



ST. THERESA

MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH



SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD



Finding of Our Lord in the Temple
احد وجود الرب يسوع في الهيكل

January 4-5, 2025



“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.” – **ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX**

OUR CHURCH

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OUR INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

The Finding of Our Lord in Temple

[Pope St. Caius and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton]

4:00 PM: +For the Souls of Remember Me In Your Kingdom

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

The Finding of Our Lord in Temple

[St. Paul, the First Hermit and St. John Neumann]

10:30 AM: +Samir and Ziad Chaiban as requested by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sayah and family

**Holy Day of Obligation
Feast of the Glorious Epiphany
Monday, January 6, 2025**

**9:00 AM: +Intention available on request
6:30 PM: +Youseff and Genevieve Feghali as requested by Madeleine Asack and family**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

**9:00 AM: [Praises of St. John the Baptist]
+Intention available on request**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

**9:00 AM: [St. Carterius the Priest]
+Intention available on request**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

**9:00 AM: [St. Eustratius the Wonderworker]
+Intention available on request
6:30 PM: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

First Sunday after Epiphany

[St. Theodosius of Antioch]

4:00 PM: +Intention available on request

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

First Sunday after Epiphany

[St. Tatiana of Rome]

4:00 PM: +Intention available on request



PARISH CENSUS & REGISTRATION INITIATIVE



For years now, St. Theresa Church has seen many families come and go through our church doors, but in recent history we have not had a parish database or record of who actually is a member of St. Theresa's. Because of this, the Parish Council is initiating a Parish Census and Registration Initiative. Beginning this weekend 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>

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO REGISTER AT A PARISH?



A Catholic parish is the single most important part of our Catholic Church. This is where we continue the mission of Jesus Christ. This is where we publicly express our faith, joining together with others to give witness of our communion with God and with one another.

There are many reasons to register:

- A sense of belonging and identity in a parish community.
- Provides the parish community with a way to welcome you.
- In times of joy and in times of struggle, it is comforting to have the support of a faith family.
- It is a commitment to practice your faith.
- Gives a chance for you and your family to be counted and heard in the parish.
- Being included in the demographics of the parish helps in the planning for the needs of the parish.
- Gives the parish a way to connect with you.
- In order to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, or Holy Matrimony you will need to be a registered member.

Finally, Stewardship is the way of life. We care for the gifts that God entrusts to us to be used for the sake of serving others. This means we invite every parishioner to make a commitment of time, talent and treasure to God as a steward.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

DIVINE LITURGIES

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

**Updated Liturgy
Schedule beginning
the week of January 6**

CONFESSION

TUESDAY 8:15AM – 8:45AM
WEDNESDAY 8:15AM – 8:45AM
THURSDAY 8:15AM – 8:45AM
6:30PM - 7:15PM

***ALSO AVAILABLE
BY APPOINTMENT**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



**THURSDAY
6:30PM-7:30PM**

BAPTISM

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

MARRIAGE

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

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

BREAD & WINE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF **+TOFIE AND THERESA SAMIA**
OFFERED BY THE FAMILY

VIGIL CANDLE FOR THE SHRINE OF ST. THERESA
IN LOVING MEMORY OF **+NAJLA ABOURJAILY**
OFFERED BY THE FAMILY

SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR THE TABERNACLE
IN LOVING MEMORY OF **+NACKLIE AND MARIE NESSRALLA**
OFFERED BY FAMILY

VIGIL CANDLE FOR THE GOSPEL THRONE
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
+YOUSEFF AND GENEIEVE FEGHALI
OFFERED BY MADELEINE ASACK AND FAMILY

VIGIL CANDLE FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER
IN LOVING MEMORY OF **+HANNA AND SHAFIKAH FAKHRI**
OFFERED BY THE FAMILY

LECTORS

SATURDAY, JAN. 4
ENGLISH - CAUNA

SUNDAY, JAN. 5
ARABIC - SOLANGE
ENGLISH - ALISON

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, JAN. 4

GIO B.
CHARBEL B.

