



## Saint Theresa Maronite Church

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‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

John 3:16

January 21-22, 2023

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Issue No. 4

**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

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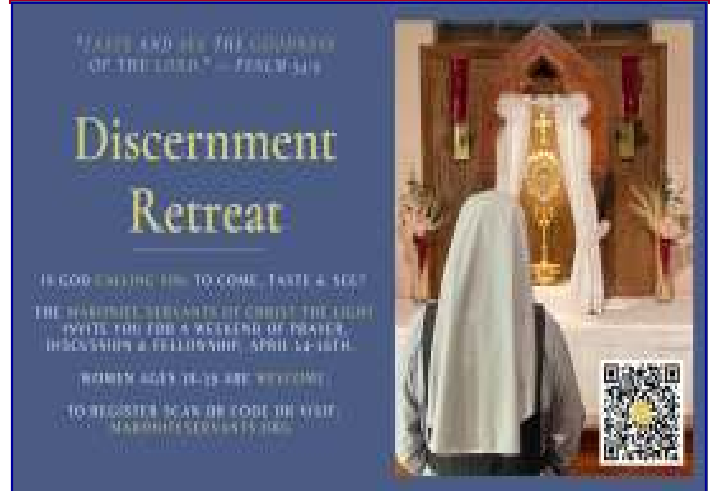
# Eparchy Of Saint Maron Of Brooklyn, New York

## Maronite Seminary, Washington, DC



Wondering if the Lord is call you to the Maronite Priesthood? Men ages 18-40 are invited for a weekend of fellowship, prayer and discussion on **March 24-26, 2023** at Our Lady Lebanon Maronite Seminary in Washington, DC. For more information please call (202) 723-8831

## Maronite Sisters Of Christ the Light



Our Maronite Servant sisters will be hosting a **Discernment Retreat Weekend** for young adult women on **April 14-16, 2023** at their **Mother of the Light Convent** in Dartmouth MA. To learn more about the Sisters' mission in our Eparchy you are welcome to watch and share their Day in the Life video: [https://youtu.be/\\_6S\\_c24SiPs](https://youtu.be/_6S_c24SiPs)

### Liturgy Schedule

The Holy Mysteries are celebrated:

**Saturdays: 4:00 PM**

**Sunday: 10:30 AM**

**Holy Days: 7:00 PM**

**Daily Liturgy: To be announced**

**Arabic Liturgy : To be announced**



*"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 by appointment.

### 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.

### Adoration

You are invited to spend some time before our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to grow in faith and love.

*"Your heart is made to love Jesus, to love Him passionately; pray so that the beautiful years of your life may not pass by in chimerical fears."  
Saint Theresa of Lisieux*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
First Thursday of the month from  
6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

### 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

### Religious Education

Classes are held on Saturdays  
September through April  
For registration please see  
Mirna Issa

### MYO—MYA

MYO—MYA meet  
September through April

## Third Sunday after Epiphany

**Sat. Jan. 21 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+Baheja Muqbel

**Sun. Jan. 22 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+Intention available on request

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## Sunday of the Priests

**Sat. Jan. 28 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+Intention available on request

**Sun. Jan. 29 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+Msgr's. Bolus Mareb, Louis Zouain, Louis Khalil, John Trad, Father Adel Abou-Hanna and Father Christopher Henderson

## Week of Prayer for the Unity of Christians (January 18 –25)

Lord Jesus, who on the eve of your death, prayed that all your disciples might be one, as you in the Father and the Father in you, make us feel intense sorrow over the infidelity of our disunity.

Give us the honesty to recognize, and the courage to reject, whatever indifference towards one another, or mutual distrust, or even enmity, lie hidden within us.

Enable us to meet one another in you. And let your prayer for the unity of Christians, be ever in our hearts and on our lips, unity such as you desire and by the means that you will.

Make us find the way that leads to unity in you, who are perfect charity, through being obedient to the Spirit of love and truth. Amen. (Abbé Paul Couturier)



## CEMETERY PALM CROSSES

Cost: \$25.00 each

Order Must Be Received By

March 26, 2023

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, 2023. Thank you.**

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

**April 1 and April 2, 2023.**

## Religious Education Program

Saturday, January 21, 2023

**In Person Classroom for**  
Grades PK, K and First Grade

Teacher: Mirna Issa

From 2:00 PM —4:00 PM

Saturday, January 21, 2023

**In Person Classroom for**  
Grade 2

Teacher: Alison Saade

From 2:00 PM —4:00 PM

Saturday, January 21, 2023

**Virtual**

Grades 3, 4 and 5

Teacher: Sub Deacon A. Gordon McKinnon

From 9:30AM–11:00AM

Join

**BISHOP GREGORY J. MANSOUR**

**FR. VINCENT FARHAT**

&

**OUR LADY OF PURGATORY PARISH**

*to pray the Rosary*

*for our faithful departed*

**EVERY THURSDAY**

**5:00PM - VIA ZOOM**

*May the souls of the  
faithful departed  
rest in peace*



Scan the QR code  
to join the meeting



Meeting ID:  
890 3889 9691

From your computer use the Meeting ID plus  
Pass Code 011387

**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: \$900.00. Parish Building Insurance, paid monthly from Jan. thru Nov: \$970.00. 1/15/23 \$1,185.00

