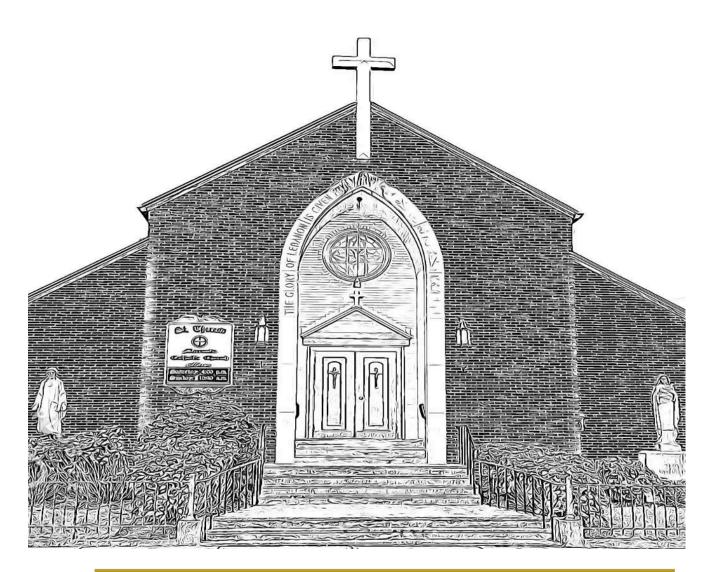


ST. THERESA MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday of the Righteous and Just احد اللأبرار و الصدّيقين

February 15-16, 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, FEBRUARY 15 Sunday of the Righteous and Just [Sts. Faustinus and Jovita and The 21 Coptic Martyrs of Libya] 4:00 PM: +Louis and Josephine Asack and all deceased members of the Asack families as requested by the family +Peter G. Asiaf, Jr. as requested by Marvann Asiaf

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 Sunday of the Righteous and Just [St. Theodore the Soldier] +Youseff and Boutrossiah Nessralla as requested by the family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 9:00 AM: [Pope St. Leo the Great, Doctor of the Church] **+Intention available on request**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 9:00 AM: [The 500 Martyrs of Tyre] +Intention available on request

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20 9:00 AM: [St. James, the Hermit of Cyrrhus] **+Intention available on request** 6:30 PM: **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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] +All the Deceased Members of St. Theresa as requested by Fr. Christian

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

SATURDAY SUNDAY 1 TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY

4:00PM 10:30AM 9:00AM 9:00AM 9:00AM

CONFESSION

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

THURSDAY 8:15AM – 8:45AM 6:30PM - 7:15PM *ALSO AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



6:30PM-7:30PM

BAPTISM

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.

MARRIAGE

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. 15 ENGLISH - CAUNA SUNDAY, FEB. 16 ARABIC - SOLANGE ENGLISH -MIRNA

ALTAR SERVERS

- SATURDAY, FEB. 15 CHARBEL B. GIOVANI B.
 - SUNDAY, FEB. 16 CHARBEL S. CHARBEL C. MARTIN B.

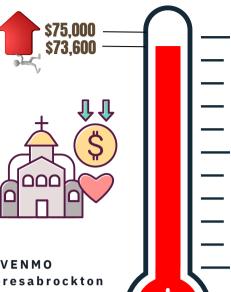
SATURDAY, FEB. 22 DANIEL Z. CHARBEL S.

SUNDAY, FEB. 23 MATEO G. MARVIN G. ELIE G.

OUR OFFERING

SATURDAY - 2/8/25	\$ 296.00
SUNDAY - 2/9/25	\$578.00
FEAST OF ST. MARON 2/9/25	\$50.00
TOTAL WEEKLY OFFERING	\$924.00
WEEKLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	\$3,400.00
DEFICT	-\$2,476.00

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

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

> UPCOMING SESSIONS Feb 21 - Youth Night Mar 14 - Youth Night Mar 29 (Retreat)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



YOUNG ADULTS

SCRIPTURE & SPIRITS RSVP TO ADIB ELIAS

> UPCOMING SESSIONS Mar 16 Apr 6 May 4





<u>Now and until March 1</u>, 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.