SUNDAY, JAN. 5

MARVIN G.
MATEO G.
ELIE G.

SATURDAY, JAN 11

DANIEL Z.
CHARBEL S.

SUNDAY, JAN 12

CHARBEL C.
CHARBEL C.
MARTIN B.

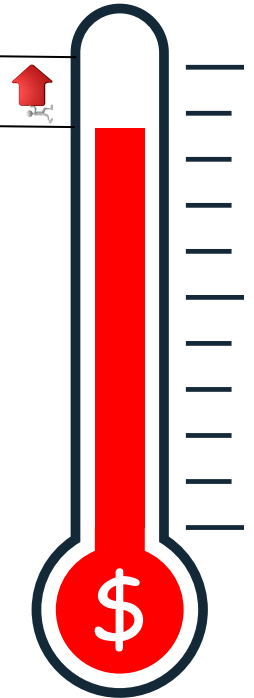
OUR OFFERING

SATURDAY - 12/28/24	\$270.00
SUNDAY - 12/29/24	\$1,103.62
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS 12/25/24	\$150.00
CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS 12/25/24	\$3,168.00
TOTAL WEEKLY OFFERING	\$4,691.62
WEEKLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	\$3,400.00
PROFIT	+\$1,291.62

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

\$75,000

\$62,690



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.



VENMO

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OUR RELIGIOUS ED CORNER

CLASSES ARE HELD FROM 2PM-3:45PM

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

UPCOMING CLASSES

January 4

February 1

February 22 (First Communion Class Only)

March 1



OUR EPISTLE READING

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews 7:11-19

Brothers and Sisters: If perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood for the people received the law under this priesthood what further need would there have been to speak of another priest arising according to the order of Melchizedek, rather than one according to the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. Now the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord; was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. It is even more obvious when another priest arises, resembling Melchizedek, one who has become a priest, not through a legal requirement concerning physical descent, but through the power of an indestructible life. For it is attested of him, 'You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' There is, on the one hand, the abrogation of an earlier commandment because it was weak and ineffectual (for the law made nothing perfect); there is, on the other hand, the introduction of a better hope, through which we approach God.

Praise be God always.

فصل من الرسالة إلى العبرانيين

يَا إِخْوَتِي، لَوْ كَانَ الْكَمَالُ قَدْ تَحَقَّقَ بِالْكَهَنُوتِ اللَّائِي، وَهُوَ أَسَاسُ الشَّرِيعَةِ الَّتِي أُعْطِيَتْ لِلشَّعْبِ، فَأَيُّ حَاجَةٍ بَعْدُ إِلَى أَنْ يَقُومَ كَاهِنٌ آخَرُ عَلَى رُتْبَةِ مَلَكِيصَادِقَ، وَلَا يُقَالُ عَلَى رُتْبَةِ هَارُونَ؟ فَمَتَى تَغَيَّرَ الْكَهَنُوتُ، لَا بُدَّ مِنْ تَغْيِيرِ الشَّرِيعَةِ أَيْضًا. فَالَّذِي يُقَالُ هَذَا فِي شَأْنِهِ، أَيُّ الْمَسِيحِ، جَاءَ مِنْ سِبْطِ آخَرَ، لَمْ يُلَازِمَ أَحَدٌ مِنْهُ خِدْمَةَ الْمَذْبَحِ، وَمِنْ الْوَاضِحِ أَنَّ رَبَّنَا أَشْرَقَ مِنْ يَهُوذَا، مِنْ سِبْطِ لَمْ يَصِفْهُ مُوسَى بِشَيْءٍ مِنَ الْكَهَنُوتِ. وَيَزِيدُ الْأَمْرَ وَضُوحًا أَنَّ الْكَاهِنَ الْآخَرَ الَّذِي يَقُومُ عَلَى مِثَالِ مَلَكِيصَادِقَ، لَمْ يَقُمْ وَفْقَ شَرِيعَةِ وَصِيَّةِ بَشَرِيَّةٍ، بَلْ وَفْقَ قُوَّةِ حَيَاةٍ لَا تَزُولُ. وَيُشْهَدُ لَهُ: أَنْتَ كَاهِنٌ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، عَلَى رُتْبَةِ مَلَكِيصَادِقَ! وَهَكَذَا يَتِمُّ إِبْطَالُ وَصِيَّةِ الْكَهَنُوتِ السَّابِقَةِ، بِسَبَبِ ضَعْفِهَا وَعَدَمِ نَفْعِهَا، لِأَنَّ الشَّرِيعَةَ لَمْ تُبْلَغْ شَيْئًا إِلَى الْكَمَالِ، وَيَتِمُّ أَيْضًا إِدْخَالُ رَجَاءٍ أَفْضَلَ، بِهِ نَقْتَرِبُ مِنَ اللَّهِ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً

