

September 14,15, 2013
Feast of the Holy Cross
1st Sunday after Holy Cross



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 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

10:30am

Joseph Nimnum (anniv.) req. by the Family

Liturgy Schedule & Intentions

(Daily Liturgy at 8:00 am except Thursday)

Monday –Mr. and Mrs. Sami Atieh for a Blessed Marriage

Tuesday- Carol Kay Hoyo req. by Father Richard

Wednesday-Lillian Rachid req. by Father Richard

Thursday-**10am** Peace in Syria and Middle East

Friday- James and Josephine B. Boohaker req. by the Family

September 21, 2013

5:00 pm

Harriet Bostany (1st anniv.) req. by the Family

Sunday, September 22, 2013

8:00 am

Kevin Butrus (anniv.)

10:30 am

Rose B. Zyne (anniv.) req. by the Family

Faride Harika (anniv.) req by the Family

Today at St. Elias

9:15 Commissioning of MCF Teachers

10:10am Rosary for the sick and for peace

9:00 MYO Breakfast; 9:15 MCF Classes

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!**

St. George Annual Festival this week! Thursday – Saturday, September 19-21, 2013. Dine-in/Take-out hours 10:30 am – 9pm; Drive-thru 11 am – 7 pm. Amin Sultan band live Friday and Saturday nights. Religious articles for sale. Arabic dancing performed by the youth nightly. **Let's support our neighbors!**

This year, the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday TODAY, 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 Today at 9:15 am. Parents, please commit to bringing your children to MCF classes. Classes began last Sunday.

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.

Upcoming Eparchial Events

*The Parish of Our Lady of Lebanon in Washington, D.C. invites you to a celebration in honor of its former pastor, **Chorbishop Seely Beggiani** on the occasion of his **Retirement as Rector of the Seminary.** Friday, October 4, 2013 – 6:00 pm- Divine Liturgy Dinner to follow at 7:30 pm in the Social Hall Our prayers are with Chorbishop Beggiani as we thank him for his many years of faithful service.*

The Consultors and the Protopresbyters of the Diocese of Our Lady of Lebanon invite you to a celebration of the Priesthood of Our Lord Jesus Christ on the occasion of the

Retirement of Bishop Robert J. Shaheen

St. Raymond's Complex, St. Louis, MO Friday, October 25th, 2013

Mass at 6:00 pm; Cocktails 7:15 pm; Dinner 8:00pm

Let us join in prayer and thank God for Bishop Shaheen's years of faithful service.

Baptized and confirmed at St. Elias....John David Welbourne, son of Tim and Harmony (Habshey) Welbourne and Elizabeth Ann Flemming, daughter of Michael and Audrey (Joseph) Flemming....We wish them a blessed and long life in the Lord.



Announcements

Next class Thursday, Sept. 19, 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 today at the Church!! Welcome new members.

MYO: Picnic today 12-4 at Tannehill. Meet here.

MYA: Thanks to those who went hiking Saturday!

STEWARDSHIP

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

CONTRIBUTIONS:

September 9: \$4,793.75

Patriarchal Charities: \$1,135.00

Capital Campaign update: Pledges: \$2,954,985;

Received: \$2,570,231; Outstanding: \$384,754

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 21, 2013

5:00 pm Anthony Bostany and Jack Dahle

Sunday, September 22, 2013

8:00 am Daniel Boackle and J. T. Self

10:30 am William Chbeir and Ben Farris

Altar Servers' practice Saturday at 10:00 am.

Pastor's Corner – The Kitchen

Demolition in the kitchen is slowing done. 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 upper kitchen and vice versa. It will also allow those who have a tough time with steps easier access to the lower kitchen. The cement for the ramps have been poured. The enclosed South and North side under balcony areas are 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.

ANNUAL BINGO LUNCHEON SEPTEMBER 18!!



The annual Bingo Luncheon sponsored by the Ladies Altar Society to benefit Lebanese orphans will be Wednesday, September 18, 2013 from 11am-2pm in our church hall. Tickets are \$10 and include a delicious Lebanese lunch and one bingo card for a chance to win many nice prizes. There will also be door prizes, a tea cup auction, and a \$100 money tree drawing. Bring a friend and come enjoy this mid-day gathering. Everyone is welcome! Tickets may be purchased from any Altar Society member or call Lorraine Dabney at 978-4511.

Take-outs will also 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.

MEN AND WOMEN HELPERS NEEDED!

This annual event serves about 1000 lunches in 3 hours. The Altar Society could really use some additional help. We are especially in need of volunteer drivers who can deliver lunches between 10 am and 1 pm. If you can help drive, please call Juanita Milton (822-5228.) Another volunteer opportunity for any willing parishioner will be at 9 am on Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday (Sept. 13- Sept. 17) in the church hall to prepare food for the bingo luncheon. All helping hands, men and women, are greatly appreciated...just come on down!

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.

