

## Saint Theresa Maronite Church

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Sunday of the Blind Man

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*JESUS SAID TO HIM,  
"GO; YOUR FAITH HAS MADE YOU WELL."*

*MARK 10-51*

عرفت بأن قد تعثر دربي فجننت إليّ تقود خطاي، وتعرف أنني بحبك ربي أهيب كصبّ وفيك هواي، وليس لدربي  
سواك رفيقك يا الله، يا الله

نهبت الطريق أسائل عنك بحيرة ضعفي وأوهامي، سمعت الخليقة تنشد لحنا لقلبي فتنعش إيماني، حلت لي الإقامة  
داخل بيتك يا الله يا الله

شجاني أنين اليتيم يضيع بصخب الحياة ولا من يجيب، رأيت عيون الشريد تنبئ وشمس المحبة عنه تغيب،  
فأشرق عليّ بأنوار وجهك يا الله يا الله

إذا غبت عني شردت بذاتي غرقت بحزني دهاني الضجر، وإن كنت في حبيبت فرحت نثرت الطيوب فرشت  
الزهر، تطيب الحياة تطيب بقربك يا الله يا الله

## Sunday of the Blind Man

**Sat. March 17 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+Peter G. Asiaf, Jr. as requested by Mary Ann Asiaf  
2nd Anniversary for +Catherine Mirza as requested by family

**Sun. March 18 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

1 Year Memorial for +Dr. Robert Haglund as requested by Diane Haglund and family



## Hosanna Sunday Vigil / Blessing of Palms

**Sat. March 24 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+Madelyn Venti as requested by the Maryann, Freddy, Linda, Michael and Tommy Mather

## Hosanna Sunday

## Blessing of Palms & Festival Procession

**Sun. March 25 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy celebrated for:**

All Children of the Parish

+All Living and Deceased members of the Noor-el-Deen Family as requested by the family



Procession of the Palms

## For the Month of March



**Bread & wine for the Holy Gifts** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of +*Samir Chiban* by *Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sayah*

**Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of +*Louis and Mary Stevens* and +*William and Catherine Hansbury* by the family

**Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of +*Alan J. Poirier* by *Donna Poirier*

**Vigil candle for Shrine of St. Theresa** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of +*Special Intention*



## Lectors' Schedule

**Saturday, March 17, 2018**

Gail

**Sunday, March 18, 2018**

**English:** Leila H.

**Arabic:** Jeymie

**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.



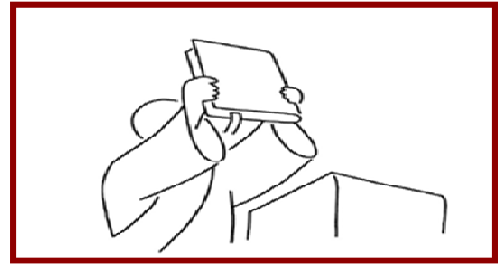
**Welcome New Parishioners:** If you are new to our parish, please fill out a registration form, which may be found on the table in the lobby of the church, and return it to us, so you may be added to our mailing and email list. We extend a warm welcome to you and your family to our parish family.

## Reading: 2 Corinthians 10:1-7

I myself, Paul, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold towards you when I am away! I ask that when I am present I need not show boldness by daring to oppose those who think we are acting according to human standards. Indeed, we live as human beings, but we do not wage war according to human standards; for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ. We are ready to punish every disobedience when your obedience is complete. Look at what is before your eyes. If you are confident that you belong to Christ, remind yourself of this, that just as you belong to Christ, so also do we.

### رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل قورنثوس

يا إخوتي، أنا بولس نفسي أناشدكم بوداعة المسيح وحلمه، أنا المتواضع بينكم عندما أكون حاضرًا، والجريء عليكم عندما أكون غائبًا. وأرجو ألا أجبر عند حضوري أن أكون جريئًا، بالنقمة التي لي بكم، والتي أنوي أن أجرو بها على الذين يحسبون أننا نسلك كأشخاص جسديين. أجل، إننا نحيا في الجسد، ولكننا لا نحارب كأشخاص جسديين؛ لأن أسلحة جهادنا ليست جسدية، بل هي قادرة بالله على هدم الحصون المنيعة؛ فإننا نهدم الأفكار الخاطئة، وكل شموخ يرتفع ضد معرفة الله، ونأسر كل فكر لبطاعة المسيح. ونحن مستعدون أن نعاقب كل عصيان، متى كملت طاعتكم. إنكم تحكمون على المظاهر! إن كان أحد واثقًا بنفسه أنه للمسيح، فليفكر في نفسه أنه كما هو للمسيح كذلك نحن أيضًا.



## Gospel: Mark 10:46-52


They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.


### إنجيل القديس مرقس


بينما يسوع خارج من أريحا، هو وتلاميذه وجمع غفير، كان برطيما، أي ابن طيما، وهو شحاذ أعمى، جالسًا على جانب الطريق. فلما سمع أنه يسوع الناصري، بدأ يصرخ ويقول: «يا يسوع ابن داود أرحمني!». فانتهره أناس كثيرون ليسكت، إلا أنه كان يزداد صراخًا: «يا ابن داود أرحمني!». فوقف يسوع وقال: «أدعوه!». فدعوا الأعمى قائلين له: «ثق وأنهض! إنه يدعوك». فطرح الأعمى رداءه، ووثب وجاء إلى يسوع. فقال له يسوع: «ماذا تريد أن أصنع لك؟». قال له الأعمى: «رأبوني، أن أبصر!». فقال له يسوع: «إذهب! إيمانك خلصك». وللوقت عاد يبصر. وراح يتبع يسوع في الطريق.


