

ST. THERESA

MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday of the Faithful Departed احد الموتى المؤمنين

February 22-23, 2025

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OUR INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22
Sunday of the Faithful Departed

[Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter in Antioch]

4:00 PM: **+Leo and Alice Smith, son John and cousin Peter Smith** as requested by Maryann Asiaf

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23
Sunday of the Faithful Departed

[St. Polycarp of Smyrna]

10:30 AM: +All the Deceased Members of St. Theresa as requested by Fr. Christian

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00 AM: [Pope St. Felix III]

+Intention available on request

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:00 AM: [St. Álexander, Patriarch of Alexandria]

+Intention available on request

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00 AM: [St. Alexander, Patriarch of Alexandria]

+Intention available on request 6:30 PM: **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Cana Sunday (Entrance into Lent)
[St. Domnina, Disciple of St. Maron, St.
Eudokia (Afdokia) of Baalbek]
4:00 PM: +For the Souls of Remember Me
In Your Kingdom

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

Cana Sunday (Entrance into Lent)
[St. John Maron, First Maronite Patriarch]
10:30 AM: +Mansur and Micheline Matta
and son Fadi as requested by the family

LET US PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES AND THE INTENTIONS OF OUR HEARTS. CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO SCHEDULE AN INTENTION.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

DIVINE LITURGIES

CONFESSION

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

SATURDAY	4:00PM
SUNDAY	10:30AM
TUESDAY	9:00AM
WEDNESDAY	9:00AM
THURSDAY	9:00AM

TUESDAY 8:15AM – 8:45AM WEDNESDAY 8:15AM – 8:45AM

THURSDAY 8:15AM – 8:45AM

6:30PM - 7:15PM

*ALSO AVAILABLE
BY APPOINTMENT



THURSDAY 6:30PM-7:30PM

BAPTISM

MARRIAGE

Please make arrangements with the Pastor at <u>least one (1) month</u> in advance. Godparents must meet requirements of church law. To discuss and to schedule a baptism, please contact the parish office.

Please consult with the Pastor to make arrangements at <u>least six</u> (6) <u>months</u> in advance of proposed date. To discuss and to schedule a marriage, please contact the parish office.

FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRARY

BREAD & WINE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF **+PETER ASIAF, JR., LEO AND ALICE SMITH, SON JOHN AND COUSIN PETER SMITH**

OFFERED BY MARYANN ASAIF

VIGIL CANDLE FOR THE SHRINE OF ST. THERESA
IN LOVING MEMORY OF +ALL DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ASACK
FAMILIES

OFFERED BY MADELINE ASACK AND FAMILY

SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR THE TABERNACLE
IN LOVING MEMORY OF +PAUL AND TRENETTA SABA, SON
WILLIAM

OFFERED BY MR. AND MRS. MAURICE DAABOUL

VIGIL CANDLE FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER
IN LOVING MEMORY OF +EILAS ABOUJAILY
OFFERED BY THE FAMILY

LECTORS

SATURDAY, FEB. 22

ENGLISH - TOM

SUNDAY, FEB. 23

ARABIC - RANDA ENGLISH - JOD-ANNE

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, FEB. 22

DANIEL Z. CHARBEL S.

SUNDAY, FEB. 23

MATEO G. MARVIN G. ELIE G.

SATURDAY, MAR. 1

CHARBEL B. GIO B.

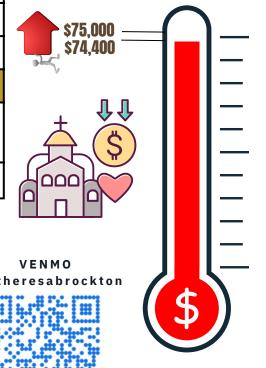
SUNDAY, MAR. 2

CHARBEL C. MARTIN B. ELIE G.

OUR OFFERING

SATURDAY - 2/15/25	\$ 404.00
SUNDAY - 2/16/25	\$992.00
CANDLES 2/16/25	\$110.00
TOTAL WEEKLY OFFERING	\$1,506.00
WEEKLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	\$3,400.00
DEFICT	-\$1,894.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



OUR TITHE

WE RELY ON YOUR GENEROSITY TO BE ABLE TO OPERATE OUR CHURCH! IN ADDITION TO USING YOUR ASSIGNED ENVELOPES, YOU MAY USE VENMO TO MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTION. MAY GOD REWARD YOU BACK FOR ALL YOU GIVE AND DO.

