



# Saint Theresa Maronite Church

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## Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost



Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith!  
Matthew 15: 27

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**5th ANNUAL LEBANESE MAHAJAN**

ST. ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH, LAWRENCE, MA

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND**  
 11-13 SEP  
 Honors Lebanese Food and Pastries, Hobbies, Raffles, Arts and Crafts, Souvenirs, Folklore, Dance and Daily Cooking from Cooking and Baking Classes, Children Activities.

Fr. 3p-6p  
 Sat. 5p-2a  
 Sun. 12p-12a



**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

www.stanthonylawrence.org 978-461-7311

Food, Bar, Live Music, Sej, Raffles, Dancing

**Our Lady Of Purgatory Church**

**Lebanese Festival**

Friday, September 8, 2023 5:00PM - 11:00PM  
 Saturday, September 9, 2023 12:00PM - 11:00PM

**Live Entertainment**

Mitchel Kaitsum (trumpet) & Rami Badr (saxophone)

**Money Raffles Prizes**  
 \$1,000 - \$500 - \$200  
 Drawing Saturday, September 9, 2023 10:30PM

4254 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford, MA 02745

**Annual Lebanese Festival** Rain or Shine!

LIVE MUSIC, GREAT FOOD, DANCE, RAFFLE & MOOKAH

GAMES FOR CHILDREN! "Fun for All!"

Middle Eastern Cuisine  
 Live Entertainment Friday & Saturday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

St. George Maronite Catholic Church  
 1493 Cranston Street, Cranston RI  
 Friday, September 15th: 3pm-12am  
 Saturday, September 16th: 12pm-12am  
 Sunday, September 17th: 11:30am-7pm

**FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING**

**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

**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.

**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  
 For registration please see Mirna Issa

**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.

**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 Therese of Lisieux

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

**MYO—MYA**

MYO—MYA meet  
 September through April

## Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

**Sat. Aug. 12 at 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+LuAnn Macary as requested by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Magnier

**Sun. Aug. 13 at 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

+Chafic Saade and his daughter Therese Chafic Saade as requested by the family



## The Assumption of the Blessed Mother

Vigil Liturgy will be celebrated on Monday, August 14 at 7:00 PM

*A Pot Luck Dinner will follow in the Parish Hall. If you are able to participate please see Mirna Issa so that she may coordinate this event.*



## Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

**Sat. Aug. 19 at 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

40 Day Memorial for +Diane Marie Samia as requested by the family

**Sun. Aug. 20 at 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

40 Day Memorial for +Rafic Geris Hanna as requested by his daughter Hayat Hanna

+Marleine Abdelnour as requested by Fr. Joseph and the family

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## Lectors' Schedule

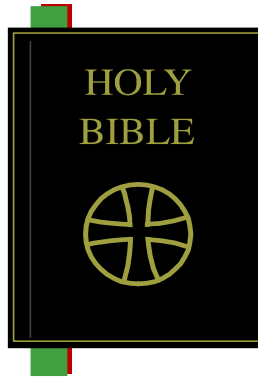
**Saturday, August 12, 2023**

**English:** Michelle

**Sunday, August 13, 2023**

**English:** Mirna Issa

**Arabic:** Elias El Sayah



## Coffee Hour Volunteers

If you are able to lend a hand in sponsoring a Sunday Morning Coffee Hour the following dates are available.

Sunday, Aug. 13-Open

Sunday, Aug. 20-Open

Sunday, Aug. 27-Open

Kindly, let us know which Sunday you are offering. The sign up sheet is in the back of the church. God bless



## 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 have started if you are interested in joining please see Mirna Issa.

**Ahlan Wa Sahlan!**

## Weekly Collections

	Amount
Saturday 8/5/23	\$807.00
Sunday 8/6/23	\$714.00
Donation 8/5/23	\$250.00
Mail In Donations 8/10/23	\$345.00
Memory Donations 8/10/23	\$50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,166.00</b>
<b>Operational Expenses Needed weekly</b>	<b>\$ 3,400.00</b>
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>(-\$1,234.00)</b>



With gratitude to God for His abundant blessings, we cordially invite you to join us in celebrating the

### First Profession of Vows of

*Sister Emily Mary Lattouf*

as a Maronite Servant of Christ the Light  
The profession will take place within the  
Divine Liturgy celebrated by

**His Excellency Gregory John Mansour**  
Bishop of the Eparchy Of Saint Maron

at Saint Anthony of the Desert Church  
300 North Eastern Avenue, Fall River, Massachusetts  
at six o'clock in the evening on

**Thursday, September 7, 2023**  
**Vigil of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin**

A reception will follow in Saint Sharbel Hall.

