

SAINT THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Maronite Rite



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## ***Our Mission Statement***

*To establish a permanent  
Eastern Catholic presence  
for Northeast Oklahoma by  
sharing the Mysteries of  
Jesus Christ as expressed  
through the richness of the  
Maronite tradition*

### ***Divine Liturgy:***

8:30 am & 10:30am Sunday  
5:30 pm Monday through Friday  
7:00 pm Holydays

### ***Sacrament of Reconciliation***

One half hour before Mass on  
Sunday

***Baptism:*** Contact the priest as soon  
as the baby is born

***Marriage:*** Contact the priest at  
least six months prior to the  
wedding

***Sickness:*** Contact the priest if  
someone is sick at home or in the  
hospital or in a nursing home.

### ***Pastor:***

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May the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ shine in your hearts and bring you  
**HOPE** and **PEACE** for years to come.

We are in spring. Life is coming back to nature, flowers are blooming, and we are facing the beauty of nature. Enjoy every moment of life because He came to give us Hope, Life and He assures us that Life and Resurrection belong to all people with faith. This is the most beautiful and meaningful event of Christianity. This is the most wonderful time to celebrate Life; Life that endures forever. He is the one who told Martha: "I am the Resurrection and the Life." He is willing to grant us this divine gift if we believe in Him. He wants us to be with Him always.....

"I am going to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be". (Jn. 14:2-3) Let us thank our Lord for giving us life after death, and may we live life to the fullest.

## **HAVE A HAPPY AND A BLESSED EASTER**

## **CHRIST IS RISEN TRULY HE IS RISEN**

In the month of April, the Parishioners of Saint Theresse Church are going to be busy with Lebanon Fest with live entertainment. Very soon you are going to receive the schedule of this event in the coming month.

On May 16, 17, and 18 of this year our new Bishop; His Excellency A. Elias Zaidan Bishop of the Diocese of our Lady of Lebanon will bless us with His pastoral visit. The schedule will be announced in the weeks to come.

### **Dates to Remember**

**April 6 Women's Club Meeting** after 10:30 Liturgy  
Rosary at 10:00 A.M.

**April 8 Board Meeting** at 7 P.M.

**April 13 Men's Club Meeting** after 10:30 Liturgy

**April 26** 9:00 am Lebanon Fest workday

**April 28 to May 2** 6:00 pm Lebanon Fest workdays

**May 3** Lebanon Fest From 4-9 P.M.

**May 16, 17, 18 Bishop Zaidan Pastoral Visit**

- Every Friday during Lent there is soup and bread after the 5:30 Mass followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7 P.M.

**Soup signup:** April 4 Celine Karam

April 11 Aida Hatter

April 18 Ronald Fogley

- Every Sunday Catechism classes after 10.30 Mass. Children must learn about Religion and especially about the Maronite church.

**LENTEN GUIDELINES** for Maronites in the U.S.

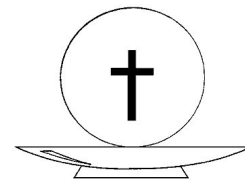
- Abstain from meat on Ash Monday and all Fridays of Lent.
- Ash Monday and the Great Friday of the Crucifixion are days of fasting. Fasting in the Maronite Church involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken but without meat. All Maronites who are physically capable are to fast on these two days.
- Those who wish to observe the more traditional Maronite practice of fasting and abstinence are encouraged to do so. That practice is: every weekday of Lent is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat and dairy products. Fasting involves eating and drinking nothing at all from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken but without meat or dairy products. Dairy products are excluded because they are animal byproducts. Saturdays and Sundays are exempt from fasting and abstaining as is the feast day of St. Joseph, March 19.