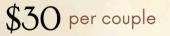
You may also register online at this link: <u>https://form.jotform.com/243413465230145</u>

An Invitation to all Married Couples in the Parish

A Night in

We warmly invite you to join us for a Divine Liturgy & Blessing, followed by a Wine & Hors d'oeuvres Social.

Friday 02.28.2024 | 6:30PM



RSVP by February 21st Sandra Mouawad: 857-400-4085 Mirna Issa: 508-725-4786

F.

FR. CHRISTIAN WILL BE AWAY THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 15-16. FR. JOSEPH DICKAN, SJ WILL BE THE GUEST CELEBRANT FOR THE DIVINE LITURGIES.





2025 Scholarship Program

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



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 Ephrem of 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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10:00–11:30 am

How did Ephrem understand himself? He informs 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 orthopraxy (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 February 20
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.

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





A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews: 12:18-24

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not; endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the spirikled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

فصل من الرسالة إلى العبرانيّين

يا إخوَتِي، إِنَّكُم لَمْ تَقْتَرِبُوا إِلَى جَبَلٍ مَلْمُوس، ونارٍ مُتَّقِدَة، وضَبَابٍ وظَلامٍ وزَوبَعَة، وهُتَافٍ بُوق، وصَوتِ كَلِمَاتٍ طَلَبَ أَلَّذِينَ سَمِعُوهَا أَلَّا يُزَادُوا مِنهَا كَلِمَة؛ لأَنَّهُم لَمْ يُطِيقُوا تَحَمُّلَ هذَا الأُمْر: "ولَو أَنَّ بَهِيمَةً مَسَّتِ الجَبَلَ تُرْجَم!". وكانَ المَنْظَرُ رَهِيبًا حَتَّى إِنَّ مُوسَى قال: "إِنِّي خَائِفٌ ومُرْتَعِد!". بَلِ ٱقْتَرَبْتُم إلى جَبَلِ صِهْيُون، وإلى مَدِينَةِ اللهِ الحَيّ، أُورَشَلِيمَ السَّماوِيَّة، وإلى عَشَرَاتِ الأَلُوفِ منَ المَلائِكَة، وإلى عِيدٍ مَافِل، وإلى كَنِيسَةِ الأَبْكَارِ المَكْتُوبِينَ في السَّمَاوَات، وإلى اللهِ ديَّانِ الجَمِيع، وإلى أَرُواحِ الأَبْرَارِ المَكْتُوبِينَ في السَّمَاوَات، وإلى اللهِ ديَّانِ الجَمِيع، وإلى أَرُواحِ الأَبْرَارِ المَكْتُوبِينَ في السَّمَاوَات، وإلى اللهِ ديَّانِ

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:31-46

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food. I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink. I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس متى

