



## **Saint Theresa Maronite Church**

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**Season of Pentecost - Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost**

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# Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost



Some fell into good soil, and when it grew,  
it produced a hundredfold.

Luke 8: 8

August 22-23, 2020

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Issue No. 34

## 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

## Holy Mystery of Reconciliation

The sacrament of Reconciliation is available one hour before each Liturgy. And, is available any time on 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 proposed date in order to avoid difficulty in scheduling



*"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~*

## Religious Education

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

## Holy Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation

Please make arrangements with the pastor at least one month in advance. Sponsor 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.

## 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

## Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Sat. Aug. 22 at 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

**40 Day Memorial for +George Abraham** as requested by the family

+Sun. Aug. 23 at 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

**+Elias and Ghassan Haikal** as requested by the family



## Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Sat. Aug. 29 at 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

**+Emile Saba and family** as requested by the family

+Sun. Aug. 30 at 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

**+Georgette Attieh and +Angie kamel** as requested by the family

Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, New York  
Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon, Los Angeles

### Emergency Aid to Lebanon

How you can help!

Visit the Eparchy of Saint Maron  
website at

Www.stmaron.org and follow the link  
that reads : [Donate here.](#)



### Our Lady of Lebanon Church Easton, PA

Fundraising money for Lebanon through the sale of face  
masks with the words “**Beirut Strong**” printed on them  
along with the American and  
Lebanese Flags.



**\*\*\*All proceeds will be sent to aid charities in  
Lebanon affected by the recent explosions in Beirut\*\*\***

Regular Sizes: \$12 each– Large Sizes: \$15 each

To place an order; You may send a Venmo payment to  
**@StTheresa-Sodality.**

Please include your order details in the memo section,  
including size, quantity and your contact information for  
delivery. For more information please contact:

Naomi Karam Koerwitz at 201-232-2821 or  
Marisa Cornish at 484-903-8810

### National Maronite Young Adults Conference



The National MYA Board Presents

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**Exaltation of the Holy Cross:**

*Take up your cross and follow me,  
prepare to be leaders of your church*

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*A Virtual Conference*

**September  
11th & 12th**

www.maroniteyoungadults.org  
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**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:** 8/16/20 \$1,401.00.

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

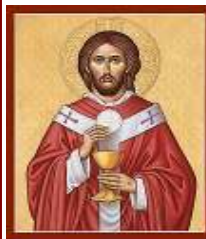
O Divine Ocean of Mercy and Compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties. Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the Life-Giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At this time I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, 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 Forwarded**

Per Directive of the Eparchy, there will be a second collection taken on the **weekend of August 22-23, 2020**, for **National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon**. This collection is used for Missions in the USA. This collection is sent to the Eparchy for its proper distribution.

**For the Month of August**

**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, son John**  
*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  
**+Faris Ackil**  
*by Dr. and Mrs. Albert Ackil*

**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  
**+Gordon Solomon**  
*by Dr. and Mrs. Albert Ackil*

**Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle**



**Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle**  
is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
**+Abdallah and Richidi Ackil**  
*by Dr. and Mrs. Albert Ackil*



**Vigil candles for the Gospel Throne**



**Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne**  
is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of a  
**+Peter and Josephine (Ackil) George**  
*by Dr. and Mrs. Albert Ackil*