R.S.V.P. by August 28  
to Sister Marla Marie via email:

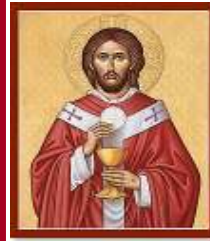
Email: [sister@maroniteservants.org](mailto:sister@maroniteservants.org) -or- Telephone: 508/996-1753

If you are unable to attend and would like  
to offer a donation to support the sisters, please remit to:  
Maronite Servants, at 856 Tucker Road, Dartmouth MA 02747.  
Or via PayPal on our website: [maroniteservants.org](http://maroniteservants.org)  
or Venmo @ MaroniteServants



## 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:

**+Laudy Ghazal**  
by Mr. and Mrs. Roukoz Joumaa

### Vigil Candle for the Blessed Mother



**Vigil candle for the Blessed Mother**  
is given to the glory of God and in loving  
memory of:

**+Paulette Abourjaily**  
by the 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 :

**+Eva Abourjaily**  
by the family

### Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle



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

**+Tofie and Theresa Samia**  
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:

**+Laudy Ghazal**  
by Mr. and Mrs. Roukoz Joumaa



# **Saint Theresa**

## **Maronite Catholic Church**



**Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost**

**Aug. 12-13, 2023**

### **A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians 3:1-13**

**Brother and Sisters:** This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations, this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel, I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so, that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory. **Praise be to God always!**

### **Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28**

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon. But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.



## فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل أفسس

يا إخوتي، أنا بولس، أسير المسيح يسوع من أجلكم، أيها الأمم... إن كنتم

قد سمعتم بتدبير نعمة الله التي وهبت لي من أجلكم، وهو أنني بوحى أطلعت على السر، كما كتبت إليكم بإيجاز من قبل، حينئذ يمكنكم، إذا قرأتم ذلك، أن تدركوا فهمي لسر المسيح، هذا السر الذي لم يعرف عند بني البشر في الأجيال الغابرة، كما أعلن الآن بالروح لرسله القديسين والأنبياء، وهو أن الأمم هم، في المسيح يسوع، شركاء لنا في الميراث والجسد والوعد، بواسطة الإنجيل، الذي صرت خادماً له، بحسب هبة نعمة الله التي وهبت لي بفعل قدرته؛ لي أنا، أصغر القديسين جميعاً، وهبت هذه النعمة، وهي أن أبشر الأمم بغنى المسيح الذي لا يستقصى، وأن أوضح للجميع ما هو تدبير السر المكنون منذ الدهور في الله الذي خلق كل شيء، لكي تعرف الآن من خلال الكنيسة، لدى الرئاسات والسلطين في السماوات، حكمة الله المتنوعة، بحسب قصده الأزلي الذي حققه في المسيح يسوع ربنا، الذي لنا فيه، أي بالإيمان به، الوصول بجرأة وثقة إلى الله. لذلك أسألكم أن لا تضعف عزيمتكم بسبب الضيقات التي أعانيها من أجلكم: إنها مجد لكم!

والتسبيح لله دائماً

## من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس متى

إنصرف يسوع إلى نواحي صور وصيدا، وإذا بامرأة كنعانية من تلك النواحي خرجت تصرخ وتقول: "إرحمني، يا رب، يا ابن داود! إن ابنتي بها شيطان يعذبها جداً". فلم يجبها بكلمة. ودنا تلاميذه فأخذوا يتوسلون إليه قائلين: "إصرفها، فإنها تصرخ في إثرنا!". فأجاب وقال: "لم أرسل إلا إلى الخراف الضالة من بيت إسرائيل". أما هي فأتت وسجدت له وقالت: "ساعديني، يا رب!". فأجاب وقال: "لا يحسن أن يؤخذ خبز البنين، ويلقى إلى جراء الكلاب!". فقالت: "نعم، يا رب! وجراء الكلاب أيضاً تأكل من الفتات المتساقط عن مائدة أربابها". حينئذ أجاب يسوع وقال لها: "أيها المرأة، عظيم إيمانك! فليكن لك كما تريد". ومن تلك الساعة شفيت ابنتها.

# Saint Theresa Church

## Lebanese Festival

September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023



## *Homemade Gift Basket Ideas*



### Gift Basket Theme

We are asking for your help in making this year's Basket Raffle our most successful event yet. Many creative baskets have been donated in the past, and we hope you will continue your generosity this year. A significant number of baskets with various themes ranging in price from \$75, \$100 and \$150 are needed. Here are a few ways you can help:

- ◆ If you would like to donate any monetary denomination for a theme basket, please make your check payable to **St. Theresa Church**; your basket will have a theme and be displayed for the raffle with your name on it- **[example: donated by...]**. You may drop your donation in the collection box or mail it to St. Theresa Church, PO Box 2567, Brockton, MA 02305-2567, **by September 10, 2023.**
- ◆ Here are **some ideas** if you would like to design your **own** theme basket: *Thanksgiving, Christmas, Baking, Kitchen, Tea, Coffee, Knitting, Country Jams and Relishes, Tuscany Pasta & Wine, Toys, Lottery, Family Movie Night, Italian Gourmet, Lebanese Gourmet, Children's, Baby, Soup to Nuts, Gifts Certificates are welcome.*

If you need **help** or have any questions, please call Paula at the Church office 508-586-1428. **All Theme Baskets are due by September 10, 2023.**

The success of our Theme Basket Raffle depends on your help and generosity. Let's get our collective imaginations and artistic juices flowing to create the best theme baskets yet! And let's spread the word of our Festival to family and friends.