RELIGIOUS ED

CLASSES ARE FROM 2PM-3:45PM

Please make sure your child arrives by 1:50pm and is picked up at 3:45pm

UPCOMING CLASSES

February 22 (1st Communion Class Only)
March 1

MYO

REGISTER TODAY!OPEN TO ALL 7TH-12TH GRADERS

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Feb 21 - Youth Night Mar 14 - Youth Night Mar 29 (Retreat)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



9:45AM - 11:45AM (CHURCH HALL)

JPCOMING SESSIONS

Mar 22 Apr 12 May 3

YOUNG ADULTS

SCRIPTURE & SPIRITS

RSVP TO ADIB FLIAS

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Mar 16 Apr 6 May 4





PARISH CENSUS

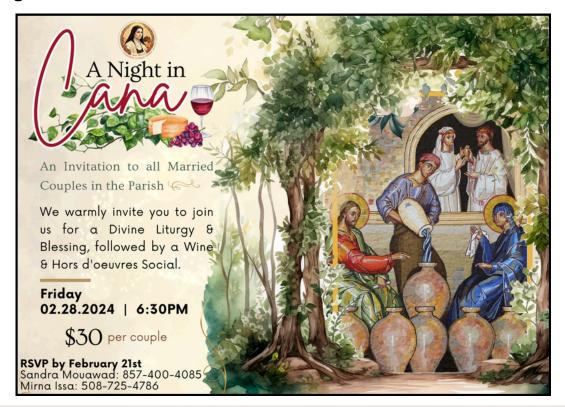
REGISTRATION

Note: The Parish WhatsApp group will be ending in March because of our transition to a NEW Database/Communication System. Please be

sure to REGISTER!

Now and until March 1, we will be collecting parish registration forms (one per household) in order to build our database. Each weekend, members of the Parish Council will be sitting after liturgy to register your family. You may also take a registration form from the back of the church, fill it out and either mail it to us or drop it in the collection basket.

You may also register online at this link: https://form.jotform.com/243413465230145





CEMETERY PALM CROSSES

COST: \$30.00 EACH
ORDER MUST BE RECEIVED BY

MARCH 30, 2025

ALL PROFITS WILL GO TO SUPPORT THE MYO! SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!

Please make checks payable to: **St. Theresa Church**

Please Note: We can not fill orders placed after March 30, 2025. Thank you. Crosses will be distributed on Sha'neenee (Hosanna Sunday) Weekend.

April 12-13, 2025



A Young Adult Social Scripture Series

Open to All Aged 18-35

Sundays at 7PM

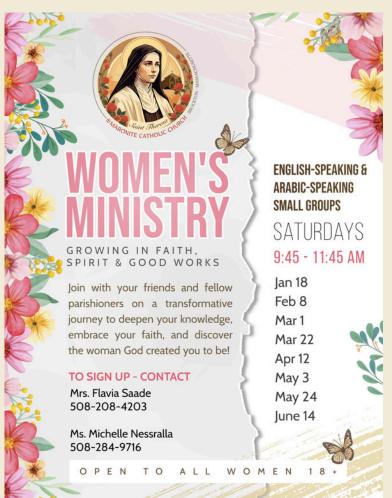
FEBRUARY 2ND:-SUFFERING WITH JOB

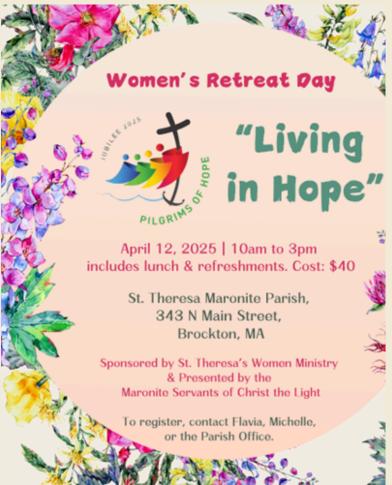
MARCH 16TH: CHASTE HEARTS LIKE THE JOSEPHS

APRIL 6TH: A BALANCED LIFE WITH MARTHA & MARY

MAY 4TH: RECOGNIZING TRUTH ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS











High School Graduate Scholarships

MYO – John A. Solomon Two for High School Seniors \$2000 Massabki Brothers One for High School Seniors \$2000

Naomi & Paul Kassouf Two for High School Seniors \$2000 Abouna Sharbel Three for High School Seniors \$1000

Undergraduate Scholarships

Chagoury Family Undergraduate One for College Student \$2000 Thomas and Jennie Ayoub One for College Student \$2000

Graduate & Professional Scholarship

Chagoury Family Graduate One for Graduate Student \$2000

Study Abroad in Lebanon Opportunities

Notre Dame University-Louaize
Up to 10 scholarships for Fall 2025 or Spring 2026

The Holy Spirit University of Kaslik
Up to 12 scholarships for Summer 2025 Semester

For more information and application visit namaronites.org or e-mail namscholarships@gmail.com



APPLICATION DEADLINE MAY 31, 2025

Maronite Enrichment Days 2025

St. Ephrem
The Man and the Myth





The Stories We Tell 10:00-11:30 am

We do terrible things to the saints. Instead of modeling ourselves on them, we recreate them in our own image. This session opens with an overview of how the Ephrem of history has been systematically erased and replaced by a caricature of someone who never existed. The reasons for this are as troubling as they are destructive.

