



## **Saint Theresa Maronite Church**

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'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the  
fruit of your womb'.

**Luke 1:42**

## **Visitation to Elizabeth**



**Website: [sttheresabrockton.org](http://sttheresabrockton.org)**  
**Facebook: SaintTheresa Brockton**  
**YouTube Channel: Saint Theresa Brockton**

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Nov. 28-29, 2020

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## 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

## **Visitation to Elizabeth**

**Sat. Nov. 28 at 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

**+Salma Macary El Khaouli** as requested by Cauna and Mary Macary

**Sun. Nov. 29 at 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

**+John and Amanda Nessralla** as requested by Shirley, Diane and Joyce Nessralla



## **Birth of John the Baptist**

**Sat. Dec. 5 at 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

**+Bolus and Rose Saba and all deceased members** of the family as requested by the family

**+Peter L. Asack, Sr.** as requested by the family and friends

**Sun. Dec. 6 at 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:**

**+Peter L. Asack, Sr.** as requested by the family and friends

**+Martha, Mary and Mansur Nessralla** as requested by the family



## **Saint Theresa Church Giving Tree Program**



Dear Parishioners of Saint Theresa Church:

Following years of tradition, Saint Theresa Church will sponsor our annual Giving Tree Program to benefit a local child in need. What is not so traditional this year is how our program will operate.

We recognize that the **COVID-19 PANDEMIC** has had a tremendous impact on our lives; due to recommended safety and health guidelines, we also recognize that holiday shopping will look much differently than in previous years. Our goal this year is to offer our parishioners a safe and convenient way to participate in and contribute to this magical holiday program for children, so that they can have a holiday that is made brighter and happier with your generosity.

Our overwhelming collective desire to bring hope to our children during this holiday season prevails. Because of your continued kindness, hundreds of children and families will experience the magic of the holidays.

The Giving Tree will be placed in its usual location. It will already be decorated with ornaments that reflect the colorful lights. Because of social distancing, there will be **NO TAGS this year**. We are asking our parishioners to purchase a gift card / cards to Walmart, Target, or a grocery store such as Market Basket or Shaw's; kindly place the gift card(s) in a sealed envelope with your name on the outside envelope. We ask that you return the gift card(s) **NO later than Sunday, December 6, 2020**.

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity to Saint Theresa Church and to the children of Brockton.

**Saint Theresa Church  
Giving Tree Program 2020**

**All Gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 6, 2020**

Please NOTE: You may drop off your gift cards in the collection box or mail it directly to the church at Saint Theresa Church, PO Box 2567, Brockton, MA 02305-22567.

**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. 11/22/20 \$ 1,093.00

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

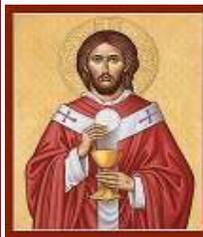
O Divine Ocean of Mercy and Compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties. Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the Life-Giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At this time I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ,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

**Catholic University in Washington, DC** on the weekend of **November 28-29, 2020**. All the proceeds from this collection provides funding for academic and scholarships at **CUA**. Our own seminarians are given a 50% discount in tuition. This collection does not remain in the parish it is sent to the Eparchy for its proper distribution.

**For the Month of November**

**Bread and Wine**



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

**+Abdallah and Richidi Ackil**  
by Dr. and Mrs. Albert Ackil

**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:

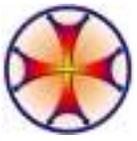
**+Peter and Josephine (Ackil) George**  
by Dr. and Mrs. Albert Ackil

**Vigil candles for the Gospel Throne**



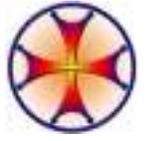
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**+John and Amanda Nessralla**  
by Shirley, Diane and Joyce Nessralla



# **Saint Theresa**

## **Maronite Catholic Church**



**Visitation to Elizabeth**

**November 28-29, 2020**

### **A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians 1:1-14**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