OUR GOSPEL READING

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس لوقا

كَانَ أَبَوَا يَسُوعَ يَذْهَبَانِ كُلَّ سَنَةٍ فِي عِيدِ الْفِصْحِ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ. وَلَمَّا بَلَغَ يَسُوعُ اثْنَتَيْ عَشْرَةَ سَنَةً، صَعِدُوا مَعًا كَمَا هِيَ الْعَادَةُ فِي الْعِيدِ. وَبَعْدَ انْقِضَاءِ أَيَّامِ الْعِيدِ، عَادَ الْأَبَوَانِ، وَبَقِيَ الصَّبِيُّ يَسُوعُ فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ، وَهُمَا لَا يَدْرِيَانِ. وَإِذْ كَانَا يَظُنَّانِ أَنَّهُ فِي الْقَافِلَةِ، سَارَا مَسِيرَةَ يَوْمٍ، ثُمَّ أَخَذَا يَظْلُبَانِهِ بَيْنَ الْأَقَارِبِ وَالْمَعَارِفِ. وَلَمْ يَجِدَاهُ، فَعَادَا إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ يَبْحَثَانِ عَنْهُ. وَبَعْدَ ثَلَاثَةِ أَيَّامٍ، وَجَدَاهُ فِي الْهَيْكَلِ جَالِسًا بَيْنَ الْعُلَمَاءِ، يَسْمَعُهُمْ وَيَسْأَلُهُمْ. وَكَانَ جَمِيعُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَهُ مُنْذِهْلِينَ بِذَكَائِهِ وَأَجُوبَتِهِ. وَلَمَّا رَأَاهُ أَبَوَاهُ بُهْتَا، وَقَالَتْ لَهُ أُمُّهُ: يَا ابْنِي، لِمَاذَا فَعَلْتَ بِنَا هَكَذَا؟ فَهَذَا أَنَا وَأَبُوكَ كُنَّا نَبْحَثُ عَنْكَ مُتَوَجِّعِينَ. فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: لِمَاذَا تَظْلُبَانِنِي؟ أَلَا تَعْلَمَانِ أَنَّهُ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ أَكُونَ فِي مَا هُوَ لِأَبِي؟ أَمَّا هُمَا فَلَمْ يَفْهَمَا الْكَلَامَ الَّذِي كَلَّمَهُمَا بِهِ. ثُمَّ نَزَلَ مَعَهُمَا، وَعَادَ إِلَى النَّاصِرَةِ، وَكَانَ خَاضِعًا لَهُمَا. وَكَانَتْ أُمُّهُ تَحْفَظُ كُلَّ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورِ فِي قَلْبِهَا. وَكَانَ يَسُوعُ يَنْمُو فِي الْحِكْمَةِ وَالْقَامَةِ وَالنُّعْمَةِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَالنَّاسِ.

