



## **Saint Theresa Maronite Church**

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**Jesus himself stood among them and said to them,  
'Peace be with you.'**

**Luke 24: 36**

**Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection**

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

**Facebook: SaintTheresa Brockton**

**YouTube Channel: Saint Theresa Brockton**

## 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.
- ◆ **Cleaning and Disinfecting:** The church will be cleaned and disinfected between each Liturgy. (e.g., pews, doorknobs, bathrooms, and heavy transit areas).

May 8-9, 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



*"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~*

### 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.

### Holy Mystery of Reconciliation

The sacrament of Reconciliation is available one hour before each Liturgy. And, it is also available any time upon 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 your proposed date in order to avoid conflicts in scheduling.

### Religious Education

Classes are held on Saturdays  
September through April  
9:00 AM—12:00 Noon

### 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



## **Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection**

**Sat. May 8 at 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+All deceased members of the Bolus Saba family  
as requested Eleanor and Diane Samia

+All living and deceased Mothers' of the Parish

**Sun. May 9 at 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+All living and deceased Mothers' of the Parish

+Miriam Moses, Margo Asack, Isabelle Bethoney as requested by family and friends



## **Seventh Sunday of the Resurrection**

**Sat. May 15 at 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+Father Laurence P. Dolan, O.F.M as requested by Mary Ann Asiaf

**Sun. May 16 at 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

1 Year Memorial for +Fadi Matta as requested by the family



*There are times when only a Mother's love can understand our tears, can soothe our sadness and calm our fears. There are times when only a Mother's love can share the joy we feel when something we've dreamed about becomes real. There are times when only a Mother's faith can help us on life's way and inspire in us the confidence we need each day. For a Mother's heart, a Mother's faith and a Mother's steadfast love were fashioned by the Angels, sent from God above.*



**The Ascension of Our Lord** will be celebrated on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM followed by Eucharistic Adoration.



**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 Liturgy**.



**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. 5/2/21 \$ 919.00, Shrine OLOL Forwarded \$253.00

**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.

**Our Mailing Address**



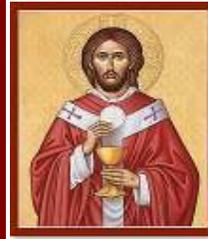
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***Please Do Not Use: 343 North Main Street,  
Brockton, MA, it may be returned to you by the  
post office. God bless***

**For the Month of April**

**Bread and Wine**



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

***+All deceased members of the  
Blous Saba family***

*by the family*

**Vigil Candle for the Blessed Mother**



**Vigil candle for the Blessed Mother**  
is given to the glory of God and in loving  
memory of:

***+Elias and 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 :

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

*by Mary Ann Asiaf*

**Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle**



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

***+Special Intention***

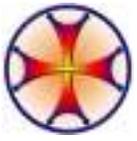
**Vigil candles for the Gospel Throne**



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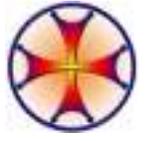
is given to the glory of God and in  
loving memory of:

***+Ramona Hashem***



# **Saint Theresa**

## **Maronite Catholic Church**



**Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection**

**May 8-9, 2021**

### **A Reading from the Letter Saint Paul to the Romans 10:1-13**

Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God's righteousness. For Christ, is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For, one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

### **Gospel: Luke 24:36-48**

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled. 'Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem You are witnesses of these things.



## فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل روما

يا إِخْوَتِي، إِنَّ بُغْيَةَ قَلْبِي وَتَضَرُّعِي إِلَى اللَّهِ مِنْ أَجْلِ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ لِيَخْلُصُوا. فَأَنَا أَشْهَدُ لَهُمْ أَنَّ فِيهِمْ غَيْرَةَ اللَّهِ، وَلَكِنْ بِدُونِ مَعْرِفَةٍ صَاحِبَةٍ. فَقَدْ جَهِلُوا بِرَّ اللَّهِ، وَحَاوَلُوا أَنْ يُثْبِتُوا بِرَّ أَنْفُسِهِمْ، فَلَمْ يَخْضَعُوا لِإِرَادَةِ اللَّهِ؛ لِأَنَّ غَايَةَ الشَّرِيعَةِ إِنَّمَا هِيَ الْمَسِيحُ، لِكَيْ يَتَبَرَّرَ بِهِ كُلُّ مُؤْمِنٍ. وَقَدْ كَتَبَ مُوسَى عَنِ الْبِرِّ الَّذِي هُوَ مِنَ الشَّرِيعَةِ فَقَالَ: «مَنْ يَعْمَلُ بِأَحْكَامِ الشَّرِيعَةِ يَحْيَا بِهَا». أَمَا عَنِ الْبِرِّ الَّذِي هُوَ مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ فَيَقُولُ: «لَا تَقُلْ فِي قَلْبِكَ: مَنْ يَصْعَدُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ؟»، أَيْ لِيُنزَلَ الْمَسِيحُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ. وَلَا تَقُلْ: «مَنْ يَهْبِطُ إِلَى الْهَوَايَةِ؟»، أَيْ لِيُصْعِدَ الْمَسِيحُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ. بَلْ مَاذَا يَقُولُ؟ «الْكَلِمَةُ قَرِيبَةٌ مِنْكَ، فِي فَمِكَ وَقَلْبِكَ»، أَيْ كَلِمَةُ الْإِيمَانِ، الَّتِي تُنَادِي بِهَا. فَإِنْ أَعْتَرَفْتَ بِفَمِكَ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ هُوَ الرَّبُّ، وَأَمَنْتَ بِقَلْبِكَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، تَخَلَّصَ. فَالْإِيمَانُ بِالْقَلْبِ يَقُودُ إِلَى الْبِرِّ، وَالْاعْتِرَافُ بِالْفَمِ يَقُودُ إِلَى الْخَلَاصِ؛ لِأَنَّ الْكِتَابَ يَقُولُ: «كُلُّ مَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِهِ لَا يُخْزَى». فَلَا فَرْقَ بَيْنَ يَهُودِيٍّ وَيُونَانِيٍّ، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ هُوَ نَفْسُهُ لِجَمِيعِهِمْ، يُفِيضُ غِنَاهُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَهُ. فَكُلُّ مَنْ يَدْعُو اسْمَ الرَّبِّ يَخْلُصَ. **والتسبيح لله دائما**

