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Sunday of the Faithful Departed

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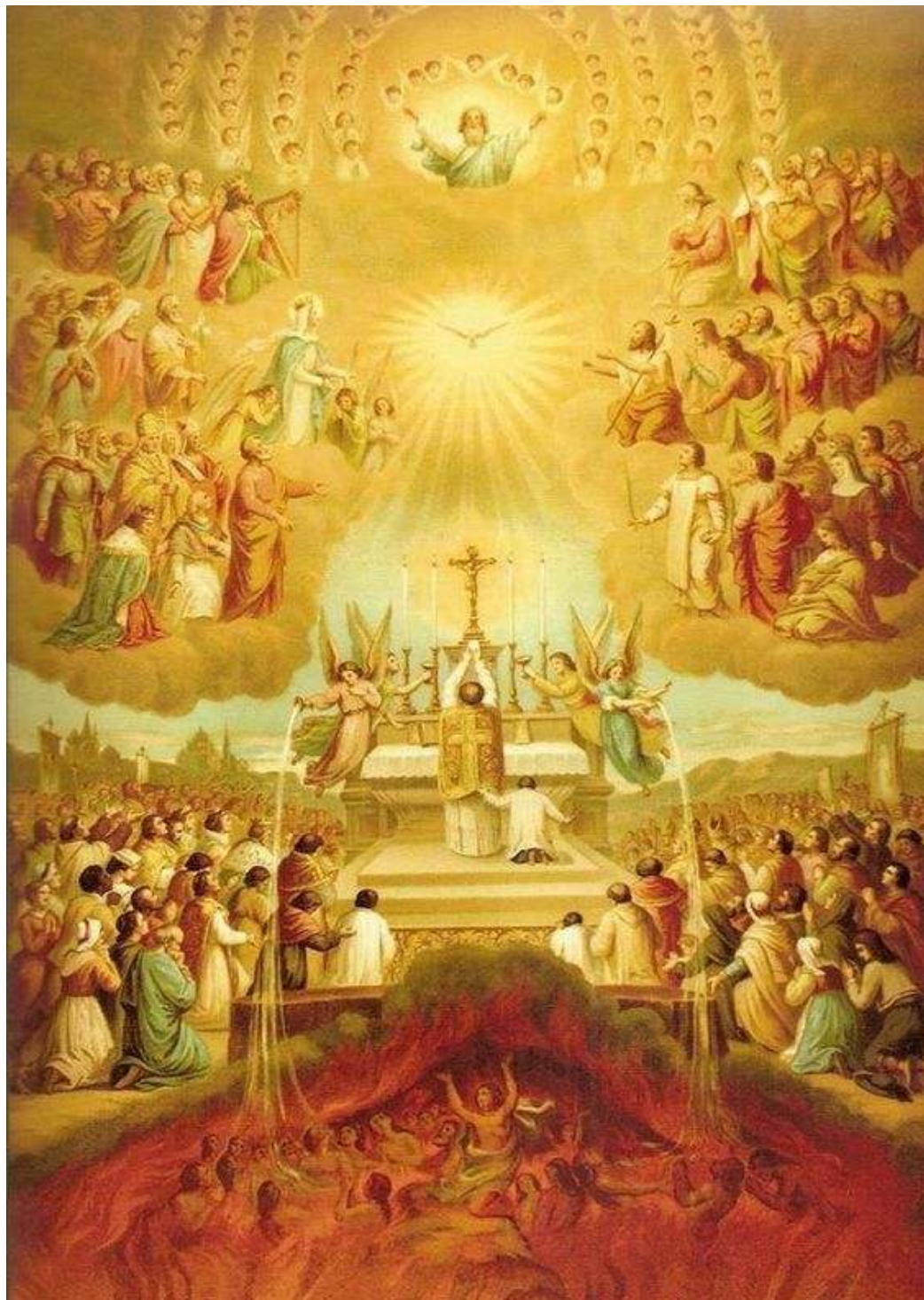
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"FATHER ABRAHAM, HAVE MERCY ON ME, AND SEND LAZARUS TO DIP THE TIP OF HIS FINGER IN WATER AND COOL MY TONGUE; FOR I AM IN AGONY IN THESE FLAMES."