OUR UPCOMING EVENTS



MARCH FOR LIFE 2025
Life: WHY WE MARCH

**JANUARY 23-26, 2025
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Join us for the National March for Life! Together, we stand for the unborn.

Questions? Contact mya.eparchystmaron@gmail.com or the Eparchy Family and Sanctity of Life Office (540)520-1679
Hotel block information can be found at myaeparchystmaron.org/events



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

GROWING IN FAITH, SPIRIT & GOOD WORKS

Join with your friends and fellow parishioners on a transformative journey to deepen your knowledge, embrace your faith, and discover the woman God created you to be!

TO SIGN UP - CONTACT

Mrs. Flavia Saade
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ENGLISH-SPEAKING & ARABIC-SPEAKING SMALL GROUPS

SATURDAYS
9:45 - 11:45 AM

Jan 18
Feb 8
Mar 1
Mar 22
Apr 12
May 3
May 24
June 14

OPEN TO ALL WOMEN 18 +

It is with great joy we welcome into the Family of God, through the Life-Giving Mysteries of Holy Baptism and Chrismation, the following infant:

John Bechara, son of Rabih and Sandra Bechara

By the power of God's Word, **John** is born again of water and Spirit to life as a child of God. We give thanks to God for His gifts of faith and life. May Christ shine His light upon these precious gifts and bless them with a life of happiness and good health.

GET CONNECTED

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*The Christmas Poinsettias that adorn our altar are given
to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:*

*Najla Abourjaily
George Sarkis Asack, Sr.
Genevieve and Youseff Teghali family
Peter G. Asiaf, Jr.
Peter G. and Mary (Rugus) Asiaf, Sr. and family
Taji Abi Assaf
John and Juliette Asiaf and family
Joan Colandrea
Hanna and Shafikah Fakhri
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Dr. William George
Abraham George
Joseph George
Mike George
Margaret George
Geraldine George
Lee George Roukous
Mary George Davin, and daughter Debbie Davin Sperre
Taminie & Massod Hassan
Gebrael, Marie, Gisele and George Hanna
Haikal and Jeanette Haikal
Mary Petros El Khoury
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Eva Gravinese
Karim Atamech
Emma Sader
Yousef Najem Moussa
Lt. James Baroud
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Laudy Ghazal
Emile Hajj
Zakhia Khalife
Hilda Khalife
Georges Nachar*

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Georges El Hayek
Dr. William Street
Fred and Rosarina Hassan
Raymond Hanna
Renee Hanna
Ezzat Hanna
Mr. & Mrs. Paul E. Khoury
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur McGrail and son Arthur
John and Amanda Nessralla
Boutrossieh Nessralla
Nacklie and Marie A. Nessralla
Kozahya, Hanne, and Philomena Nessralla
Abdu and Josephine Nessralla
Alan J. Poirier
Bolus and Rose Saba and family
Albert, Raymond, Philip, Catherine Saba
Arthur and Rosemarie Saba Sylvaria Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sylvaria, Sr. and son Ellsworth
Marie Webby
Henry and Diane Samia
Tom and Therese Abraham Saade
Chafic and Halloun Saade, daughter Therese
Tofie and Theresa Samia
John Samia, Jr. and son John
Antonios and Marguerite Wakim
All deceased members of the Zghaib Family
All deceased members of the Bchara and Adele Family
All deceased members of the Ibrahim Family
Jean Bacha Families*

*Wishing you and your families
the Gift of Faith,
the Blessings of Hope
and the Peace of His Love
at Christmas and always.*

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



It is with great joy we welcome into the Family of God, through the Life-Giving Mysteries of Holy Baptism and Chrismation, the following infants:

John (John) Bechara, son of Rabih and Sandra Bechara

Carlo (Carlo) Raad, son of Ziad and Rachelle Raad



By the power of God's Word, ***John and Carlo*** are born again of water and Spirit to life as a child of God. We give thanks to God for His gifts of faith and life. May Christ shine His light upon these precious gifts and bless them with a life of happiness and good health.