Sunday Contributions for March  
\$9,785.00

*Thank you for your generous act  
towards your Church.*

### **Mass Intentions for April 2014**

- 1 No Mass
- 2 No Mass
- 3 No Mass
- 4 Mass for Habib & Victoria Abi-Sarkis
- 5 No Mass
- 6 Healing of the Blind Man  
8:30 Mass for Eugene and Karl Brugman  
10:30 Mass for George Khalil by Josette Kamel
- 7 Mass for Joseph Abi-Sarkis
- 8 Mass for the Sick and the Dying
- 9 Mass for the Sinners to repent
- 10 Mass for Peace in Lebanon
- 11 Mass for the Souls in Purgatory
- 12 **Lazarus Saturday 10:00 A.M.** Mass for Jacob and Juanita Jorishie
- 13 Hosanna Sunday (Palm Sunday)  
8:30 Mass for Toufic Abi-Sarkis  
10:30 Mass for the Children of the Parish with Procession
- 14 Mass for the Catholic Church
- 15 Mass for Justice in the World
- 16 Mass for the Unborn Babies
- 17 7 P.M. Thursday of the Mysteries and Washing of the Feet
- 18 10:00 A.M. Prayer Service with Communion  
7 P.M. Service of the Burial of Our Lord Jesus Christ
- 19 10:00 A.M. Service of Forgiveness
- 20 The Glorious Resurrection  
8:30 Mass for the Christian Families  
10:30 Mass for Peace in the World
- 21 Mass for Marie Abi-Sarkis
- 22 Mass for the Catholic Youth
- 23 No Mass
- 24 No Mass
- 25 No Mass
- 26 No Mass
- 27 2nd Sunday of the Resurrection  
8:30 Mass for Eugene & Karl Brugman  
10:30 Mass for the Parishioners of St. Therese Parish
- 28 Mass for the Milad Antonios
- 29 Mass for Norman Nemer
- 30 Mass for the Sick and Dying of our Parish



## HOLY WEEK LITURGY SCHEDULE



April 13 **Hosanna Sunday** Mass at 8:30 A.M.

10:30 A.M. Mass with procession

April 14 Monday Mass at 5:30 Benediction of the Cross at 7P.M.

April 15 Tuesday Mass at 5:30 Benediction of the Cross at 7P.M.

April 16 Wednesday Mass at 5:30 Service of the Lamp at 7 P.M.

April 17 **Thursday of the Mysteries**-- Mass and Washing of the Feet at 7 P.M. followed by Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 P.M.

April 18 **Great Friday of the Crucifixion**--Prayer Service with Communion at 10:00 A.M.

**Burial of Our Lord** at 7 P.M. Please bring cut flowers for Our Lord's tomb.

April 19 **Great Saturday of the Light**—Forgiveness Service at 10:00 A.M.

**The Glorious Resurrection Mass** at 8:30 and 10:30 A.M.

**CONFESSIONS** 1/2 hour before every service and every Mass during Holy Week.



**Saturday, May 3, 2014**

**4:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**Saint Therese Church  
Jorishie Hall  
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# LEBANON FEST

**During the Entire Event Enjoy:**

***Safari Joe's* with his wild animals**

**Jupiter Jump for Kids, *Cesar's Latin Band*,**

**Volleyball, Hookahs, and Bake Sale**

*Grilled Chicken, Kafta, Hummus, Hashwa (rice, ground beef, almonds), Fattoush (salad), Dessert, & Beverage*

**Food will be served from 4:00 to 7:00 pm**

**Adults: \$15**

**Children under 10: \$10**

## **Bake Sale (by order only)**

<b>Baklawas</b>	<b>\$20.00 (a dozen)</b>
<b>Anis Cookies</b>	<b>\$15.00 (a dozen)</b>
<b>Zaatar Pies</b>	<b>\$18.00 (a dozen)</b>
<b>Spinach Pies</b>	<b>\$20.00 (a dozen)</b>
<b>Kebbe Ball</b>	<b>\$36.00 (a dozen)</b>

**To buy tickets or  
order from the bake sale,  
please call**

**Jackie 918 627 0271**

**Ronald Fogley 918-260-2962**

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