### **Gospel: Luke 1: 39-45**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'



## فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل أفسس

يا إِخْوَتِي، مِنْ بُولُسَ، رَسُولِ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ بِمَشِيئَةِ اللَّهِ، إِلَى الْقَدِيسِينَ الَّذِينَ هُمْ فِي أَفَسَسَ وَالْأَمْنَاءِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ: أَلْنَعْمَةُ لَكُمْ وَالسَّلَامُ مِنَ اللَّهِ أَبِيْنَا وَالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ! تَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ أَبُو رَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي بَارَكَنَا بِكُلِّ بَرَكَةٍ رُوحِيَّةٍ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ؛ فَإِنَّهُ اخْتَارَنَا فِيهِ قَبْلَ إِتْشَاءِ الْعَالَمِ، لِنَكُونَ فِي حَضْرَتِهِ قَدِيسِينَ، لَا عَيْبَ فِيْنَا؛ وَقَدْ سَبَقَ بِمَحَبَّتِهِ فَحَدَدْنَا أَنْ نَكُونَ لَهُ أَبْنَاءَ بِالتَّبَنِّي بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، بِحَسَبِ رِضَى مَشِيئَتِهِ، لِمَدْحِ مَجْدِ نِعْمَتِهِ الَّتِي أَنْعَمَ بِهَا عَلَيْنَا فِي الْحَبِيبِ؛ وَفِيهِ لَنَا الْفِدَاءُ بِدَمِهِ، أَيْ مَغْفِرَةُ الزَّلَّاتِ، بِحَسَبِ غِنَى نِعْمَتِهِ، الَّتِي أَفَاضَهَا عَلَيْنَا فِي كُلِّ حِكْمَةٍ وَفَهْمٍ؛ وَقَدْ عَرَفْنَا سِرَّ مَشِيئَتِهِ، بِحَسَبِ رِضَاهُ الَّذِي سَبَقَ فَجَعَلَهُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ، لِيُحَقِّقَ تَدْبِيرَ مِلْءِ الْأَزْمِنَةِ، فَيَجْمَعَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ تَحْتَ رَأْسٍ وَاحِدٍ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ؛ وَفِيهِ أَيْضًا اخْتَارَنَا مِيرَاثًا لَهُ، وَقَدْ سَبَقَ فَحَدَدْنَا بِحَسَبِ قَصْدِهِ، هُوَ الَّذِي يَعْمَلُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ بِقَضَاءِ مَشِيئَتِهِ، لِنَكُونَ مَدْحًا لِمَجْدِهِ، نَحْنُ الَّذِينَ سَبَقْنَا فَجَعَلْنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ رِجَاءَنَا؛ وَفِيهِ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا، بَعْدَ أَنْ سَمِعْتُمْ كَلِمَةَ الْحَقِّ، أَيْ إِنْجِيلَ خَلَاصِكُمْ، وَأَمَنْتُمْ، خُتِمْتُمْ بِالرُّوحِ الْقُدْسِ الْمَوْعُودِ بِهِ، وَهُوَ عُرْبُونُ مِيرَاثِنَا، لِفِدَاءِ شَعْبِهِ الَّذِي أَقْتَنَاهُ، وَلِمَدْحِ مَجْدِهِ.

والتسبيح لله دائما

## من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس لوقا

فِي تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامِ (بَعْدَ الْبِشَارَةِ بِيَسُوعَ)، قَامَتْ مَرْيَمُ وَدَهَبَتْ مُسْرِعَةً إِلَى الْجَبَلِ، إِلَى مَدِينَةٍ فِي يَهُودَا. وَدَخَلَتْ بَيْتَ زَكَرِيَّا، وَسَلَّمَتْ عَلَى الْيَصَابَاتِ. وَلَمَّا سَمِعَتْ الْيَصَابَاتِ سَلَامَ مَرْيَمَ، أَرْتَكَضَ الْجَنِينُ فِي بَطْنِهَا، وَأَمْتَلَأَتْ مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدْسِ. فَهَتَفَتْ بِأَعْلَى صَوْتِهَا وَقَالَتْ: "مُبَارَكَةٌ أَنْتِ فِي النِّسَاءِ، وَمُبَارَكَةٌ ثَمَرَةُ بَطْنِكَ! وَمِنْ أَيْنَ لِي هَذَا، أَنْ تَأْتِيَ إِلَيَّ أُمُّ رَبِّي؟ فَهَا مُنْذُ وَقَعَ صَوْتُ سَلَامِكَ فِي أُذُنِي، أَرْتَكَضَ الْجَنِينُ أَبْتِهَاجًا فِي بَطْنِي! فَطُوبَى لِلَّتِي آمَنَتْ أَنَّهُ سَيَتِمُّ مَا قِيلَ لَهَا مِنْ قِبَلِ الرَّبِّ!"