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Transfiguration of Our Lord

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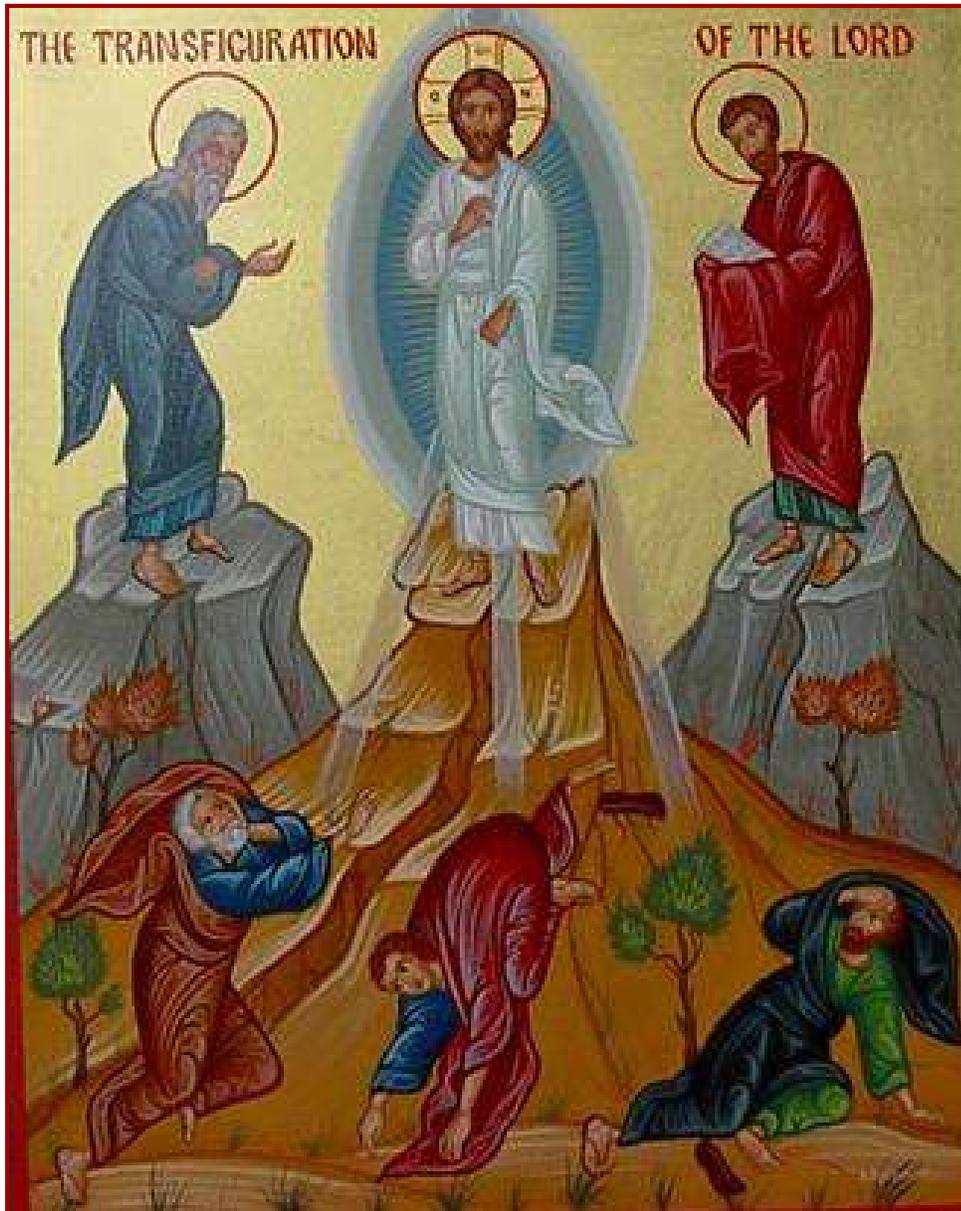
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'THIS IS MY SON, THE BELOVED; LISTEN TO HIM!'

