

March 29, 30, 2014
Healing of the Paralytic



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, March 29, 2014

5:00 pm

Deceased of Joseph and Saada Kassouf Family

Sunday, March 30, 2014

8:00 am

Herbert S. Wehby (anniv.) req. by the Family

10:30am

Marie Sharbel (40th day) req. by the Family

***Welcome Bishop A. Elias Zaidan
to St. Elias this weekend!!***

Liturgy Schedule and Intentions

(Daily Liturgy -8 am unless specified below)

Monday-Gloria Mizerany req. by Loraine Boackle

Tuesday- No liturgy here

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

Thursday- No liturgy here

Friday – **1st Friday**- 8:00 am Communion Service;

8:45 Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament 8:45 am-4:00pm; Men's Hour 11:45am

– 1 pm

Saturday, April 5, 2014

5:00 pm

Betty Mizerany (40th day) req. by the Family

Sunday, April 6, 2014

8:00 am

Rose Marie Gagliano (1st anniv.) req. by the Family

10:30 am

Suzan Marinelli req. by the Family

Today at St. Elias

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

10:10 am Rosary

12:00 Lebanese Family Luncheon with Bishop

If you are not attending the luncheon, we encourage everyone to introduce your family to the bishop after the Divine Liturgy or after the banquets.

SICK CORNER

Please pray for our parish sick:

Madison Alford 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.

New policy: Names will remain on the list for 6 weeks.

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!**

Congratulations to our new Subdeacons ordained this weekend by Bishop A. Elias Zaidan: **Mark Ferris and James Wehby**. Best wishes for many years of faithful service to the church!

Updated progress on the Deacon Joe Stephens Memorial on the rectory side of the church.....

The cement foundation of the porch has been formed and the limestone steps will be placed on the rectory and the south church entrance. The copper roof is being placed.

The covered walkway from the Rectory is being filled in this week with the electricity and forms are being made for the new walkway. We do not have any details about the time of completion. I am sure the weather will be a factor. Thank you for your cooperation....sorry for any inconvenience.

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 Kindergarten-Saturdays 2:00pm; Grades 1-4 Sundays 10:30 am; Grades 5-8 Saturdays 2:00pm; High School Sundays 11:30am

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.

Our next cooking session will be this Saturday, April 5 and we will be making kaak. We will start around 9 and will try to finish by three. 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.

This week at St. Elias:

Tues. April 1 7:30pm Men's Softball Spain Park #3

Wednesday, April 2 – Ladies Altar Society Lenten

Day with Fr. Frank Muscolino; 9am Confessions,

10:00am Liturgy followed by Spiritual Talk and Lunch

Friday, April 4- 1st Friday (see schedule above);

7pm Stations and Procession of Cross

Baptized and confirmed at St. Elias

Cecilia Aubrey Charles, daughter of Sarah(Kassouf) and Greg Charles and Joseph Michael Kassouf, son of Michael and Belinda Kassouf....

Best wishes for a long life in the Lord!

Congratulations to 12 new members of the Order of St. Sharbel being installed this weekend: Andrew Charles, Cecilia Charles, Rosalyn Elkourie, James Kassouf, Joseph Kassouf, Mary Claire Kassouf, Allison Stephen, Scott and Valerie Wepfer, Zachary Wepfer, Alexandra Wepfer, and Victoria Wepfer. Thank you for your support for the Order! Anyone interested in joining please come to the church office.



Announcements

Catholic Information classes will be held on Thursdays. Next class: April 10. 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 for helping Monday and weekend!

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MYA: Thanks for helping for the weekend!

STEWARDSHIP

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

CONTRIBUTIONS:

March 23, 2014: \$4,663.15

Eparchial Appeal \$2022.00

Capital Campaign update: Pledges: \$3,000.912;

Received: \$2,648,492; Outstanding: \$352,420

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 by 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, who created the **Legacy Society**, and Bishop Elias now, would like 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.

The St. Elias Foundation funds will ensure that money will be available in the future for major improvements or repairs to church property

Altar flowers may be donated by calling LaVonne Williamson. There will be no more flower donations until Holy Thursday and Easter.

MYA is requesting items for their **Silent Auction** during the Festival. Any item is welcome – should be in good condition. Deliver to the church hall marked for MYA Auction. Contact Anthony Bolus 901-4856.

Altar Servers' Schedule

Saturday, April 5, 2014

5:00 pm Jack Dahle and Frank Money

Sunday, April 6, 2014

8:00 am John Resha and J. P. Self

10:30 am William Chbeir and Ben Ferris

Altar Servers' practice Saturday at 10:00.

Pope's Prayer Intention for April

Hope for the Sick. That the Risen Lord may fill with hope the hearts of those who are being tested by pain and sickness.

Library Exhibit.... Don't forget the library exhibit while Bishop Elias is here...it is in his honor!