Ephrem's World 1:30-3:00 pm

Recovering the history begins by letting him speak for himself, from his own time and place. How did the circumstances of Ephrem's life shape him? How did Ephrem become Ephrem?

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The Work of Your Helper

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How did Ephrem understand himself? He infforms us that he has the anointing of heaven, that he speaks for God, that the power that animates and enlivens scripture flows into him, and through him, into his own time. But there are skeletons in his closet: Ephrem carries a dark secret from his past.

Why Ephrem Matters 1:00-2:30 pm

Ephrem's vision offers a path that is simple but hard. It is not the path of orthodoxy (right doctrine) or orthopaxy (right morality) but of orthopathy (authentic spirituality), which is nothing less than an embrace of ROZO.

Come & See

MARONITE SERVANTS OF CHRIST THE LIGHT ~2025 JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE~

Prayer & Supper

Join the sisters for Maronite Evening Prayer (Ramsho) and Supper at our Mother of the Light Convent, 856 Tucker Rd Dartmouth from 4 to 7pm:

- Sunday February 23
- Sunday May 18

OPEN TO YOUNG ADULT WOMEN WHO ARE SINGLE (AGES 18 TO 39) AND SEEKING TO DISCERN THEIR VOCATION WITH THE MARONITE SERVANTS.



Monthly Discernment Group

If you are seeking to learn more about prayer and exploring God's call for your life and fellowship with the sisters and other women discerning their call please contact Vocation Director, Sr. Therese Maria Touma.

TO REACH OUT OR RSVP CONTACT: SISTER THERESE MARIA, MSCL CALL: 508-965-6945 EMAIL: SISTER@MARONITESERVANTS.ORG WEBSITE: MARONITESERVANTS.ORG



Discernment Retreat Weekend

Join us for a "Come & See" Discernment Retreat Weekend at our Convent:

- June 6-8, 2025
- September 5-7, 2025

The retreats offer an opportunity to listen to the Lord, rest in His Love, and spend time with Sisters on the journey of discernment of a call to religious life.

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OUR EPISTLE READING

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians 5:1-11

Brothers and Sisters: Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيكي

يا إِخوَتِي، أَمَّا الأَزْمِنَةُ والأُوقَات، أَيُّهَا الإِخْوَة، فلا حَاجَةَ بِكُم أَنْ يُكْتَبَ إِلَيْكُم في شَأْنِهَا؛ لأَنَّكُم تَعْلَمُونَ جَيِّدًا أَنَّ يَوْمَ الرَّبِّ يَأْتِي كَالسَّارِق لَيْلاً. فحِينَ يَقُولُون: سَلامٌ وأَمْنْ! حِينَئِذٍ يَدْهَمُهُمُ الهَلاكُ دَهْمَ الْمَخَاضِ لِلحُبُلى، ولا يُؤْلِتُون. أَمَّا أَنْتُم، أَيُّها الإِخْوَة، فَلَسْتُم في ظُلْمَةٍ لِيُفَاجِئَكُم ذِلِكَ اليَومُ كَالسَّارِق. فأَنْتُم كُلُّكُم أَبْنَاءُ النُّور، وأَبْنَاءُ النَّهَار؛ ولَسْنَا أَبْنَاءَ اللَّيلِ وِلا أَبْنَاءَ الظُّلْمَة. إِذًا فلا نَنَمْ كَسَائِر النَّاس، بَلْ لِنَسْهَرْ وَنَصْحُ؛ لأَنَّ الَّذِينَ يَنَامُونَ فَفي اللَّيلِ يَسْكَرُون. أَمَّا نَحْنُ أَبْنَاءَ النَّهَار، فَلْنَصْحُ لابِسِينَ دِرْعَ الإِيْمَانِ والمَحَبَّة، ووَاضِعِينَ خُوذَةَ رَجَاءِ الخَلاص. فإنَّ الله لَمْ يَجْعَلْنَا للإبِسِينَ دِرْعَ الإِيْمَانِ والمَحَبَّة، ووَاضِعِينَ خُوذَةَ رَجَاءِ الخَلاص. فإنَّ الله لَمْ يَجْعَلْنَا للإبِسِينَ دِرْعَ الإِيْمَانِ والمَحَبَّة، ووَاضِعِينَ خُوذَةَ رَجَاءِ الخَلاص. فإنَّ الله لَمْ يَجْعَلْنَا لِلْعَضَب، بَلْ لإحْرَازِ الخَلاصِ بَرَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ المَسِيح، الَّذي مَاتَ مِنْ أَجْلِنَا، لِنَحْيَا مَعَهُ لِلغَضَب، بَلْ لإحْرَازِ الخَلاصِ بَرَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ المَسِيح، الَّذي مَاتَ مِنْ أَبْوَلِ لَكَوْرَاذِ الخَلاصِ بَرَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ المَسِيح، الَّذي مَاتَ مِنْ أَبْلِواحِر، كَمَا أَنْتُم فَا عُلُون.