(LUKE 16)

Sunday of the Faithful Departed

Sat. Feb. 18 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Peter G. Asiaf, Jr. by Maryann Asiaf and family

Sun. Feb. 19 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

40 Day Memorial for +Georgie Tanios Chahine by Mr. and Mrs. Simon Fares



Sunday of the Entrance into Lent /Cana Sunday

Sat. Feb. 25 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Leo and Alice Smith, son John, Cousin Peter Smith by Maryann Asiaf and family

Sun. Feb. 26 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Mary George Davin by the family



ASH MONDAY February 27, 2017

7:00PM +Service of the Holy Mysteries and Distribution of ASHES



For the Month of February

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

+Paul and Trenetta Saba, son William by
Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Daaboul

Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

+Peter Asiaf, Jr., +Leo and Alice Smith, son John and
Cousin Peter Smith by Maryann Asiaf and family

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

+Michel and Mariana Fayad, son Geris by
Mr. and Mrs. George Ayoub

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

+*Special Intention*



Lectors' Schedule

Saturday, Feb 18, 2017

Thomas

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017

English: Alison

Arabic: Charlie Saab

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: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقي

يا إخوتي، أما الأزمنة والأوقات، أيها الإخوة، فلا حاجة بكم أن يكتب إليكم في شأنها؛ لأنكم تعلمون جيدًا أن يوم الرب يأتي كالسارق ليلاً. فحين يقولون: سلام وأمن! حينئذ يدهمهم الهلاك وهم المخاض للحبلى، ولا يفطنون. أما أنتم، أيها الإخوة، فلستم في ظلمة ليفاجئكم ذلك اليوم كالسارق. فأنتم كلكم أبناء النور، وأبناء النهار؛ ولسنا أبناء الليل ولا أبناء الظلمة. إذا فلا نتم كسائر الناس، بل لنسهر ونصح؛ لأن الذين ينامون في الليل ينامون، والذين يسكرون في الليل يسكرون. أما نحن أبناء النهار، فلنصح لابسين درع الإيمان والمحبة، وواضعين خودة رجاء الخلاص. فإن الله لم يجعلنا للغضب، بل لإحراز الخلاص بربنا يسوع المسيح، الذي مات من أجلنا، لنحيا معه ساهرين كنا أم نائمين. فلذلك شجعوا بعضكم بعضاً، ولينبئ الواحد الآخر، كما أنتم فاعلون.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house for I have five brothers that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