قالَ الربُّ يَسوع: "مَتَى جَاءَ أَبْنُ الإِنْسَانِ في مَجْدِهِ، وجَمِيعُ المَلائِكَةِ مَعَهُ، يَجْلِسُ على عَرْشِ مَجْدِهِ. وتُجْمَعُ لَدَيْهِ جَمِيعُ الأَمَم، فَيُمَيِّزُ بَعْضَهُم مِنْ بَعْض، كَمَا يُمَيِّزُ الرَّاعِي الخِرَافَ مِنَ الجِدَاء. ويُقِيمُ الخِرَافَ عَنْ يَمِينِهِ وَالجِدَاءَ عَنْ شِمَالِهِ. جِينَئِذٍ يَقُولُ المَلِكُ لِلَّذِينَ عَنْ يَمِينِهِ: تَعَالَوا، يَا مُبَارَكِي أَبِي، رِثُوا المَلَكُوتَ المُعَدَّ لَكُم مُنْذُ إِنْشَاءِ العَالَمِ؛ لأَنِّي جُعْتُ فَأَطْعَمْتُمُونِي، وعَطِشْتُ فَسَقَيْتُمُونِي، وكُنْتُ غَرِيبًا فَآوَيْتُمُونِي، وعُرْيَانًا فَكَسَوْتُمُونِي، ومَريضًا فَزُرْتُمُونِي، ومَحْبُوسًا فَأَتَيْتُم إليّ. حِينَئِذ يُجِيبُهُ الأَبْرَارُ قَائِلين: يَا رَبّ، مَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ جَائِعًا فَأَطْعَمْنَاك، أَو عَطْشَانَ فَسَقَيْنَاك؟ ومَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ غَرِيبًا فَآوَيْنَاك، أَو عُرْيَانًا فَكَسَوْنَاك؟ ومَتَى رَأَيْنَاك مَريضًا أَو مَحْبُوسًا فَزُرْتُمُونِي، ومَحْبُوسًا فَأَتَيْتُم إليّ. حِينَئِذ يُجِيبُهُ الأَبْرَارُ قَائِلين: يَا رَبّ، مَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ مَريضًا أَو مَحْبُوسًا فَزُرْتُمُونِي فَيُعِيبُ المَلِكُ ويَقُولُ لَهُم: أَلحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكُم: كُلُّ مَا عَملْتُمُوهُ لأَحَدٍ إِخْوَتِي مَريضًا أَو مَحْبُوسًا فَأَيْيْنَا إِلَيْك؟ فَيُجِيبُ المَلِكُ ويَقُولُ لَهُم: أَلحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكُم: كُلُّ مَا عَملَتُمُوه لأَحَدٍ إِخْوَتِي مَريضًا أَو مَحْبُوسًا فَا يَيْمَا إِلَيْك؟ فَيُجِيبُ المَلكُ ويَقُولُ لَهُم: أَلحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكُم: كُلُّ مَا عَملَتُمُوه لأَحَدٍ إِخْوَتِي مَريضًا أَو مَحْبُوسًا فَا يَعْمَانَ فَمَا أَيْكَ عَملَتُمُوه لأَحْدِ إِنْوَتِي وعُولَا لَكُم: وَلَي مَكْنُ عَملَيبًا إلَيكَ وَمَا أَسَ أَعْمَا مَا وَمَولُونِ عَنْ مَا تَوْنَا فَرَا مَنَ وَمُومَ عُومَ وَعُنْ مَنْمَ أَنْ فَي مَا فَعَا وَ عَنْ عَائِ وَنَ وَعُرِينَا فَمَا مَعَى وَيُودُودٍ بَلَ فَعَا أَوْ عَريبًا وَى مَنَ مَنَ أَنْ مَعْنَا فَمَا وَمُ عَلَي وَعُنَ عَرَي مَا فَولَ وَيُنَا فَ فَي أَن وَنَ عَنْنَا فَمَا مَنَوْنُو مَا مَنَ وَى عَملَنُونَ أَوْ عَريبًا أَو مَريضًا أَو مَريبَانَ أَنْ مَا مَنَ عَامَا أَوْ عَريبًا فَرَا مَا مَنْ أَنْ فَمَا مَتَى وَعَا فَا أَوْ عَريبًا أَو مَريبًا أَوْ عَريبًا فَرَو مَنْ مَامِلَ مَنْ مِنَ مَا



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 2	40 Day Memorial
Sunday, Feb 9	Feast of St. Maron
Sunday, Feb 16	Deir El Ahmar Foundation
Sunday, Feb 23	Pastoral Council
Sunday, Mar 2	The Bernard Family
Sunday, Mar 9	
Sunday, Mar 16	

OUR LATEST NEWS

IT IS WITH JOY THAT WE ANNOUNCE THE BIRTH OF **NOAH YOUSSEF**, SON OF ELIAS & REMIE (RIZKALLAH) YOUSSEF.

MAY OUR LORD'S VICTORIOUS CROSS BE HIS SHELTER AND PROTECTION UNTIL THE DAY HE RECEIVES THE SEAL OF CHRIST THROUGH THE WATERS OF BAPTISM.

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