

September 7, 8, 2013
17th 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, 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

10:30am

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

Liturgy Schedule & Intentions

(Daily Liturgy at 8:00 am)

Monday –Saidie Egeland req. by Norma Shamy
Tuesday- Philip Bostany req. by the Family
Wednesday-Special Intention
Thursday-Health of Nasri Akl
Friday- Norman Habshey req. by the Family

September 14, 2013

5:00 pm

Philip Bostany (anniv.) req. by the Family

Sunday, September 15, 2013

8:00 am

Rosalee Dunavant (anniv.) req. by the Family

10:30 am

Joseph Nimnum (anniv.) req. by the Family

Today at St. Elias

10:10am Rosary for the sick and for peace

**9:00 MYO Breakfast; 9:15 MCF Classes Begin
2nd collection this week-end for Patriarchal
Charities.**

SICK CORNER

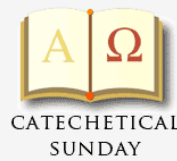
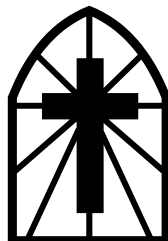
Please pray for our parish sick: Carol & Cyril Bergeron, Stephen Dabney, George & June Gray, Eddie & Joyce Mizerany, Joe Mizerany, Georgia Shalhoop, George & Ann Stephen, Hixie Stephens, Sheila Wadsworth, Ron Matthews, Leslie Smith, Zyne Family. St. Elias will NOT list the name of our parish sick unless 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!**

Eternal rest grant unto her...
deepest parish sympathy is extended to the family of Estr Harika, sister of Nolan Harika (rip) who died in Lebanon. **May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.**



This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 15,

2013, and will focus on the theme "Open the Door of Faith." Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. **Our MCF teachers will be commissioned on September 15. Parents, please commit to bringing your children to MCF classes.**

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

Join us for a delicious Lebanese lunch and bingo on Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 11am until 2pm in our church hall. Everyone is invited to the annual Bingo luncheon sponsored by The Ladies Altar Society. Proceeds will benefit Lebanese orphans. Tickets are \$10 each and are available from any Altar Society member or at the door.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEMBERS are reminded to prepare a homemade sweet for the sweets booth. Also, members should turn in ticket money or unsold tickets by Sunday, Sept. 15.

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.

HELP WANTED! Men and women volunteers are needed on Fri., Sat, Mon. and Tues. (9/13-9/17) beginning at 9am each day to prepare for the bingo luncheon. All volunteers are greatly appreciated...just come on down to the church hall.

Also, drivers are needed to deliver lunches between 10 am and 1 pm on the day of the luncheon. Please call Juanita Milton (822-5228) if you can help drive.

Announcements

Next class Thursday, Sept. 12, 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:

September 2: \$2,816.55

Patriarchal Charities: \$40.00

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

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

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 may be donated by calling LaVonne Williamson.

The new St. Elias parish directories are here! You will be able to buy them at all liturgies this weekend, or you can get them from the church office. Inserts only are \$5. A new binder with an insert is \$10. Please be sure to check all of your information to see if it is correct. Please call Mary Milton at 823-2022 for any changes or corrections. A big thanks to Mary for coordinating this project!

Altar Servers' Schedule

Saturday, September 14, 2013

5:00 pm Daniel Bolus and Jack Dahle

Sunday, September 15, 2013

8:00 am Justin Rice and Tommy Butrus

10:30 am Griffin Green and Andrew Spray

Altar Servers' practice Saturday at 10:00 am.

Pastor's Corner – The Kitchen

Once demolition began and the kitchen was gutted, we have figured out a few changes to the design that is going to make our kitchen even more functional. We are going to have a ramp from the upper kitchen to the lower kitchen instead of steps. This will allow us to use carts to wheel everything from the bottom kitchen to the bottom kitchen and vice versa. It will also allow those who have a tough time with steps easier access to the lower kitchen. We are now going to enclose both the South and North side under balcony areas giving us much more space. If you can imagine (I can't) the South Side balcony area floor surface area is larger than the main kitchen. Who knew? We are now going to have storage in the main kitchen for pots and pans and storage in the South Kitchen. In addition, we are putting in a new flooring in the main and South kitchen that is easier on fatigue when standing and working and should clean up easier. Finally, all walls in the main kitchen will be tiled for the first time.

We are really progressing on the donation front thanks to the generosity of about 75 families. We have pledges now totaling about \$200,000.00 and money in hand of about \$170,000. If you have already given your generosity is GREATLY appreciated. If you have not given, please consider doing so soon. We still need about \$50,000 for the kitchen and enclosure of the two underneath areas to have everything done with no loan. Also, there are some wish items to make the kitchen even nicer like new curtains, etc. that we would like to do if we have the money. If you have not given, please consider donating this week. All you have to do is write a check and put it in an envelope clearly marking it for the kitchen project and place in the basket at church.

Thanks much. Be patient with the construction this next couple of months and then we will have an updated functional kitchen that will serve us for many years to come.