إنجيل القديس لوقا

قال الرب يسوع: «كَانَ رَجُلٌ غَنِيٌّ يَلْبَسُ الْأَرْجُوَانَ وَالْكَتَّانَ النَّاعِمَ، وَيَتَنَعَّمُ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ بِأَفْخَرِ الْوَلَائِمِ. وَكَانَ رَجُلٌ مَسْكِينٌ أَسْمُهُ لَعَازَرُ مَطْرُوحًا عِنْدَ بَابِهِ، تَكْسُوهُ الْقُرُوحُ. وَكَانَ يَشْتَهِي أَنْ يَشْبَعَ مِنَ الْفَتَاتِ الْمُنْسَاقِطِ مِنْ مَائِدَةِ الْغَنِيِّ، غَيْرَ أَنَّ الْكِلَابَ كَانَتْ تَأْتِي فَتَلْحَسُ فُرُوحَهُ. وَمَاتَ الْمَسْكِينُ فَحَمَلَتْهُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ إِلَى حِضْنِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ. ثُمَّ مَاتَ الْغَنِيُّ وَدُفِنَ. وَرَفَعَ الْغَنِيُّ عَيْنَيْهِ، وَهُوَ فِي الْحَجِيمِ يُقَاسِي الْعَذَابَ، فَرَأَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ مِنْ بَعِيدٍ، وَلَعَازَرَ فِي حِضْنِهِ. فَنَادَى وَقَالَ: يَا أَبَتَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، ارْحَمْنِي وَأَرْسِلْ لَعَازَرَ لِيَبَلَّ طَرْفَ اصْبَعِيهِ بِمَاءٍ وَيَبْرِدَ لِسَانِي، لِأَنِّي مُتَوَجِّعٌ فِي هَذَا اللَّهيبِ. فَقَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ: يَا أَبْنِي، تَذَكَّرْ أَنَّكَ نَلْتَ خَيْرَاتِكَ فِي حَيَاتِكَ، وَلَعَازَرُ نَالَ الْبَلَايَا. وَالآنَ هُوَ يَتَعَزَى هُنَا، وَأَنْتَ تَتَوَجِّعُ. وَمَعَ هَذَا كُلِّهِ، فَإِنَّ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ هُوَّةٌ عَظِيمَةٌ تَابِتَةٌ، حَتَّى إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يَجْتَازُوا مِنْ هُنَا إِلَيْكُمْ لَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ، وَلَا مِنْ هُنَاكَ أَنْ يَغِيرُوا إِلَيْنَا. فَقَالَ الْغَنِيُّ: أَسْأَلُكَ إِذَا، يَا أَبَتَ، أَنْ تُرْسِلَ لَعَازَرَ إِلَى بَيْتِ أَبِي، فَإِنَّ لِي خَمْسَةَ إِخْوَةٍ، لِيَشْهَدَ لَهُمْ، كَيْ لَا يَأْتُوا هُمْ أَيْضًا إِلَى مَكَانِ الْعَذَابِ هَذَا. فَقَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ: عِنْدَهُمْ مُوسَى وَالْأَنْبِيَاءُ، فَلْيَسْمَعُوا لَهُمْ. فَقَالَ: لَا، يَا أَبَتَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، وَلَكِنْ إِذَا مَضَى إِلَيْهِمْ وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ يَثُوبُونَ. فَقَالَ لَهُ إِبْرَاهِيمُ: إِنْ كَانُوا لَا يَسْمَعُونَ لِمُوسَى وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ، فَاتِّهَمُ، وَلَوْ قَامَ وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لَنْ يَقْنَتِعُوا!«.

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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:** 2/12/17 \$834.00, St. Maron Day Breakfast \$ 1,311.00



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.



Religious Education Calendar
Sun. Feb. 19 No Class/ Winter Recess
Sunday of the Faithful Departed



St. Theresa Church: MYO
[Maronite Youth Organization] will meet on **Friday, Feb. 17, 2017 from 6:00 PM—8:00 PM**

BIBLE STUDY

Please join Abouna Joseph for Bible Study on **Saturday, February 18, 2017** in the church hall following the 4:00PM Liturgy. Everyone is welcomed. Ahalan Wa Sahlan!



CEMETERY PALM CROSSES

Cost: \$25.00 each
Order Must Be Received By
March 26, 2017

Name: _____ Tel. Number: _____

Number of Palm Crosses Ordered: _____

Total Payment Enclosed: _____

Please make checks payable to:
St. Theresa Church

Please Note: We can not fill orders placed after March 26, 2017. Thank you.

Crosses will be distributed on Sha'NeeNee (Hosanna Sunday) Weekend.

April 8 and April 9, 2017.

Eucharistic Adoration Invitation to Adore Jesus in the Blessed Eucharist.

You are invited to spend sometime before our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Eucharist to grow in faith and love of our Lord. How awesome is this gift in which Jesus our Lord and God is present here in the Eucharist. How awesome our Lord is to give us this way to approach our living God. What will keep you away from the gift of our Lord who awaits you to spend a little time adoring him in the Eucharist.