## من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس لوقا

فِيمَا الرُّسُلُ يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِهَذَا، وَقَفَ يَسُوعُ فِي وَسْطِهِمْ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «السَّلَامُ لَكُمْ!». فَارْتَاعُوا، وَاسْتَوْلَى عَلَيْهِمُ الْخَوْفُ، وَكَانُوا يَظُنُّونَ أَنَّهُمْ يُشَاهِدُونَ رُوحًا. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «مَا بِأَلْسِنَتِكُمْ مُضْطَرِبِينَ؟ وَلِمَاذَا تُخَالِجُ هَذِهِ الْأَفْكَارُ قُلُوبَكُمْ؟ أَنْظِرُوا إِلَى يَدَيَّ وَرِجْلَيَّ، فَإِنِّي أَنَا هُوَ. جُسُونِي، وَأَنْظِرُوا، فَإِنَّ الرُّوحَ لَا لَحْمَ لَهُ وَلَا عِظَامَ كَمَا تَرَوْنَ لِي!». قَالَ هَذَا وَأَرَاهُمْ يَدَيْهِ وَرِجْلَيْهِ. وَإِذْ كَانُوا بَعْدَ غَيْرِ مُصَدِّقِينَ مِنَ الْفَرَحِ، وَمُتَعَجِّبِينَ، قَالَ لَهُمْ: «هَلْ عِنْدَكُمْ هُنَا طَعَامٌ؟». فَقَدَّمُوا لَهُ قِطْعَةً مِنْ سَمَكٍ مَشْوِيٍّ، وَمِنْ شَهْدِ عَسَلٍ فَأَخَذَهَا وَأَكَلَهَا بِمَرَأَى مِنْهُمْ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «هَذَا هُوَ كَلَامِي الَّذِي كَلَّمْتُكُمْ بِهِ، وَأَنَا بَعْدُ مَعَكُمْ. كَانَ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ يَتِمَّ كُلُّ مَا كُتِبَ عَنِّي فِي تَوْرَةِ مُوسَى، وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَالْمَزَامِيرِ». حِينَئِذٍ فَتَحَ أَذْهَانَهُمْ لِيَفْهَمُوا الْكُتُبَ. ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُمْ: «هَكَذَا مَكْتُوبٌ أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ يَتَأَلَّمُ، وَيَقُومُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّلَاثِ. وَبِاسْمِهِ يُكْرَزُ بِالتَّوْبَةِ لِمَغْفِرَةِ الْخَطَايَا، فِي جَمِيعِ الْأُمَمِ، إِبْتِدَاءً مِنْ أُورَشَلِيمَ. وَأَنْتُمْ شُهُودٌ عَلَى ذَلِكَ.



## Office of the Bishop of Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, New York

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn,

The safety of the children and young adults of the Eparchy is at the heart of our ministry at the Eparchial Review Board. Our function is to ensure a safe environment for our children, youth, and vulnerable adults. We want you to know that your children are safe whenever they are placed in the care of the Church.

The Review Board consists of a group of seven individuals from various backgrounds. We are an independent board and all members volunteer their services. Our role is first and foremost to advise Bishop Gregory on actions that we believe need to be taken to protect our most vulnerable members and help those who have been harmed to obtain the spiritual support they need. We meet annually and when necessary we review the policies and procedures that are in place in the Eparchy and advise Bishop Gregory on ways to improve those procedures already in place. The current members of the Review Board are:

### **Review Board Members:**

- Anthony J. Shaia, MD, St. Anthony's Church, Glen Allen (Richmond), VA, **Chair**
- Mr. Richard Hibey, Esq. (Attorney), Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Washington, DC, **Vice Chair**
- Eileen Dombo, Ph.D. (Clinical Social Worker, Washington, DC), **Secretary**
- Reverend Tony Saab, St. George Church, Cranston, RI
- Captain Michael Zohab, St. Anthony's Church, Glen Allen (Richmond), VA
- John Khalil, Ph.D. (Psychologist), Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Washington, DC
- Dolly Gebeily, MD, Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Washington, DC

In order to ensure for a safe environment for our youth, all Eparchial staff, parish personnel, and volunteers undergo a professional background check before working with children and young adults. Likewise, safe environment training is required of anyone who interacts with our children and youth. The Eparchy also ensures that our children are provided proper prevention training in their schools or home-school programs.

To learn more about the Review Board, and to review the safeguarding policies and procedures of the Eparchy, please visit: <https://www.stmaron.org/policies>.

The Eparchy has an excellent team of professional volunteers who work diligently to ensure the safety of our children and young people and to care for those who have suffered abuse at the hands of the Church. They are, Roseanne C. Solomon, **Victim Assistance Coordinator** and Vivian Akel LCSW, **Safe Environment Coordinator**.

If you would like more information about the Safe Environment program of the Eparchy, please contact Vivian Akel, LCSW, the Eparchial Safe Environment Coordinator, at [vivakchildprotection@gmail.com](mailto:vivakchildprotection@gmail.com) or 718-237-9913. Please pray for the Review Board and for the ministry of safeguarding in the Eparchy.

Dr. Anthony Shaia  
Chair of the Eparchy of Saint Maron Review Board