MARK 9:7

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Sat. Aug. 4 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+ Marie El Adem as requested by Mr. and Mrs. Maroun Saade and family

Sun. Aug. 5 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Stephanie Fren, Simon Laham, Emile Hajj and Nawal Fadel

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Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Sat. Aug. 11 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+ Intention of the celebrant

Sun. Aug. 12 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Gabriel El Helou as requested by Charles El Helou

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**Holy Day of Obligation—Feast of the Assumption of Mary
Liturgy will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 15, at 7:00 PM**



For the Month of August

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

+*Special Intention*

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

+*Special Intention*

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

+*Nacklie and Marie Nessralla by the family*



Lectors' Schedule

Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018

English: Thomas

Sunday, Aug. 5, 2018

English: Michelle

Arabic: Sadie

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 3:7-17

If the ministry of death, chiseled in letters on stone tablets, came in glory so that the people of Israel could not gaze at Moses' face because of the glory of his face, a glory now set aside, how much more will the ministry of the Spirit come in glory? For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, much more does the ministry of justification abound in glory! Indeed, what once had glory has lost its glory because of the greater glory; for if what was set aside came through glory, much more has the permanent come in glory! Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل قورنتس

يا إِخْوَتِي، إِذَا كَانَتْ خِدْمَةُ الْمَوْتِ، الَّتِي نُقِشَتْ حُرُوفُهَا فِي الْوَاحِ مِنْ حَجَرٍ، قَدْ ظَهَرَتْ فِي الْمَجْدِ، حَتَّى إِنَّ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ لَمْ يَفْهَمُوا أَنْ يَنْظُرُوا إِلَى وَجْهِ مُوسَى، بِسَبَبِ مَجْدِ وَجْهِهِ، مَعَ أَنَّهُ مَجْدٌ زَائِلٌ، فَكَيْفَ لَا تَكُونُ خِدْمَةُ الرُّوحِ أَكْثَرَ مَجْدًا؟ فَإِذَا كَانَ لِخِدْمَةِ الدَّيْنُونَةِ مَجْدٌ، فَكَمْ بِالْأُخْرَى تَفُوقُهَا خِدْمَةُ الْبِرِّ مَجْدًا؟ لِأَنَّ مَا كَانَ ذَا مَجْدٍ فِي الْمَاضِي، زَالَ مَجْدُهُ، بِالْقِيَاسِ إِلَى هَذَا الْمَجْدِ الْفَائِقِ! فَإِذَا كَانَ مِنْ مَجْدٍ لِمَا يَزُولُ، فَأَيُّ مَجْدٍ يَكُونُ بِالْأُخْرَى لِمَا يَدُومُ؟ إِذَا، بِمَا أَنَّ لَنَا مِثْلَ هَذَا الرَّجَاءِ، فَكَيْفَ نَتَصَرَّفُ بِكَثِيرٍ مِنَ الْجُرْأَةِ، وَلَسْنَا كَمُوسَى الَّذِي كَانَ يَضَعُ بَرْقَعًا عَلَى وَجْهِهِ، لِئَلَّا يَنْظُرَ بَنُو إِسْرَائِيلَ إِلَى نِهَآيَةِ مَجْدِ يَزُولٍ. وَلَكِنْ أَعْمَيْتُ بَصَائِرَهُمْ؛ فَإِنَّ ذَلِكَ الْبَرْقَعُ نَفْسُهُ بَاقٍ إِلَى هَذَا الْيَوْمِ، عِنْدَمَا يَقْرَأُونَ الْعَهْدَ الْقَدِيمَ؛ وَلَا يُكْشَفُ عَنْ بَصَائِرِهِمْ، لِأَنَّهُ لَا يَزُولُ إِلَّا بِالْمَسِيحِ! أَجَلٌ، إِنَّ ذَلِكَ الْبَرْقَعُ لَا يَزَالُ حَتَّى الْيَوْمِ مَوْضُوعًا عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ، عِنْدَمَا يَقْرَأُونَ كِتَابَ مُوسَى. وَلَكِنْ عِنْدَمَا يَرْجِعُونَ إِلَى الرَّبِّ، يُنْزَعُ الْبَرْقَعُ عَنْ قُلُوبِهِمْ. فَإِنَّ الرَّبَّ هُوَ الرُّوحُ، وَحَيْثُ يَكُونُ رُوحُ الرَّبِّ تَكُونُ الْحُرِّيَّةُ.



Gospel: Mark 9:1-7

And he said to them, 'Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.' Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!'

