

February 15, 16, 2014
Sunday of the Righteous and Just



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, February 15, 2014

5:00 pm

Charles G. Zyne req. by the Family
George Bostany (anniv.) req. by the Family

Sunday, February 16, 2014

8:00 am

Jack Kammerer (anniv.) req. by the Family

10:30am

Helen and Nolan Harika (anniv.) and Chehade and Hanna Wehby
Harika (anniv.) req. by Michel and Susan Wehby and Family

Liturgy Schedule and Intentions

(Daily Liturgy – 8:00 am)

Monday- Georges Assaad req. by Father Richard
Tuesday- Rose Marie Gagliano req. by Hixie and Karen Stephens
Wednesday- Louis, Billie, and Margaret Shaia
Thursday- Special Intention
Friday – Norman Azar req. by Elaine and Omra Kassouf and Janice Toner

Saturday, February 22, 2014

5:00 pm

Louis Deep Joseph Family

Sunday, February 23, 2014

8:00 am

Jacob and Ida Butrus

10:30 am

Salim and Maheba and Matthew Wehby (anniv.)
req. by the Family

9:00 am MYO Breakfast; 9:15 am MCF Classes

10:10 am Rosary

SICK CORNER

Please pray for our parish sick: Carol & Cyril Bergeron, Stephen Dabney, George & June Gray, Eddie & Joyce Mizerany, Sierre Zaidan, 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!**

Bishop Elias to visit us! Bishop Elias will make his first visit to St. Elias on the weekend of March 28-30, 2014. Details of the weekend will be announced later. On **Ash Monday, March 3**, the MYA will prepare a Lenten dinner to be served from 5:30-6:30pm – more details later!

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.

New Construction has begun on the Deacon Joe Stephens Memorial on the rectory side of the church. **The rectory and church steps on the Southside are gone - WOW!**

During this time there will be limited access to parking in the small lot by the rectory. All are encouraged to park on the north side of the church and enter the hall and/or church from that direction. Johnson Kreis is the construction company. We will keep you updated as work continues. Thank you for your cooperation....sorry for any inconvenience. It's another construction job!!! It will be beautiful!

Parish contribution envelopes are available in the church office now.

We are looking for more people to help with **Project Roots**. People wanting to work can call Michel Wehby or Chorbishop Richard. Workers will be paid by the Project Roots program for each family.

Festival Dance Practice continues on Fridays at 4:30 pm for all grades except college students. Call Theresa Garnem at 967-9299.

St. Elias 16th Annual Food and Cultural Festival is set for **April 25-26, 2014**. Mark your calendar!

NAM Scholarship applications are now available online. The deadline is May 15, 2014.

Father Richard is looking for the person who borrowed the film of St. Rita to return it.

Festival Second Cooking Session: We need you. Please come **Saturday, February 22** and help us cook spinach pies. We will start around 9 and will try to finish by two or whenever we finish. Do not feel like you have to come the whole time. We could use your help even for an hour or two. No experience needed. Lunch will be provided for workers. Please come and help if you can. Thanks much.

Many thanks to all for making our St. Maron Banquet such a wonderful parish occasion. We witnessed the burning of the mortgage for our first and only loan ever! Congratulations to **Nasri Akl and George Aboujaoude** who were named **Parishioners of the Year for 2014**. It was a great way to celebrate our feast day!

Service Opportunities at St. Elias....If you are interested in being a **lector**, contact Phillip Wehby at 281-1496. If you are interested in joining the **choir**, contact Leslie Abdo at 979-3459. Boys interested in being **altar servers**, speak to Chorbishop Richard. Great ways of getting involved!

Announcements

Catholic Information classes will be held on Thursdays at 5:30pm. Next class: February 20. Call the church office if you are interested 251-5057.

YOUTH CORNER: Check out our web site at www.maroniteyouth.com

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

Jr. MYO: Thanks to 8th graders for serving!

MYO: Thanks for serving! 5-7 pm today at church.

MYA: Next meeting Feb. 25. Prep for Lenten Dinner.

STEWARDSHIP

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

CONTRIBUTIONS:

February 9, 2014: \$4,684.50

Catholic Home Missions \$415.00

Feast of St. Maron \$290.00

Capital Campaign update: Pledges: \$2,997,963;

Received: \$2,644,483; Outstanding: \$353,480

School Subsidy Reminder to parents of children who are subsidized to pay subsidy for your children as soon as possible. **Don't forget!** Your church, St. Elias, is paying for your child every month. All subsidies must be in my April, 2014.

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 in the Eparchy as a beneficiary in a will or estate plan. Please remember your Eparchy and parish.

Endowment Fund Fulfillment of your pledge commitments and future contributions made, including memorials, will now go toward funding the endowment. The Endowment Fund will ensure that money will be available in the future for major improvements or repairs to the church property.

Altar flowers may be donated by calling LaVonne Williamson.