والتسبيح لله دائِما

OUR GOSPEL READING

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house for I have five brothers that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس لوقا

قالَ الربُّ يَسوعِ: «كَانَ رَجُلُ غَنِيُّ يَلْبَسُ الأَرْجُوانَ وَالكَتَّانَ النَّاعِم، وَيَتَنَعَّمُ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ بِأَفْخَرِ الوَلائِم. وكانَ رَجُلُ مِسْكِينُ ٱسْمُهُ لَعَازَرُ مَطْرُوحًا عِنْدَ بَابِهِ، تَكْسُوهُ الْقُرُوحِ. وكانَ يَشْتَهِي أَنْ يَشْبَعَ مِنَ الْفُتَاتِ الْمُسْكِينُ أَسْمُهُ لَعَازَرُ مَطْرُوحًا عِنْدَ بَابِهِ، تَكْسُوهُ الْقُرُوحِ. وكانَ يَشْتَهِي أَنْ يَشْبَعَ مِنَ الْفُتَاتِ الْمُسْكِينُ فَحَمَلَتُهُ الْمُلائِكَةُ إِلى حِضْنِ إِبْرَاهِيم. ثُمَّ مَاتَ الْغَنِيُّ وَدُفِن. وَرَفَعَ الْغَنِيُّ عِيْنَيْه، وَهُوَ في الجَحِيمِ يُقَاسِي الْعَذَاب، فَرَأَى إِبْرَاهِيم مِنْ بَعِيد، وَلَعَازَرَ في حِضْنِهِ. فَنَادَى وقَالِ: يا أَبَتِ إِبْرَاهِيم، إِرْحَمْنِي وَأَرْسِلْ الْعَذَاب، فَرَأَى إِبْرَاهِيم مِنْ بَعِيد، وَلَعَازَرُ في حِضْنِهِ. فَنَادَى وقَالِ: يا أَبَتِ إِبْرَاهِيم، إِرْحَمْنِي وَأَرْسِلْ الْعَذَاب، فَرَأَى إِبْرَاهِيم مِنْ بَعِيد، وَلَعَازَرُ نَالَ البَلايَا. والآنَ هُوَ يَتَعَزَّى هُنَا، وأَنْتَ تَتَوَجَّع. وَمَعَ هذَا كُلُّه، فَإِنَّ بَيْنَا وَبَيْنَكُم هُوَّةً عَظِيمَةً ثَابِتَة، حَتَّى إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يَجْتَازُوا مِنْ هُنَا إِيُكُم لا يَسْتَطْيعُون، ولا مِنْ هُنَا أَنْ يَعْبُرُوا إِلَيْنا. فَقَالَ الغَنِيّ: أَسْأَلُكَ إِذَا، يا أَبَتٍ، أَنْ تُرْسِلَ لَعَازَرَ إِلَى بَيْتِ أَبِي، فَإِنَّ لِي خَمْسَةَ إِنْ يَعْبُرُوا إِلَيْنا. فَقَالَ الغَنِيّ: أَسْأَلُكَ إِذَا، يا أَبَتٍ هذَا لِيْهم وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الأَمْوَات، لَنْ يَتْوَبُون. وقالَ لَهُ أَيْسَمَعُوا لَهُم. فَقال: لا يَسْمَعُونَ لِمُوسَى وَالْأَبْيِيَاء، وَلَو قَامَ وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْأَمْوَات، لَنْ يَقْتَنِعُوا!».



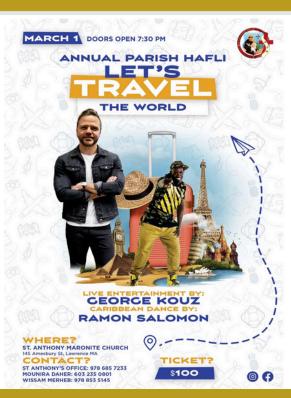
Possible Food Options:

- Bagels & Cream Cheese
- Danishes
- Muffins
- Croissants
- Manouche (Zaatar / Cheese)
- Sweets or Pastries
- Donuts / Munchkins

UPCOMING COFFEE HOURS

Date	Offered By
Sunday, Feb 23	Pastoral Council
Sunday, Mar 2	The Bernard Family
Sunday, Mar 9	
Sunday, Mar 16	
Sunday, Mar 23	Saade Family
Sunday, Mar 30	
Sunday, April 6	

OUR LOCAL NEWS





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