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:** 3/4/18, \$1,026.00, Bishop's Appeal to date: \$2,150.00, Quota for St. Theresa Church \$3,500.00

 **Please Note:** Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Thursdays during Lent. And, every Tuesday The Sodality of the Heart of Jesus will pray the Rosary at **6:30 PM.** Liturgy will take place at 7:00 PM. Doors are opened at 6:00 pm.

 **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! Thank you.

 **Religious Education Calendar**  
**Saturday, March 17, 2018**  
**Class 7 from 9:00AM-12:00 Noon**

 **We Are Searching for Volunteers**  
12 Apostles are needed to participate in the **Holy Thursday Liturgy on March 29,** of the washing of the feet. Please see **Abouna** if you are able to be an Apostle, In the remembrance of this humble act of Jesus.

**Great Friday Holy Land Collection:** The Holy See has asked that the entire Church, including the Eastern Catholic Churches, support the holy places where Our Lord was born, died, buried and rose from the dead. This collection also supports the work of the Maronite Eparchy in the Holy Land, Haifa. This special collection will be taken will be taken on **Great Friday, March 30, 2018.** 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.

**St. Theresa Church** is sponsoring their traditional **Lenten Supper** in the Parish Hall following the 7:00PM Burial Service of Our Lord on **Friday, March 30, 2018.** *Cost is \$15.00 per adult; \$7.00 for children 5-10 yrs. [Please see Audrey or Mirna for donations towards the event]*



**Please help us promptly order our flowers for Easter.**

If you want to honor someone or remember a loved one, please return the completed envelope provided for you in your box **No** later than **Sunday, March 18, 2018** so that we can begin to prepare the bulletin for Easter. Thank you!

**Lebanon American National Club Scholarship Application:**

The Lebanon American National Club was organized in April 1933 in order to promote and encourage the progress and social welfare of Lebanese Americans in the greater Brockton area. In order to fulfill that promise, LANC, has reinstated its annual Scholarship Program and will award a scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.00. **Eligibility Requirements:** The candidate must be a graduating high school senior, of Lebanese birth or descent, accepted at an accredited college, university or other approved post-graduate program. If the father's name is not of Lebanese descent, please give mother's maiden name. Scholarship will be awarded based on character, academic performance and financial need. Some consideration will be given to applicants with relatives who are or have been members of the Lebanon American National Club or its Auxiliary. The application forms are available at Brockton High School guidance office, St. Theresa Church, or directly from any LANC member. All applications must be returned **No later than April 1, 2018.**



**National Apostolate of Maronites:**

Proudly Announces their Scholarship Program for 2018. USA Scholarships / Lebanon Scholarships-Semester Abroad. For more information and applications visit, [www.namnews.org](http://www.namnews.org), or email: [nam@namnews.org](mailto:nam@namnews.org), or call NAM at 1-914-964-3070. **Application Deadline: May 15, 2018.**

# Holy Week Events

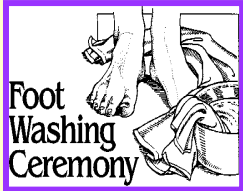
**Please Note: The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available one hour before each Service. And, is available any time on request. Doors are open at 6:00PM each evening.**

**Monday March 26, 2018 at 7:00PM Stations of the Cross**

**Tuesday March 27, 2018 at 7:00PM Stations of the Cross**



**Wednesday March 28, 2018 at 7:00PM Ritual of the Lamp**



**March 29, 2018 Thursday of the Holy Mysteries  
at 7:00PM Service of the Mysteries and Washing of the Feet**

**Prayer Vigil Before the Blessed Sacrament from 8:30PM—11:30PM**



**March 30, 2018 Great Friday of the Crucifixion Anaphora of the  
Signing of the Chalice**

**Great Friday of the Crucifixion The Burial Service of Our Lord at 7:00PM**

*Note: Please bring fresh cut flowers to place in the shroud of Our Lord.*

**Followed by St. Theresa Church Traditional Lenten Supper in the Parish Hall  
Cost is \$15.00 per adult; \$7.00 for children 5-10 yrs.**

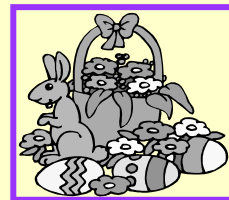


**March 31, 2018 Saturday, The Glorious Resurrection  
at 7:00PM Vigil Liturgy —In English**

**March 31, 2018 Saturday, The Glorious Resurrection  
at 11:00 PM Vigil Liturgy—In Arabic**

**April 1, 2018 Sunday, The Glorious Resurrection  
at 10:30AM Liturgy**

**Blessing of Easter Baskets**



**April 3, 2018 Tuesday, The Feast of Annunciation to the Virgin Mary  
at 7:00PM Liturgy**