



ST. THERESA

MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH



SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD



The Flight into Egypt
الهروب الى مصر

Dec. 28-29, 2024



"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

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OUR INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

The Flight into Egypt

[St. Marina]

4:00 PM: **+Peter G. Asiaf, Jr.**

Requested by Maryanne Asiaf

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

The Flight into Egypt

10:30 AM: **+Zakhia and Hilda Khalife**

Requested by Mr. and Mrs. Charbel Khalife

New Year's Day

[Holy Day of Obligation]

The Circumcision of Jesus

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

12:00 PM Noon

WEEKDAY LITURGIES WILL
RESUME THE WEEK OF JANUARY 6
WITH AN UPDATED SCHEDULE.

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: **+Intention available on request**

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 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 DECEMBER

BREAD & WINE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF **+BOLUS AND ROSE SABA AND FAMILIES**
OFFERED BY THE FAMILY

VIGIL CANDLE FOR THE SHRINE OF ST. THERESA

IN LOVING MEMORY OF **+NACKLIE AND MARIE NESSRALLA**
OFFERED BY THE FAMILY

SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR THE TABERNACLE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF **+NAJA AND SAMERA NESSRALLA**
OFFERED BY MR. AND MRS. MANSUR NESSRALLA

VIGIL CANDLE FOR THE GOSPEL THRONE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
+YOUSEFF AND GENEIEVE FEGHALI, GEORGE SARKIS ASACK, SR
OFFERED BY MADELEINE ASACK AND FAMILY

LECTORS

SATURDAY, DEC. 28
 ENGLISH - CAUNA

SUNDAY, DEC. 29
 ARABIC - SAIDE
 ENGLISH - JOD-ANNE

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, DEC. 28

CHARBEL S.
 DANIEL Z.

SUNDAY, DEC. 29

CHARBEL C.
 CHARBEL C.
 MARTIN B.

SATURDAY, JAN 4

GIO B.
 CHARBEL B.

SUNDAY, JAN 5

MARVIN G.
 MATEO G.
 ELIE G.



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!

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.

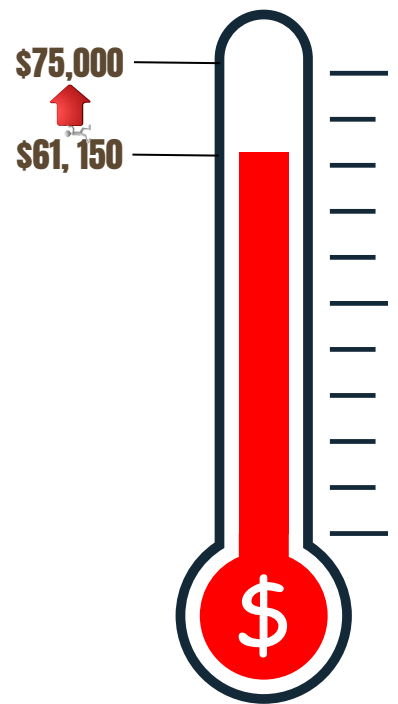
Finally, Stewardship is the way of life. We care for the gifts that God entrusts to us to be used for the sake of serving others. This means we invite every parishioner to make a commitment of time, talent and treasure to God as a steward.



OUR OFFERING

SATURDAY - 12/21/24	\$586.00
SUNDAY - 12/22/24	\$1,088.00
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	\$140.00
TOTAL WEEKLY OFFERING	\$1,814.00
WEEKLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	\$3,400.00
DEFICIT	-\$1,586.00
2ND COLLECTION FORWARDED	-

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.



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 11:23-31

Brothers and Sisters: By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months after his birth, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, unafraid of the king's anger; for he persevered as though he saw him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel. By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

Praise be to God Always.

فصلٌ مِنَ الرِّسَالَةِ إِلَى الْعِبْرَانِيِّينَ.