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَرْكُس

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: "الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّ بَعْضًا مِنَ الْقَائِمِينَ هُنَا لَنْ يَذُوقُوا الْمَوْتَ، حَتَّى يَرَوْا مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ وَقَدْ أَتَى بِقُوَّةٍ". وَبَعْدَ سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ أَخَذَ يَسُوعُ بُطْرُسَ وَيَعْقُوبَ وَيُوحَنَّا، وَصَعِدَ بِهِمْ وَحَدَّهُمْ إِلَى جَبَلٍ عَالٍ عَلَى أَنْفِرَادٍ، وَتَجَلَّى أَمَامَهُمْ. وَصَارَتْ ثِيَابُهُ بَيِضَاءَ نَاصِبَةٍ، حَتَّى لَيْعْجُزُ أَيُّ قَسَّارٍ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ أَنْ يَبْيِضَ مِثْلَهَا. وَتَرَاعَى لَهُمْ إِبِلِيَّا مَعَ مُوسَى، وَكَانَا يَتَكَلَّمَانِ مَعَ يَسُوعَ. فَقَالَ بُطْرُسُ لِيَسُوعَ: "رَبِّي، حَسَنٌ لَنَا أَنْ نَكُونَ هُنَا! فَلْنُنْصِبْ ثَلَاثَ مَظَالٍ، لَكَ وَاحِدَةً، وَلِمُوسَى وَاحِدَةً، وَإِبِلِيَّا وَاحِدَةً". وَلَمْ يَكُنْ يَدْرِي مَا يَقُولُ، لِأَنَّ الْخَوْفَ أَعْتَرَاهُمْ. وَظَهَرَتْ غَمَامَةٌ تَظَلَّلُهُمْ، وَجَاءَ صَوْتُ مِنَ الْغَمَامَةِ يَقُولُ: "هَذَا هُوَ ابْنِي الْحَبِيبِ، فَلَهُ أَسْمَعُوا!".

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:** 7/29/18, \$1,035.00

Eucharistic  **Please Note:** Eucharistic Adoration and Liturgy for the Summer Schedule **To Be Announced.**
Adoration

 **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!



St. Theresa Church Dabke Troupe: Again, this year at our Festival will be our Dabke Dance Troupe from our students of Religious Education / MYO. **Practice sessions are going to start soon .** If you are interested

in joining please see **Mirna Issa.**

New From Our Sister Parishes

St. Anthony Maronite Church in Lawrence, MA, is hosting their Annual Lebanese Mahrajan on Friday, August 31, from 6PM-Midnight, Featuring a DJ and Ensemble, Saturday, Sept. 1, from 5PM-Midnight, Featuring Doris Farhat and Ensemble and Sunday, Sept. 2 from Noon — Midnight, Featuring Chadi Naddaf and Ensemble. Free Admission ! All are welcome to attend at 145 Amesbury Street, Lawrence, MA 01841.

Save The Date

St. Theresa Church Presents Our Annual Lebanese Food Festival

Friday, September 28, 2018
Saturday, September 29, 2018
Sunday, September 30, 2018

Ahalan Wa Sahlan!



Festival Volunteers are needed...

- ♦ If you are able to volunteer to work at the **Festival** on one or more days; speak with Abouna Joseph or Michelle Nessralla.
- ♦ We also need volunteers to help set-up and clean-up.

**Many hands make light work
You Can Make A Difference**

Upcoming MYO and Young Adults Events in our New England Area:

- ♦ **Light of Life Bible Camp:** For Children from ages 5-12 Years, at Our Lady of Cedars Church, in Jamaica Plain, MA . August 23-25, 2018.
- ♦ **MYA Liturgy and Theology of the Body Talk** given by Bishop Gregory Mansour at Saint Theresa Church on Friday, September 7, 2018 at 6:30 PM followed by Dinner.
- ♦ **10th Anniversary of Maronite Servants of Christ the Light;** Open House on Saturday, September 8, from 2:00 PM-5:00PM at the Convent in Dartmouth. Bishop Gregory will be present.
- ♦ **Maronite Servants of Christ the Light ;** fundraiser on October 13, 2018 at Our Lady of the Cedars in Jamaica Plain, MA
- ♦ **Maronite Servants of Christ the Light;** Liturgy of Thanksgiving on Nov. 16, 2018 at 6:30PM, followed by a light reception hosted by St. George Maronite Church in Cranston, RI.
- ♦ **Regional MYO Adore Christmas Retreat,** La Salette in Attleboro, MA from Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 2018.