The new St. Elias parish directories are available in the church office! Inserts only are \$5. A new binder with an insert is \$10. Please call Mary Milton at 823-2022 for any changes or corrections in your information.

Altar Servers' Schedule

Saturday, February 22, 2014

5:00 pm Daniel Bolus and Anthony Bostany

Sunday, February 23, 2014

8:00 am Tommy Butrus and John Paul Butrus

10:30 am William Chamoun and Griffin Green

Altar Servers' practice Saturday at 10:00 am

Pope's Prayer Intention for February

Universal: That the church and society may respect the wisdom and experience of older people.

Library Exhibit....In honor of the saints

The St. Elias Sixteenth Annual Food and Cultural Festival silent auction committee needs the help of all parishioners in obtaining items for our silent auction. All donations are appreciated. The rectory is our collection area for the donations. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Wanda Elkourie (987-7567, welkourie@charter.net) or Paul Bolus (967-0776, pbolus@babco.com). Please use your network to help us out. Thank you!

Pastor's Corner

During the recent eparchial retreat it was announced that I would be the Vicar General for the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon.

Education #2 Canon 249, continued...

For that reason, the eparchial bishop must be informed of important decisions taken or considered by the protosyncellus (Vicar general) and synellus, who must act in conformity with the will and mind of the eparchial bishop. If a favor was denied by the eparchial bishop, the protosyncellus and syncellus cannot validly grant it.

Canon 250..The protosyncellus and the syncelli who are presbyters have, during the time they hold office, the privileges and insignia of the first dignity after the episcopal dignity.

During their tenure in office, priests who hold the office of protosyncellus or synellus enjoy all the rights and privileges immediately subordinate to the episcopal dignity. (TBC)

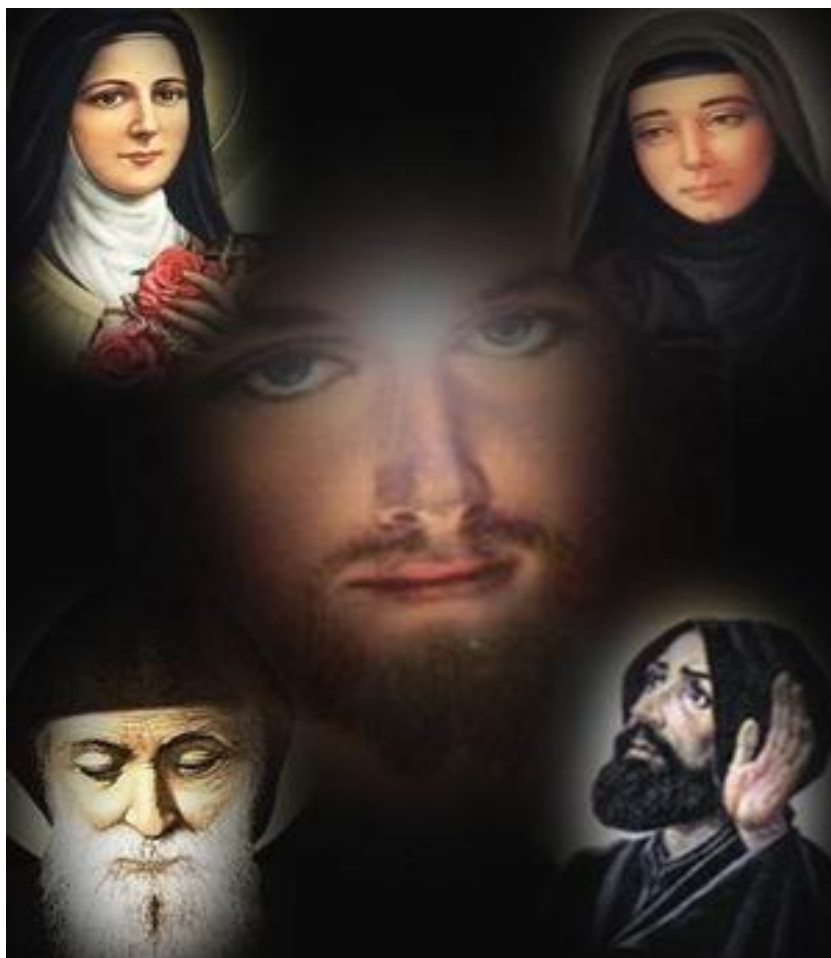
From our Eparchial Statutes:

What does a Vicar General do?

He works closely with the Advisor to Priests regarding the following:

1. clergy assignments
2. retirement
3. leaves of absence
4. personal difficulties experienced by the clergy

SUNDAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND JUST



Congratulations to our children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on February 14, 2014

Edward Lawrence Boackle

Avery Elizabeth Smith

Sam Wesley Dunn

Joseph Greer Smith

Emilia Grace Hamblen

Jackson Hunter Travis

Petra Harika

Abigayle Mariam Wehby

Keira Elizabeth Meikus

Alyssa Wehby

Elizabeth Kate Mezrano