# 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>Please Note:</b> <b>Doors open for each service one hour before</b>					1 4:00 PM Liturgy In English
2 Liturgy at 10:30 AM			5 Liturgy at 7:00 PM	6 <u>Transfiguration            of Our Lord</u>  Liturgy at 7:00 PM Followed by Adoration	7 Liturgy at 7:00 PM  <u>In Arabic</u>  Novena 6:00PM To Blessed Mother	8 4:00 PM Liturgy In English  Novena 3:15PM To Blessed Mother
9 Liturgy at 10:30 AM	10 Liturgy at 7:00 PM  Novena 6:00PM To Blessed Mother	11 Liturgy at 7:00 PM  Novena 6:00PM To Blessed Mother	12 Liturgy at 7:00 PM  Novena 6:00PM To Blessed Mother	13 Liturgy at 7:00 PM Followed by Adoration  Novena 6:00PM To Blessed Mother	14 Liturgy at 7:00 PM  <u>In Arabic</u> Vigil Feast of the Assumption Novena 6:00PM	15 <b>Holy Day</b> <b>Feast of the</b> <b>Assumption</b>  4:00 PM Liturgy In English
16 Liturgy at 10:30 AM	17	18	19 Liturgy at 7:00 PM	20 Liturgy at 7:00 PM Followed by Adoration	21 Liturgy at 7:00 PM  <u>In Arabic</u>	22 4:00 PM Liturgy In English
23 Liturgy at 10:30 AM	24	25	26 Liturgy at 7:00 PM	27 Liturgy at 7:00 PM Followed by Adoration	28 Liturgy at 7:00 PM  <u>In Arabic</u>	29 4:00 PM Liturgy In English
30 Liturgy at 10:30 AM	31					



# **Saint Theresa**

## **Maronite Catholic Church**



**Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost**

**August 22-23, 2020**

### **A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 3:1-11**

I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollo's', are you not merely human? What then is Apollo's? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollo's watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

### **Gospel: Luke 8:1-15**

Jesus went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources. When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: 'A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.' As he said this, he called out, 'Let anyone with ears to hear listen!' Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, 'to you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that "looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand."' 'Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.



## فصل من رسالة القديس الرسول بولس الأولى إلى أهل كورنثس

يا إخوتي، أنا، لم أستطع أن أكلّمكم كأناسٍ روحانيين بل كأناسٍ جسديين، كأطفالٍ في المسيح. قدّ غدوّتكم بالحليب لا بالطعام، لأنكم لم تكونوا بعد قديرين، ولا حتى الآن أنتم قاديرون. فأنتم لا تزالون أناساً جسديين: فما دام بينكم حسدٌ وخصام، أفلا تكونون جسديين، وسلوكاً جسدياً تسلكون؟ فإذا كان أحدكم يقول: أنا لبؤس! وآخر: أنا لبؤس! أفلا تكونون جسديين؟ فما هو لبؤس؟ وما هو لبؤس؟ هما خادمان آمنتم على أيديهما، على قدر ما أعطى الربُّ كلًّا منهما. أنا غرست، وألبؤس سقى، ولكن الله هو الذي كان ينمي. فلا الغرس بشيء ولا الساقى، بل الله الذي ينمي! لكن الغارس والساقى واحد، وكلُّ منهما يأخذ أجره على قدر تعبِهِ. فنحن معاونان لله، وأنتم حقلُ الله وبناءُ الله. وأنا بنعمة الله التي وهبت لي، وضعت الأساس كبناءً حكيم، لكن آخر يبني عليه: فلينظر كلُّ واحدٍ كيف يبني عليه! فما من أحدٍ يمكنه أن يضع أساساً آخر غير الأساس الموضوع، وهو يسوع المسيح.

