

August 31, September 1, 2013
16th Sunday of Pentecost



ST. ELIAS MARONITE CHURCH

Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles

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Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Daily 8:00 am Holy Days 7:00 pm (eve) and 8:00 am

Confessions: Saturday 4:00 pm or anytime upon request.

Saturday, August 31, 2013

5:00 pm

Annette Miller req. by Nadia and Saliba Shunnara

Sunday, September 1, 2013

8:00 am

Norman Habshey (40th day) req. by the Family

10:30am

Saidie Egeland req by Norma Shamy
Sue Habeishi (anniv.) req. by the Family

Liturgy Schedule & Intentions

(Daily Liturgy at 8:00 am except Wednesday)

Monday –In Thanksgiving for Father Albert

Constantine req. by Fr. Richard and Parish

Tuesday- Bishop-Elect Elias req. by St. Elias

Wednesday-**10:00 am** Ladies' Altar Society –

Peggy Antoun followed by mtg. and meal

Thursday-Bishop Robert Shaheen req. by St. Elias

Friday- **1st Friday** -Joe George (anniv.) Exposition

and Adoration 8:45am-4:00pm; Men's Hour 11:45-1:00

September 7, 2013

5:00 pm

Jeff and Elsa Wells (anniv.) req. by Kassouf Family

Adele Bostany, Cecil Bostany (anniv.) req. by Fred

Bostany Family

Sunday, September 8, 2013

8:00 am

Peter Butrus (anniv.)req. by the Family

10:30 am

James A. Boohaker (anniv.) req. by the Family

Today at St. Elias

10:10am Rosary for the sick and for peace

SICK CORNER

Please pray for our parish sick: Carol & Cyril Bergeron, Stephen Dabney, George & June Gray, Eddie & Joyce Mizerany, Joe Mizerany, Georgia Shalhoop, George& Ann Stephen, Hixie Stephens, Sheila Wadsworth, Ron Matthews, Leslie Smith, Zyne Family. St. Elias will NOT list the name of our parish sick unless it is specifically requested to be on the Sick List. Call 251-5057 to be on our list.

Join the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** group for knitting, crocheting, and praying. Planned meetings are the 1st Wednesday of the month after the Altar Society luncheon. Call Pat Numnum (408-7411) or Renee Ritchey (942-2202) for more info.

The Saint Elias Columbarium: The Niches in the Columbarium are for sale. If interested, please come to the Church Office or contact Louis Josof or Mary Milton. Trappist Monks urns are now for sale here.

The St. Elias Centennial Brick Walkway extends from the Northside parking lot to the Grotto. Purchase your brick today to be a lasting part of your Church. You can pick up your form in the church office. **See new Bricks that have been installed!**

MYO Breakfasts and MCF classes for all begin **Sunday, September 8, 2013.** Teachers' Commissioning on September 15.

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY MEMBERS may pick up their Bingo Luncheon ticket envelopes in the back of the church this weekend. The Bingo Luncheon is September 18, 2013.

Kitchen Project Moving Forward!

We have prepared the Kitchen for its transformation. We are going forward with the expanded project- the project to close in and air condition the two areas next to the kitchen, giving us much space on the left side and a new preparation room with doors and windows to serve meals on the right side.

Some parishioners have been very generous, and we are very grateful! I am calling on all parishioners, as we start this job, to give any contributions that they can so that we can complete this project soon and without a loan. Any parishioner, any friend, anyone who has worked in our upper kitchen and anyone who has eaten anything from this kitchen.....is asked to help. We need Y-O-U !!

New Qurbono books We are getting used to the new books which contain all of the liturgical seasons. **Remember, please do not stuff them into the wooden racks, leave them on the pews.**

The **bulletin and calendar** are back on the web in color! Go to www.stelias.org to see the new website. It is still a work in progress, but we think you will be pleased to see our new webpage.

ALTAR SOCIETY BINGO LUNCHEON- Sept. 18

The annual Bingo Luncheon sponsored by the Ladies Altar Society to benefit Lebanese orphans will be Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 11am-2pm in our church hall. Food will be served until 1 pm. Tickets are \$10 and include a delicious Lebanese lunch and one bingo card for a chance to win many nice prizes. Bring a friend and come enjoy this mid-day gathering. Everyone is invited!

Tickets may be purchased from any Altar Society member or call Lorraine Dabney at 978-4511. Altar Society members are asked to make a special effort to turn in luncheon ticket money or unsold tickets by Sunday, Sept. 15.

Also, members are reminded to prepare a homemade sweet for the sweets booth. Homemade Lebanese sweets or your favorite goodie recipe are always in demand!

Take-outs will be available. To have take-outs ready at a specified time, call the church hall (252-3867) before 11am on the day of the luncheon. For free delivery of 10 or more lunches, please call Juanita Milton (822-5228) for advance arrangements.

Announcements

Next class Thursday, Sept. 5, at 6:00pm for those who are interested in the Catholic faith. Call the Church 251-5057.

YOUTH CORNER: Check out our web site at

www.maroniteyouth.com

Check out the Pope's website: Pope2you.net.

Jr. MYO: Parents of incoming 6th graders, please e-mail Mr. Bouton at mikebouton@aol.com. 4-6 pm on Sunday September 15 at the Church!!

