

January 18, 19, 2014
2nd Sunday after Epiphany



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, January 18, 2014

5:00 pm

Y. Hawie Sr. and Jr. (anniv.) req. by the Family

Sunday, January 19, 2014

8:00 am

Peggy Z. Antoun req. by Mabel Zeheeni

10:30am

Bader & Naeem, Ibrahim & Saada Harika req. by Khalil and Selma Ghossein

Liturgy Schedule and Intentions

(Daily Liturgy – see schedule below)

Monday- **6:00 am** Edna Michael, aunt of Bishop-
Emeritus Robert Shaheen, req. by Fr.
Richard and Parish

Tuesday- Friday – No morning liturgy here.
Maronite Priests' retreat.

Saturday, January 25, 2014

5:00 pm

Stephen Joseph (anniv.) req. by the Family

Sunday, January 26, 2014

8:00 am

For All Parishioners

10:30 am

Mishell and Louise Milton (anniv.) req. by the
Family

Today at St. Elias

10:10am Rosary

9:00 am NAM Breakfast- All are invited!

9:15 am MCF Classes

3:00 pm Annual Parish Meeting

4:00 pm Festival Planning Meeting

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 29-30, 2014. Details of the weekend will be announced 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.

Kitchen Renovation Update: The Church Kitchen is almost finished!!

1. The new kitchen is finished in its construction phase. Some tables will be replaced with smaller ones to give us more room on the main floor.
2. The kitchen has undergone the fire and city inspections.
3. A special church committee will overlook the placement of items in the lower kitchen.

Endowment Fund The only loan the church has ever had (for the capital campaign construction projects) has been paid off. 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. Thank you for your generosity and we will look forward to the "burning of the mortgage!"

Parish contribution envelopes are available in the church office now.

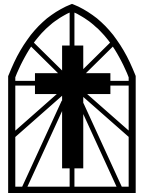
United in the Mystery of Crowning at St. Elias.....

John Gerard Joseph, Jr. of St. Elias and Marie Victoria George of St. Bede's in Montgomery. Best wishes for a long and happy married life in the Lord, Mr. and Mrs. John Joseph, Jr.



Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord....

parish sympathy is extended to family and friends of Barbara Terch of St. Elias who died last week....**and let perpetual light shine upon her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed.**



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.

Magnificat Luncheon to be held at St. Elias on Saturday, January 25, 2014 from 11:30am – 2:30pm. The speaker is Chaplain Meredith Young. Tickets may be purchased from Alpha Church Supply.

Announcements

Catholic Information classes will be held on Thursdays at 5:30pm. First class January 30. Call church office if 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 for those who came to the march.

MYO: Progressive dinner today. Leaving at 6:00 pm.

MYA: Next meeting Tuesday, Jan. 28 Pizza & Movie

STEWARDSHIP

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

CONTRIBUTIONS:

January 12, 2014: \$13,641.50

Initial Offering \$370.00

Maronite Voice \$299.00

Capital Campaign update: Pledges: \$2,997,382;

Received: \$2,643,707; Outstanding: \$353,675

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 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 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.

St. Elias 16th Annual Food and Cultural Festival is set for April 25-26, 2014. Mark your calendars now. Cooking dates will be announced soon. The first planning meeting will follow the annual parish meeting....**4:00 pm Sunday, January 19, 2014.** All chairpersons are asked to attend.

Altar Servers' Schedule

Saturday, January 25, 2014

5:00 pm Joe Wehby and Anthony Wehby

Sunday, January 26, 2014

8:00 am John Paul Butrus and John Resha

10:30 am Harris Bolus and Griffin Green

Altar Servers' practice Saturday at 10:00 am

Pope's Prayer Intention for January:

For Evangelization: Christian Unity That Christians of diverse denominations may walk toward unity desired by Christ

Library Exhibit....The Epiphany (January 6) and St. Ephrem (Feast Day January 28, 2014)

Annual Parish Meeting today, January 19!

- Vote for 3 new Pastoral Council members!
- Hear reports from all parish organizations!
- Hear about future parish events in 2014!

3:00 pm.....Special dessert... Zlaibeh

The St. Maron Feastday Banquet will be held on **Sunday, February 9th at Noon.** Tickets are \$15 and will go on sale beginning at the annual church meeting today and will be sold after all liturgies next weekend.

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

Natural Family Planning classes will begin on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2 pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Gardendale. Discover a natural way to postpone or achieve a pregnancy that is medically safe, 99% effective in postponing pregnancy, very low cost, often has a positive effect on the couple's marriage, and is morally acceptable according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. For additional information contact Harold or Kathy Gray at 205-631-0568, or e-mail kagray222@hotmail.com. Registration is online at www.ccli.org

St. Francis Xavier School will hold Kindergarten registration for the 2014-2015 school year from January 21-February 3rd, and will begin registration for 1st-8th graders on February 3rd.

"Lord Jesus, Word of God, the prophets spoke of you in their prophecies which you fulfilled through your baptism by John, the forerunner. Now may your Holy Spirit renew us and enlighten us, that we may know you. We raise glory and thanks to you, to your Father, and to your Holy Spirit, forever. Amen"

From the Weekday Liturgy for Season of Epiphany



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EPARCHY OF ST. MARON OF BROOKLYN
EPARCHY OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON

NAM Breakfast

Sunday, January 19th, 2014

9:00am

Menu

Scrambled Eggs	Hash Brown Casserole	Cinnamon Rolls
Sausage	Regular & Cheese Grits	Coffee
Bacon	Biscuits	Orange Juice

\$4.00 per person

- Visit the Membership Table to check your current status as a NAM member or sign up for a new membership.
- Our Lady of Victory Church is hosting the 51st Annual Maronite Convention in Pittsburgh, PA from July 2nd -6th. If you are planning to attend, please book your rooms now at the Wyndam Grand Pittsburgh Downtown Hotel – 412-391-4600. Rooms are \$125.00 per night. Please visit www.nam2014pittsburgh.org or www.namnews.org for more information.
- A 2014 Local Vocations Awareness Posters/Essays/Multimedia Contest will be held at St. Elias. Prizes will be awarded.

SEVERAL PARISH EVENTS THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 19! WELCOME TO ALL!

3:00 pm Annual Parish Meeting

- Choose 3 new Parish Council members....Candidates are Emily Issa, Carlo Joseph and Phillip Wehby
 - Hear reports from all parish organizations
 - Hear future plans for the parish in 2014
 - Enjoy zlaibeh donuts!

4:00 pm Food Festival Planning Meeting - all are welcome!

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