والتسبيح لله دائماً

## من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس لوقا

أخذ يسوع يطوفُ المُدنَ والقرى، يُنادي وَيُبشِّرُ بمَلَكوتِ الله، ومعه اثنا عشر، وبعضُ النساء اللواتي شفاهن من أرواحٍ شريرةٍ وأمراض، هن: مريم المدعوة بالمجدالية، التي كان قد خرج منها سبعة شياطين، وحنة امرأة خوزى وكيل هيرودس، وسوسنة، وغيرهن كثيرات كنَّ يبذلن من أموالهن في خدمتهم. ولما احتشد جمع كثير، وأقبل الناس إليه من كل مدينة، خاطبهم بمثل: خرج الزارع ليزرع زرعهُ. وفيما هو يزرع، وقع بعض الحب على جانب الطريق، فداسته الأقدام، وأكلته طيور السماء. ووقع بعضه الآخر على الصخرة، وما إن نبت حتى يبس، لأنه لم يكن له رطوبة. ووقع بعضه الآخر في وسط الشوك، ونبت الشوك معه فخنقه. ووقع بعضه الآخر في الأرض الصالحة، ونبت فأثمر مئة ضعف. قال يسوع هذا، ونادى: «من له أذنان سامعتان فليسمع. وسأله تلاميذه: ما تراه يعني هذا المثل؟ قال: «قد أعطيت لكم أنتم أن تعرفوا أسرار ملكوت الله. أما الباقون فأكلّمهم بالأمثال، لكي ينظروا فلا يبصروا، ويسمعوا فلا يفهموا. وهذا هو معنى المثل: الزرع هو كلمة الله. والذين على جانب الطريق هم الذين يسمعون، ثم يأتي إبليس فينتزع الكلمة من قلوبهم، لئلا يؤمنوا فيخلصوا. والذين على الصخرة هم الذين يسمعون الكلمة ويقبلونها بفرح؛ هؤلاء لا أصل لهم، فهم يؤمنون إلي حين، وفي وقت التجربة يتراجعون. والذين وقع في الشوك هم الذين يسمعون ويمضون، فتخففهم الهوم والغنى وملذات الحياة، فلا ينضج لهم ثمر. أما الذي وقع في الأرض الجيدة فهم الذين يسمعون الكلمة بقلبٍ جيّدٍ صالحٍ فيحفظونها، ويثبتون فيثمرون.

# St. Theresa Maronite Catholic Church

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*"I will let fall from Heaven a Shower of Roses."  
- St. Theresa of Lisieux, 'The Little Flower' -*

## Saint Theresa Church Virtual Festival 2020

*"For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich"  
(Matthew 24: 29a)*

August 14, 2020

Dear Parishioners/Sponsors/ Friends of Saint Theresa Church:

I hope this message finds you and your family all in good health and doing well; 2020 continues to be a difficult year for so many of our families. I miss seeing everyone in church, praying and worshipping together and enjoying the fellowship of coffee hours and at our many social events. So many of our families are unable to come to church to pray and I want you to know that I am praying for you at each liturgy. **Know that I am here for you if you need anything; feel free to stop by the church or please call so that I can visit you at home if you would like communion.**

Like so many events that typically take place in late summer and early fall, Saint Theresa Church will **NOT** hold the annual Lebanese Festival due to our committed adherence to guidelines that maximize public health and safety and to our concerns about the spread of **COVID-19**. Moving forward, our plans are for a **virtual fundraiser**. As part of this year's public acknowledgement of gratitude, Sponsorship Banners advertising businesses or in honor of loved ones will be used in a **PowerPoint presentation** which will be made available to our parishioners, friends and supporters **via social media**.

**Purchasing a sponsorship banner or a donation** this year will have an even greater impact, because so many of our families and small businesses are struggling financially; your continued kindness provides much-needed financial support for our beautiful church of Saint Theresa. Please complete the attached form entitled 2020 Sponsorship Banners or Donation and return it to Saint Theresa Church by **September 14, 2020**. 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. *Remember what Jesus says 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Acts 20:25*

At this moment in time, the **MOST** important thing is that all members of our parish family are safe, healthy and in good spirits.

I thank you for your ongoing commitment and devotion to Saint Theresa Church.

God bless,

Father Joseph Daiif  
Pastor





## Saint Theresa Church Virtual Fundraiser Sponsorship Banners

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City, State Zip Code

**STEP ONE:** Select Banner Type. I would like a banner with the name of:

\_\_\_ My Business/Corporation \_\_\_ My Family Name \_\_\_ My Deceased Loved One

**STEP TWO:** I would like my banner to read: (Please print legibly)

Line One \_\_\_\_\_

Line Two \_\_\_\_\_

Line Three \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP THREE:** Select Banner Size (Please Choose one)

___ Diamond Sponsorship	(8' X 2 ½')	Vinyl Banner	\$2,000.00
___ Platinum Sponsorship	(6' X 2 ½')	Vinyl Banner	\$1,000.00
___ Gold Sponsorship	(4' X 2 ½')	Vinyl Banner	\$500.00
___ Silver Sponsorship	(3' X 1.6')	Vinyl Banner	\$250.00

**STEP FOUR:** PLEASE return this completed form with full payment by September 14, 2020.

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We thank you for your ongoing support and generosity!  
God Bless You!!

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