MYO: 1st Breakfast September 8

MYA: Hiking trip to Little River Canyon- September 7

STEWARDSHIP

*"For where your treasure is,
there also will your heart be."* Luke 12:34

CONTRIBUTIONS:

August 25: \$4,093.50

Assumption: \$887.00

Capital Campaign update: Pledges: \$2,954,474;

Received: \$2,569,410; Outstanding: \$385,064

2nd Collection next weekend: Patriarchal Charities

School Subsidy Parents are reminded to finish their commitment for every child whose tuition has been subsidized by St. Elias for 2012-2013 school year.

You are now overdue because we are now paying for 2013-2014 year.

Remember your Church in your gift giving.

St. Elias already has an account set up to receive stock donations at Wells Fargo. Gifts of other appreciated assets such as land, antiques, and homes can be utilized as potential gifts with tax benefits. Consult your accountant to pursue these options.

St. Elias is still looking to obtain any property on 9th Avenue South that would benefit us in the future.

Bishop Shaheen created the **Legacy Society** to recognize individuals who name the Eparchy or a parish with Eparchy as a beneficiary in a will or estate plan.

Please remember your Eparchy and parish!

Altar flowers this weekend donated in memory of Ross and Rose Marie Gagliano. Flowers may be donated by calling LaVonne Williamson.

The new St. Elias Directories are coming!

Altar Servers' Schedule

Saturday, September 7, 2013

5:00 pm Anthony Wehby and Joe Wehby

Sunday, September 8, 2013

8:00 am John Resha and John Paul Butrus

10:30 am William Chbeir and Harris Bolus

Altar Servers' practice Saturday at 10:00 am.

Pope Francis' September Prayer Intention:

Value of Silence. That people today, often overwhelmed by noise, may rediscover the value of silence and listen to the voice of God and their brothers and sisters.

Check out our library: September: Holy Cross

Pastor's Corner

Please pray for the situation in Syria. Over 2 million people have left. Pray for our country, that we will choose the proper course to bring peace.

With our dear Lebanon and the surrounding areas of war- Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Egypt- prayer to God is only what we need for the Middle East.

It is in "His" hands.

Churchwise...

1. We are in the process of demolition and preparation for our new upper kitchen and the 2 new sides being closed up for further kitchen use.

2. Finally, this week we are looking for volunteers to help with the bookholders for our new Books of Offering. Nasri Akl will oversee the job, but we need volunteers who can work at home or at the church when the bookholders are ready.

I always thought everyone should come up closer to the altar on Saturday / Sunday and not just stay in the back. As a child, my Father took his five boys to church, and we sat in the second pew from the back (probably because there were five boys)!

Today's Gospel (Luke 18:9-14) says;

*But the tax collector, standing far off,
would not even look up to heaven,
but was beating his breast and saying.*

"God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"

*I tell you, this man went down to his home justified
rather than the other;*

*for all who exalt themselves will be humbled,
but all who humble themselves will be exalted."*

September

| <i>Sun</i> | <i>Mon</i> | <i>Tue</i> | <i>Wed</i> | <i>Thu</i> | <i>Fri</i> | <i>Sat</i> |
|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|
| 1 16th Sunday of Pentecost 10:10 Rosary | 2 Labor Day Holiday 8:00 am Holiday Liturgy | 3 | 4 10:00 am Altar Society Liturgy followed by meeting and meal | 5 St. Sharbel of Raha and his sister, Martyrs Bl. Teresa of Calcutta | 6 1st Friday-Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:45am-4:00 pm; Men's Hour 11:45-1:00pm St. Michael Archangel | 7 MYA Hiking- Little River Canyon 10:00 am Altar Servers 4:00 pm Confessions |
| 8 Exaltation of the Holy Cross 9:00 MYO Breakfast 9:15 MCF Classes 10:10 Rosary Nativity of Blessed Mother | 9 Sts. Joachim and Anne Bl. Frederick Ozanam, C Council of Chalcedon 7pm Glen Iris Neighborhood Mtg. | 10 5:30 pm Stewardship Committee | 11 5:30 pm Pastoral Council | 12 | 13 | 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross (actual feast) 10:00 am Altar Servers 4:00 pm Confessions |
| 15 1st Sun. after Holy Cross 9:00 MYO Breakfast 9:15 MCF Classes 10:10 Rosary | 16 St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr | 17 St. Sophia and her 3 Daughters, Martyrs Dinner for Ohio Pilgrims | 18 Ladies Altar Society Bingo Luncheon 11am-2pm- Benefitting the orphans in Lebanon | 19 | 20 | 21 10:00 am Altar Servers 4:00 pm Confessions |
| 22 2nd Sun. after Holy Cross 9:00 MYO Breakfast 9:15 MCF Classes 10:10 Rosary | 23 St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Confessor 7pm St. Theresa Novena begins | 24 St. Thecla, First Woman Martyr 7pm St. Theresa Novena | 25 7pm- St. Theresa Novena | 26 7pm -St. Theresa Novena | 27 St. Vincent de Paul, Confessor 7pm - St. Theresa Novena | 28 Bishop Elias ordained in Harissa, Lebanon 10:00 am Altar Servers 4:00 pm Confessions 6:00 pm St. Theresa Novena |
| 29 3rd Sun. after Holy Cross 9:00 MYO Breakfast 9:15 MCF Classes 10:10 Rosary 7pm-St. Theresa Novena | 30 St. Gregory the Illuminator, M 7pm- St. Theresa Novena | | | | | |
| Daily Liturgy at 8:00 unless noted in bulletin. Rosary prayed at 10:10 am on Sundays for peace and for the sick. The St. Theresa Novena begins on September 23 and ends on October 1. Consult the weekly bulletin for most up to date information. | | | | | | |

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