**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.

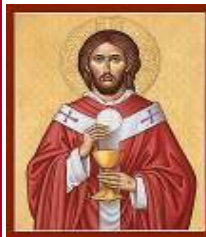
**Second Collection**

**United States Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities** (*This collection combines the four USCCB collections; Central and Eastern Europe, the Church in Latin America, Catholic Relief Services, and Operation Rice Bowl (which is part of CRS).* The total is divided accordingly. This collection is to be taken on weekend of **January 21—January 22 2023**. This collection does not remain in the parish it is sent to the Eparchy for proper distribution



**For the Month of January**

**Bread and Wine**



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

**+Tofie and Theresa Samia**

*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:

**+All deceased members of the Feghali families**

*by Madeleine Asack and 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 :

**+Geraldine George**

*by Manthala George, Jr. and family*

**Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle**



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

**+Nacklie and Marie Nessralla**

*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:

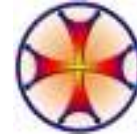
**+ John E. Samia, III, and all deceased members of the family**

*by the family*



# **Saint Theresa**

## **Maronite Catholic Church**



**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 21-22, 2023**

### **A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians 3:23-29**

**Brothers and Sisters:** Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

**Praise be to God always.**

### **Gospel: John 3:1-16**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, and no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, and no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

## من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل غلاطية



يا إِخْوَتِي، قَبْلَ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ الْإِيمَانَ، كُنَّا مُحْتَجِزِينَ مَحْبُوسِينَ تَحْتَ الشَّرِيعَةِ، إِلَى أَنْ يُعْلَنَ الْإِيمَانُ الْمُنْتَظَرُ. إِذَا فَالشَّرِيعَةُ كَانَتْ لَنَا مُؤَدَّبًا يَفُودُنَا إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ، لِكَيْ نُبَرَّرَ بِالْإِيمَانِ. فَلَمَّا أَتَى الْإِيمَانَ، لَمْ نَعُدْ تَحْتَ مُؤَدَّبٍ؛ لِأَنَّكُمْ جَمِيعًا أَبْنَاءُ اللَّهِ بِالْإِيمَانِ، فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. فَأَنْتُمْ جَمِيعَ الَّذِينَ اعْتَمَدْتُمْ فِي الْمَسِيحِ قَدْ لَبِسْتُمْ الْمَسِيحَ. فَلَا يَهُودِيٌّ بَعْدُ وَلَا يُونَانِيٌّ، لَا عَبْدٌ وَلَا حُرٌّ، لَا ذَكَرٌ وَلَا أُنْثَى، فَإِنَّكُمْ جَمِيعًا وَاحِدٌ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. فَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ لِلْمَسِيحِ، فَأَنْتُمْ إِذَا نَسَلُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، وَوَارِثُونَ بِحَسَبِ الْوَعْدِ.