The Maronite Christian Formation Class Teachers would like to welcome back all our children to the 2013-2014 school year. The first class for our Maronite Christian Formation Program will be Sunday, **September 8**. Parents are welcome to visit classes on Catechetical Sunday, September 15th after the Commissioning of teachers. Listed below are the names and grades of all our children grades 3-K – 12 as we know them. Please let Dora Bolus (969-1892) or Beverly Kimes (942-6847) know if you have any additions or corrections. We hope to see all of them at our weekly classes and special activities during the year. Classes will meet every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. **High School class schedule will also begin September 15th.**

Special Note: Children who enroll in our 4-5 year Kindergarten class must be 4/5 on or before September 1, 2013 and children who enroll in our 3 year old class must be 3 on or before September 1, 2013. Students who celebrate their 3rd or 4th birthday after September 1st are not eligible for classes until September 2014.

CLASS LISTS:

3-Year Olds

Stella Brasher
Ferris Habeishi
Ava Ishee
Daniella Michael
Davis Perry
Anthony Pharo
David Rumore

4-Year Olds

Jonathan Dabney
Eli Dunn
Cooper Easterling
William Ellis
Preston Ritchey
James Ripple, IV
Cole Shelf
Carley Shirah
Abigail Smith
Stephen Thornton
Christopher Toth
Adrian Wehby

5-Year Olds

Austin Akl
Nicholas Akl
Sarah Boackle
William Grubbs
Farid Habeishi
Sadie Humphrey
Elias Marinelli
Sarah Rumore
Luke Sims
Kennedy Watkins

GRADE 1

Laura Boackle
Brenna Brasher
Sophia Burke
Julia Butrus
Julia Dabney
Ben Dahle
Daniel Ellis
Jackson Hunter
Suzan Marinelli
Lily Marie Pharo
Thomas Rumore
Ty Stewart

GRADE 2

Edward Boackle
Sam Dunn
Emilia Hamblen
Petra Harika
Keira Meikus
Elizabeth Mezrano
Jacob Phipps
Avery Smith
Greer Smith
Zachary Stewart
Jackson Travis
Abigayle Wehby
Alyssa Wehby
Joseph Zarzaur

GRADE 3

Elizabeth Boackle
Seth Burke
Paul Carlisle
Danielle Chbeir
Avereigh Easterling
Julie Mezrano
Andrew Rumore
Briley Shiriah
Cole Smith
Jacob Taylor
Ben Tudisco
Christopher Wamble
J.P. Zarzaur

GRADE 4

Samir Abou-haida
Daniel Boackle
Zane Boackle
Tommy Butrus
Ann Louise Chamoun
Jack Dahle
Lauren Grubbs
Olivia Hannon
Ashton Scott McDonald
Andrew Spray

GRADE 5

Claire Campbell
Ryleigh Easterling
Benjamin Ferris
Ross Gagliano
Sarah Mezrano
Mary Margaret Rumore

Tony Samaha
J.T. Self
Brooke Stewart
Dylan Taylor
Alan Welborn
Zane Williams

GRADE 6

Justin Boackle
Russell Boackle
John Paul Butrus
Sam Chamoun
William Chbeir
James Foster
Reagen Gagliano
Savannah Meikus
Queenie Samaha
Aubrey Shirah
Cole Smith

GRADE 7

Isabella Boackle
Parker Campbell
Caroline Chamoun
Elissa Harika
Nadia McDonald
Matthew Mizerany
Dominic Rumore
Samuel Tudisco
Anthony Wehby
Bella Williams
Sierra Zaidan

GRADE 8

Josi Boackle
Michael Boackle
Ben Boohaker
Lindsey Boohaker
Anthony Bostany
Emily Carlisle
Michael Duvall
Marie Therese Ghossein
Griffin Greene
Lily Henley
Nelson Mills
Mireille Semaan
Matthew Wurm

GRADE 9

Bailey Boohaker
Brooke Bouton
Zackary Carlisle
Simon Chamoun
Will Chamoun
Jessie Ferris
Maria Harika
Charles Anthony Rumore
Brian Michael Toner
Chloe Tudisco
Peyton Wilson

GRADE 10

Mac Boackle
Harris Bolus
Evelyn Bostany
Isaiah Chamoun
Avery Duvall
Naeem Ghossein
Katharine Henley
Patrick Kimes
Patrick Mills
Will Mizerany
Maurice Semaan
Joe Wehby
Rhianna Zaiden

GRADE 11

Ghada Abou-Haidar
Lauren Bahakel
Rietta Bolus
Vince Bolus
George Chamoun
Haley Habshey
Ethan Mitchell
Frank Money
Justin Rice

GRADE 12

Gabrielle Aboujaoude
Annabeth Boehme
Daniel Bolus
Zachary Boohaker
Will Bouton
Anthony Ghossien
Jacob Kimes
Stan Mizerany
John Resha
Sydney Rice
Brandan Smith
Christian Thornton
Courtney Wehby
Andy Wurm