"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~

Liturgy will take place at 8:00 PM followed by Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 PM on Fridays.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

The Most Reverend Bishops Gregory Mansour and A. Elias Zaidan have issued the following Lenten guidelines for the Maronites of the U.S.: All Maronites who are physically capable are to abstain from meat on **Ash Monday (February 27, 2017)** and all Fridays of Lent. Ash Monday and the Great Friday of the Crucifixion are also days of **fasting**. Fasting in the Maronite Church involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken, but without meat. All Maronites who are physically capable are too fast on these two days. Weddings are not permitted to be celebrated during Lent.

Devotion of Lenten Fridays: All parish priests are to celebrate the Benediction with the Cross every Friday of Lent except for the Great Friday of the Crucifixion. This service may be preceded by other popular devotions such as Evening Prayer (*Ramsho*), Stations of the Cross or even the Divine Liturgy. Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament should not take place on Fridays of Lent.



Service of the Holy Cross: will be celebrated on Fridays during Lent at **7:00PM**. Beginning on **Friday, March 3, 2017.**

ST. THERESA CHURCH OF BROCKTON

Annual Hafli



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TONY MIKHAEL

With Andre Keedy

and
Mary Matar



**Saturday
May 6, 2017**

Holiday Inn

3 Hampshire St. · Mansfield, MA 02048

Tickets starting @ \$65 · VIP Seating Available

Mezza + Dinner

Doors Open 8:00 pm - 1:00 am

FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CALL: Copal Awad: 508-922-3331

Salma Haikal: 617-413-6319 Malek: 508-333-3430

World Maronite Youth Days 2017

July 15-25, 2017, Lebanon

This link contains the information on WMYD program for more information go to:
http://www.bkerkejeune.org/wmyd2017/wmyd2017_intro_en.htm



**NEW REVISED RETREAT DATE!!
2017 MYO NATIONAL RETREAT
ST. MARON CHURCH
MINNEAPOLIS MINNESOTA**

July 3–8

<http://www.circavistavirtualtours.com/universityofnorthwestern/Intro.html>

Maronite Youth Website: maroniteyouth.org

Facebook: National Maronite Youth Organization (MYO)

Twitter: [@maronite_youth](https://twitter.com/maronite_youth)

Instagram: [@maroniteyouth](https://www.instagram.com/maroniteyouth)

Snapchat: [maroniteyouth](https://www.snapchat.com/add/maroniteyouth)



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Estate Planning and Charitable Gift Annuity Opportunities

Estate gifts are the bedrock of financial security for many Catholic dioceses, non-profit organizations and other institutions in the United States such as hospitals and universities. A gift from a person's estate is one of the most meaningful gifts one can make. By definition, such a gift is a purposeful and deliberate gift that a person makes to mark his or her life. It is a lasting testament to the values and institutions that a person cherishes.

Please consider naming your Eparchy and Parish as beneficiaries in your estate plan. Such a gift can benefit the Church for generations to come.

There are many types of innovative gifts that can provide a tax deduction now and save you money. For example, by establishing a Charitable Gift Annuity, you can get an immediate tax deduction, receive a large dividend for the rest of your life, and help the Maronite Church. Catholic Extension Society, which has managed annuities for over 100 years and never missed a payment, manages the Eparchy's Charitable Gift Annuity program.

If you have any questions about an estate gift or any other type of planned gift, please contact Stewardship Director John Kurey Esq., at saintmaron@yahoo.com or maroniteswest@yahoo.com.

If you would like more information about Charitable Gift Annuities, please contact Mr. Kurey or Catholic Extension Society's expert on Charitable Gift Annuities, Bobbi Hannigan, at bhannigan@catholicextension.org or 312-795-6047.

The Maronite Eparchies exist to serve you and your loved ones. Please help the Maronite Church for generations to come with a special gift. ☐