يَا إِخْوَتِي، "بِالْإِيمَانِ أَخْفَى مُوسَى بَعْدَ وَلادَتِهِ ثَلَاثَةَ أَشْهُرٍ عَنِ آبَوَيْهِ، لِأَنَّهُمَا رَأَيَا أَنَّ الطِّفْلَ جَمِيلٌ، وَلَمْ يَخَافَا أَمْرَ الْمَلِكِ. بِالْإِيمَانِ لَمَّا كَبُرَ مُوسَى أَبِي أَنْ يُدْعَى ابْنَ ابْنَةِ فِرْعَوْنَ، مُفَضِّلًا أَنْ يُسَاءَ مَعَ شَعْبِ اللَّهِ عَلَى أَنْ يَتَمَتَّعَ بِخَطِيئَةٍ لِحِينٍ. إِذْ حَسِبَ الْعَارَ لِأَجْلِ الْمَسِيحِ غَنَى أَعْظَمَ مِنْ كُنُوزِ مِصْرَ، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ يَنْظُرُ إِلَى الْمُجَازَاةِ. بِالْإِيمَانِ تَرَكَ مِصْرَ غَيْرَ خَائِفٍ مِنْ غَضَبِ الْمَلِكِ، لِأَنَّهُ ثَبَّتَ كَمَا يَرَى مَنْ لَا يُرَى. بِالْإِيمَانِ عَمِلَ الْفِصْحَ وَرَشَّ الدَّمَ لئَلَّا يَمْسَهُمُ الْمُهْلِكُ. بِالْإِيمَانِ عَبَرُوا الْبَحْرَ الْأَحْمَرَ كَأَنَّهُمْ عَلَى الْيَبَسَةِ، أَمَّا الْمِصْرِيُّونَ فَحَاوَلُوا أَنْ يَعْبرُوا فَغَرِقُوا. بِالْإِيمَانِ سَقَطَتْ أَسْوَارُ أَرِيحَا بَعْدَمَا دَارُوا حَوْلَهَا سَبْعَةَ أَيَّامٍ. بِالْإِيمَانِ لَمْ تَهْلِكْ رَاكِبُ الزَّانِيَةِ مَعَ الْعُصَاةِ، لِأَنَّهُ قَبِلَتْ الْجَوَاسِيَسَ بِسَلَامٍ."

والتَّسْبِيحُ لِلَّهِ دَائِمًا

OUR GOSPEL READING

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2: 13-18

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.' When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

إنجيل القديس متى

بَعْدَمَا أَنْصَرَفَ الْمَجُوسُ، تَرَاءَى مَلَاكُ الرَّبِّ فِي الْحُلُمِ لِيُوسُفَ، وَقَالَ لَهُ: «قُمْ، خُذِ الصَّبِيَّ وَأُمَّهُ، وَاهْرُبْ إِلَى مِصْرَ، وَأَبْقِ هُنَاكَ إِلَى أَنْ أَقُولَ لَكَ، لِأَنَّ هِيرُودُسَ مُزْمِعٌ أَنْ يَبْحَثَ عَنِ الصَّبِيِّ لِيُهْلِكَهُ». فَقَامَ يُوسُفُ وَأَخَذَ الصَّبِيَّ وَأُمَّهُ لَيْلاً، وَلَجَا إِلَى مِصْرَ. وَبَقِيَ هُنَاكَ حَتَّى مَاتَ هِيرُودُسُ، لِيَتِمَّ مَا قَالَهُ الرَّبُّ بِالنَّبِيِّ: «مِنْ مِصْرَ دَعَوْتُ أَبْنِيَّ». وَلَمَّا رَأَى هِيرُودُسُ أَنَّ الْمَجُوسَ سَخِرُوا مِنْهُ غَضِبَ جَدًّا. وَأَرْسَلَ فَقَتَلَ جَمِيعَ الصَّبِيَّانِ فِي بَيْتِ لَحْمَ وَضَوَاجِيهَا، مِنْ أَبْنِ سَنَتَيْنِ فَمَا دُونَ، بِحَسَبِ الزَّمَنِ الَّذِي تَحَقَّقَهُ مِنَ الْمَجُوسِ. حِينَئِذٍ تَمَّ مَا قِيلَ بِالنَّبِيِّ إِرْمِيَا صَوْتُ سُمُوعَ فِي الرَّامَةِ، بُكَاءٌ وَنَحِيبٌ كَثِيرٌ. رَا حَيْلُ تَبْكِي أَوْلَادَهَا، وَقَدْ أَبَتْ أَنْ تَتَعَزَّى، لِأَنَّهُمْ زَالُوا مِنَ الْوُجُودِ.

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
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SATURDAYS

9:45 - 11:45 AM

Jan 18

Feb 8

Mar 1

Mar 22

Apr 12

May 3

May 24

June 14

**JAN
2**

COLLEGE STUDENT LUNCH WITH ABOUNA!

Are you a college student and on holiday break?

Join Abouna on Thursday, January 2nd at 12:30pm at
The Chateau in Stoughton for a lunch and discussion!

Cost is \$15 per person.

Text your RSVP to Fr. Christian at 978-857-4815.

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