

Saint Theresa Maronite Church

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The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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

MARK 9:7

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Sat. Aug. 5 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+ Intention of the celebrant

Sun. Aug. 6 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Gilberte Aidamouny Mouawad as requested by the family

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Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

Sat. Aug. 12 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+ Intention of the celebrant

Sun. Aug. 13 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Intention of the celebrant

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Holy Day of Obligation

Feast of the Assumption of Mary

Liturgy will be celebrated on Tuesday, 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
+*Nabih Ayoub by Mr. and Mrs. George Ayoub*

Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+*Alexandra El Khoury Nassif 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
+*Mr. and Mrs. Manthala George, Sr. and all deceased members of the family by the family*



Lectors' Schedule

Saturday, August 5 , 2017

English: Thomas

Sunday, August 6, 2017

English: Mary Anne

Arabic: Sola

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: 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 نِهَائَةِ مَجْدِ يَزُولٍ. وَلَكِنْ أَعْمِيَتْ بَصَائِرُهُمْ؛ 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 لَيَعْجُزُ 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 مِظَالٍ، 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 الْحَبِيبُ، فَلَهُ أَسْمَعُوا!".

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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:** 7/30/17, \$912.00



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 extend a warm welcome to you and your family to our parish family.

Eucharistic Adoration **Please Note:** Eucharistic Adoration will not take place on Friday, August 11, 2017. It will resume on Friday, August 18, 2017. Liturgy will take place at 8:00 PM followed by Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 PM



Coffee Hour—Help Wanted! If you are able to lend a hand on sponsoring a Sunday Morning Coffee Hour, **Please** see Abouna.

The Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, New York has called Mr. A. Gordon McKinnon to *The Minor Orders of Cantor, Lector and Subdeacon* according to the Rite of the Syriac Maronite Church on **Saturday, August 19, 2017 at 10:00 AM.** You are cordially invited to attend the ordination of Mr. A. Gordon McKinnon at St. Theresa Church. A Reception will follow in the church hall. All are welcome to witness this special event for our community.



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.

News From Our Sister Parishes

Our Lady of the Annunciation in West Roxbury, MA is hosting the Feast of Dormition of the Virgin Mary with their Annual Hafli on August 14-15, 2017. Featuring George Maalouf at 8:00PM. Tickets are \$25.00 per person for the 2 nights. To reserve your tickets please call: Garacia Skaf: 617-470-8050.

St. Anthony Maronite Church in Danbury, CT, is hosting their Annual Festival on Friday, August 18 from 3:00 PM to Midnight and Saturday, August 19 ,2017, from Noon—Midnight at 17 Granville Avenue, Danbury, CT 06810. Featuring Amin Sultan and the Sultan Ensemble.

Our Lady of the Cedars Melkite Church, in Manchester NH, is hosting their Annual Middle Eastern Festival on Friday, August 18 from 5:00PM-10:00PM, Saturday, August 19 from 12 Noon-10:00PM and Sunday, August 20 from Noon-5:00PM at 140 Mitchell Street, Manchester NH. Featuring George Maalouf and Ensemble. Admission is free.

St. Anthony Maronite Church in Lawrence, MA, is hosting their Annual Lebanese Mahrajan on Friday, Sept. 1, from 6PM-Midnight, Featuring Andre Keedy and Ensemble, Saturday, Sept. 2, from 5PM-Midnight, Featuring Chadi Naddaf and Ensemble and Sunday, Sept. 3 from Noon —Midnight, Featuring George Maalouf and Ensemble. Free Admission ! At 145 Amesbury Street, Lawrence, MA 01841.

Save The Date

ST. THERESA CHURCH PRESENTS OUR Annual Lebanese Food Festival

Friday, September 22, 2017
Saturday, September 23, 2017
Sunday, September 24, 2017

Ahalan Wa Sahlan!