## من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس يوحنا

كَانَ إِنْسَانٌ مِنَ الْفَرِيسِيِّينَ أَسْمُهُ نَيْفُودِيمُوسُ، رَئِيسٌ لِلْيَهُودِ. هَذَا جَاءَ لَيْلًا إِلَى يَسُوعَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "رَبِّي، نَحْنُ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّكَ جِئْتَ مِنَ اللَّهِ مُعَلِّمًا، لِأَنَّهُ لَا أَحَدٌ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَصْنَعَ الْآيَاتِ الَّتِي أَنْتَ تَصْنَعُهَا مَا لَمْ يَكُنِ اللَّهُ مَعَهُ". أَجَابَ يَسُوعَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكَ: لَا أَحَدٌ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَرَى مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ مَا لَمْ يُولَدْ مِنْ جَدِيدٍ". قَالَ لَهُ نَيْفُودِيمُوسُ: "كَيْفَ يَقْدِرُ إِنْسَانٌ أَنْ يُولَدْ وَهُوَ كَبِيرٌ فِي السَّنِّ؟ هَلْ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ ثَانِيَةً حَشًا أُمَّهُ، وَيُولَدْ؟". أَجَابَ يَسُوعَ: "الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكَ، لَا أَحَدٌ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ مَا لَمْ يُولَدْ مِنَ الْمَاءِ وَالرُّوحِ. مَوْلُودُ الْجَسَدِ جَسَدٌ، وَمَوْلُودُ الرُّوحِ رُوحٌ. لَا تَعْجَبُ إِنْ قُلْتُ لَكَ: عَلَيْكُمْ أَنْ تُوَلَدُوا مِنْ جَدِيدٍ. الرِّيحُ تَهْبُ حَيْثُ تَشَاءُ، وَأَنْتَ تَسْمَعُ صَوْتَهَا، لَكِنَّكَ لَا تَعْلَمُ مِنْ أَيْنَ تَأْتِي وَلَا إِلَى أَيْنَ تَمْضِي: هَكَذَا كُلُّ مَوْلُودٍ مِنَ الرُّوحِ". أَجَابَ نَيْفُودِيمُوسُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "كَيْفَ يُمَكِّنُ أَنْ يَصِيرَ هَذَا؟" أَجَابَ يَسُوعَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "أَنْتَ مُعَلِّمٌ إِسْرَائِيلَ وَتَجْهَلُ هَذَا؟ الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكَ: نَحْنُ نَنْطِقُ بِمَا نَعْلَمُ، وَنَشْهَدُ بِمَا رَأَيْنَا، وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَقْبَلُونَ شَهَادَتَنَا. كَلَّمْتُمْ فِي شُؤُنِ الْأَرْضِ وَلَا تُؤْمِنُونَ، فَكَيْفَ تُؤْمِنُونَ إِذَا كَلَّمْتُمْ فِي شُؤُنِ السَّمَاءِ؟ مَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ صَعِدَ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ، إِلَّا الَّذِي نَزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، أَيْ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ. وَكَمَا رَفَعَ مُوسَى الْحَيَّةَ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ، كَذَلِكَ يَجِبُ أَنْ يُرْفَعَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ، لِكَيْ تَكُونَ لِكُلِّ مُؤْمِنٍ بِهِ حَيَاةً أَبَدِيَّةً. هَكَذَا أَحَبَّ اللَّهُ الْعَالَمَ، حَتَّى إِنَّهُ جَادَ بِابْنِهِ الْوَحِيدِ، لِكَيْ لَا يَهْلِكَ أَيُّ مُؤْمِنٍ بِهِ، بَلْ تَكُونَ لَهُ حَيَاةً أَبَدِيَّةً.

## Other Events

SAINT THERESA MARONITE CHURCH  
BROCKTON, MA

*Save The Date*

*Saturday*  
*April 15, 2023*

*Annual Hafli*

*Location to be determined*




**Celebrating  
St. Maron  
Feast**


**Saturday, February 11**  
**Our Lady of the Cedars Hall**  
 61 Rockwood Street  
 Jamaica Plain 02130

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**Full Buffet Dinner**  
 Catered by Manuel Sarkis

**Entertainment**  
 with  
 Singer Nadime Abo Rejaily  
 & DJ Gabriel Massih




**DOORS OPEN @ 6:30 PM**  
**DINNER @ 7:30 PM**  
**TICKETS \$70      VIP \$90**

For Tickets & Info text:  
 Tony Saroufim: (617) 407-2841  
 Majed Daher: (617) 230-6730

*Our Lady of Purgatory Church*

**Saint Maron's  
Feast Day Hafli**

**Saturday, February 4, 2023**

at

**Our Future Home**  
(Formerly Our Lady of Fatima Church)  
4256 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford, MA, 02745

**Cash Bar & Mezza**  
@ 7:30 PM

**Dinner Served**  
@ 8:30 PM

Dance Floor Seating: \$85.00  
General Seating: \$75.00  
Children (12-17): \$40.00  
Children (under 12yrs.): No Charge

**For Ticket Sales Contact:**  
Church Office: (508) 996-8934  
Sousou Maalouf: (508) 916-1523

Live Entertainment by  
**Ayad Atallah**  
&  
**Bachir Khoury Band**



SAINT ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH  
PRESENTS

**THE STAR  
GHADA**

**THE VIOLIN MASTER  
LEBEN**


**DERBAS  
AND ENSEMBLE**

**WITH  
DJ ROY**

**SATURDAY**      **MUSIC PERFORMANCE**  
**FEB 18, 2023**      **TICKETS 79\$**  
**DINNER INCLUDED**

**DOORS OPEN AT 8 PM**

LOCATION: CEDARS OF LEBANON HALL, 145 AMESBURY STREET, LAWRENCE MA  
 For Reservation: Nadine (603) 845 8967 / Natalie (978) 697 9374  
 Mouris (603) 235 5031 / Wissam (978) 853 5145