يعضدنا في ضعفنا، لأننا لا نعرف أن نصلي كما ينبغي، لكن الروح نفسه يشفع لنا بأنات لا توصف. والذي يفحص القلوب يعرف رغبة الروح، وهي أنه يشفع للقديسين بما يوافق مشيئة الله.



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.”

إنجيل القديس لوقا 9:18-14

قال الرب يسوع هذا المثل لأناس يثقون في أنفسهم أنهم أبرار، ويحتقرون الآخرين:
رجلان صعدا إلى الهيكل ليصليا، أحدهما فريسي والآخر عشار.
فوقف الفريسي يصلي في نفسه ويقول: اللهم، أشكرك لأنني لست كباقي الناس الظالمين الزناة، ولا كهذا العشار.
إني أصوم مرتين في الأسبوع، وأؤدي العشر عن كل ما أقتني.
أما العشار فوقف بعيداً وهو لا يريد حتى أن يرفع عينيه إلى السماء، بل كان يقرع صدره قائلاً: اللهم، اصفح عني أنا الخاطيء!
أقول لكم إن هذا نزل إلى بيته مبرراً، أما ذلك فلا! لأن كل من يرفع نفسه يواضع، ومن يواضع نفسه يرفع.

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: 8/21/16 \$1,140.00, Feast of the Assumption Holy Day 8/15/16 \$255.00



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.



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

BIBLE STUDY

Please join Abouna Joseph for Bible Study on **Saturday, August 27, 2016** in the church hall following the 4:00PM Liturgy. We will be studying the Gospel of Luke 15:11-32, The Prodigal Son. Everyone is welcomed. Ahalan Wa Sahlan!

Thoughts to ponder:

- ◆ We must seek unity within diversity!
- ◆ Representing God is more important than getting your way!
- ◆ Crying is a way your eyes speak when your mouth can't explain how broken your heart is!



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. Ann Melkite Church

41 Cross Road, Waterford, CT

Annual Mahrajan

Sunday, August 28, 2016

Sunday, from 11:00AM —5:00PM

Featuring Nader Hawa and Ensemble

Middle Eastern and American Food, Children Activities.

Special guest: Bishop Nicholas J. Samra

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.

Save The Date

St. Theresa Church Presents Our

Annual Lebanese Food Festival

Friday, September 23, 2016

Saturday, September 24, 2016

Sunday, September 25, 2016

Ahalan Wa Sahlan!

Mark your calendars now and plan on joining us!



celebrate

40 Years of Service to the Lord

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.

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!

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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