SAINT THERESA CHURCH



LEBANESE

FESTIVAL

343 North Main Street • Brockton, MA 02301 • 508-586-1428

FRIDAY, 9/22 3 PM - MIDNIGHT	SATURDAY, 9/23 11:00 AM - 1:00AM	SUNDAY, 9/24 NOON - 6:00PM
MITCHELL KALTSUNAS ANDRE KEEDY	MITCHELL KALTSUNAS CHADI NADDAF NICK YOUSSEF	MITCHELL KALTSUNAS ANDRE KEEDY



Singer Chadi Naddaf



Singer MITCHELL KALTSUNAS



Singer Andre Keedy

Kebbe - Sweets
Maccaroun



Tabouli



Sajj



Shawarma



Comedian
NICK YOUSSEF



DJ
GABE ELMASSIH

كبه - مناقيش خبز صاج
لبنة - حلويات - معكرون



Falafel



Lebanese Coffee



Baklava



Beef & Chicken Kabob



Kalta



Spinach Pie



Grape Leaves



Hummos



Nammoura



Hot Dogs



Hamburgers



Full Liquor • Cash Bar



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at the AMR Ambulance Center
and the Angelo School

Daily Raffles

Promote Your Business By Donating
To Saint Theresa Festival Sponsorship Banners

Call Church Office @ 508-586-1428

NO OUTSIDE FOOD, DRINKS OR ARGUILE

St. Theresa
Dabke Group

Lebanese Food Festival

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

~Helen Keller~

Our Annual Lebanese Food Festival will be held on **Friday, September 22nd, Saturday, September 23rd and Sunday, September 24th**. We are busily planning and preparing for this year's Festival to be the most successful one thus far!

Once again, we are inviting all parishioners and families to join to ensure the success of our Festival. There are so many ways that you can contribute.

Our goal is to have all items donated towards the Festival. The following is a list of items needed. We appreciate any Monetary Donations towards these items that we need to purchase.

Items Needed for Purchase

- Vegetables: 5 bags of onions, 10 boxes of lettuces, 3 boxes of cucumbers, 10 boxes of tomatoes
- Carrots, Peppers, Garlic
- Oil: Vegetable Oil and Cooking Oil
- Feta Cheese, Zaatar, Falafel items, 1 Gallon of Olives, 2 Gallons of Labne, Rice Pilaf, Nuts
- Water, Soda, Beer, Liquor, Lebanese Coffee
- Arguile: Tobacco, Charcoal
- Propane: Gas for the tanks
- Meat: Beef and Chicken for both Shawarma, Kabobs, and Kafta
- Paper Products: Tablecloth's, Plates, Utensils, Gloves, Trash Bags, Popcorn, Sugar, Salt
- Donation towards the outside Tents, Freezer and Dumpster
- Volunteer to work at the Festival on one or more days; speak with Abouna Joseph or Michelle Nessralla about how you can help.
- Buy a Sponsorship for your Family/Business in loving memory of a deceased family member.
- Offer to take a Lawn Sign and place it in your yard.
- SPREAD THE WORD and attend the Festival with your family, friends and relatives! Ahla ou Sahla Feekoon! The more the merrier!

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 Lebanese Festival 2017

August 1, 2017

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Theresa Church:

Saint Theresa Maronite Catholic Church is proudly sponsoring our ninth annual **Lebanese Festival** on Friday, September 22nd, Saturday, September 23rd, and Sunday, September 24th. This festival is a major fundraiser for our parish, and we look forward to showcasing the food, music and dance of our Lebanese heritage to our many expected visitors and guests. Past years' festivals were well-attended and highly publicized events, drawing thousands of guests and visitors including city and regional dignitaries and business leaders, area clergy, residents of the Greater Brockton area, and fellow parishioners from across the diocese.

As part of our fundraising efforts, **Sponsorship Banners** advertising businesses or in honor of loved ones will once again be made available to our parishioners, friends and supporters. Purchasing a sponsorship banner provides an excellent opportunity for each of us to financially support our beautiful church of Saint Theresa. Each banner will be uniquely designed. Please complete the attached form entitled **2017 Sponsorship Banners** and return it to Saint Theresa Church by **Sunday, September 3rd**.

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.

I thank you for your generosity and kindness. May God bless you and your family!

Sincerely yours,
Father Joseph Daiif and the Festival Committee



**Saint Theresa Church Lebanese Festival
September 22, 23 and 24, 2017
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)

___ White Diamond Sponsorship	(12' X 2 ½')	Vinyl Banner	\$10,000.00
___ Chrystal Sponsorship	(10' X 2 ½')	Vinyl Banner	\$5,000.00
___ 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: Return this completed form with full payment by Sunday, September 3, 2017

**Saint Theresa Church
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We thank you for your ongoing support and generosity! God Bless You!!

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