Pastor's Corner

I would like to thank all who have helped in preparing for Bishop Elias' first visit to our church in Birmingham. I hope everyone was able to visit Bishop Elias and introduce their family to him. I am thankful that Father Milad, the bishop's secretary, came from Houston to be with us. I would like to thank especially those in the kitchen, our caterer on Saturday and our parishioners who worked in the kitchen Sunday, those who helped set up, those who decorated all this weekend, to the servers and choir at the ordination. Finally, congratulations to our 2 new Subdeacons, Mark Ferris and Jimmy Wehby and to their wives.

Top Lenten Resolutions

1. 8am Daily Liturgy at St. Elias
2. Confession to start the season
3. Friday Lenten Devotions at 7 pm
4. Friday abstinence from meat
5. Fast from sin
6. Charity giving (Eparchial Appeal)
7. Give from your heart, without any mention
8. Personal reconciliation
9. Pray for peace
10. Sunday Classes at 9:15 am
11. Contact, speak to or visit a fallen away Maronite family; Invite a new family to attend

Chorbishop Richard's Mottos for the Sundays of Great Lent....

1. "Do what he tells you"
2. "I do will it...be cured"
3. "Someone touched me...Daughter, your faith has made you well...go in peace."
4. "...he was lost and has been found."
5. "your sins are forgiven."

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| ◀ March | | | | | | May ▶ |
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | 1 St. Mary the Egyptian, Confessor | 2 Ladies' Altar Society Lenten Day of Recollection 9:00am Confessions 10:00am Liturgy 11:00 am Spiritual Talk Noon Lunch | 3 Isaiah and Ezekiel the Prophets, Confessors | 4 1st Friday-8am Communion Service; Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:45 am-4:00pm; Men's Hour 11:45am – 1 pm 7pm-Stations/Cross Abstinence from meat | 5 9:00 Festival Cooking 10:00 Altar Servers 4:00 Confessions |
| 6 Healing of the Blind Man 9:00 MYO Breakfast 9:15 MCF Classes 10:10 Rosary | 7 St. John the Baptist de la Salle, Confessor | 8 The Second Council of Nicea (787) 4:00 pm Stewardship Committee 8:30 Men's Softball | 9 5:30 pm Pastoral Council | 10 The Miracle of the Icon of Christ in Beirut | 11 Temptation of Jesus in Wilderness 7pm Stations of the Cross Abstinence | 12 Saturday of the Raising of Lazarus 9:00 Festival Cooking 10:00 Altar Servers 4:00 Confessions |
| 13 Hosanna Sunday (Palm Sunday) No MYO Breakfast No MCF Classes | 14 7:30 am Safo 8:00 am Liturgy 6:30 pm Ramsho 7:00pm Service 8:00 PM Tomb Builders | 15 7:30 am Safo 8:00 am Liturgy 6:30pm Ramsho 7:00 pm Service 7:30 Men's Softball | 16 St. Bernadette Soubirous, Confessor 7:30 am Safo 8:00 am Liturgy 6:30 pm Ramsho 7:00 pm Service 8:00pm High School Altar Server Practice | 17 Thursday of the Mysteries 8:00 am Safo (No 8 am Liturgy) 7:00 pm Washing of the Feet – Liturgy 8:30 pm Adoration | 18 Great Friday of the Crucifixion 7:30 am Safo 8:00 am Pre-Sanctified 1:30pm Stations 5-7 MYO Dinner 7pm Burial of Our Lord 8:30pm Ramsho Fast and Abstinence | 19 Great Saturday of the Light 8:30 am Safo 9:00 Awaited Light-Confessions 9:00 Festival Cooking 10:00 Altar Servers 2:00pm Egg Hunt 3-5pm Confessions No 5pm Liturgy today |
| 20 The Glorious Resurrection Midnight Liturgy (no 8 am Liturgy today) 10:30 am Liturgy No MYO Breakfast No MCF Classes | 21 St. Anselm, Doctor of the Church, Confessor | 22 | 23 St. George, Martyr | 24 St. Saba the Commander, Martyr | 25 St. Mark the Evangelist, Apostle St. Elias Food and Cultural Festival | 26 St. Marcellinus, Confessor 10:00 Altar Servers 4:00 Confessions St. Elias Food and Cultural Festival |
| 27 New Sunday 9:00 MYO Breakfast 9:15 MCF Classes 10:10 Rosary | 28 St. John, One of the 72 Disciple, Apostle | 29 St. Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church, Confessor | 30 St. James, Son of Zebedee, Brother of the Lord, Apostle | Daily Liturgy at 8 am unless noted in bulletin. Rosary prayed at 10:10 am on Sundays for peace and for the sick. MYO Breakfasts at 9:00 am on Sundays. Maronite Christian Formation Classes at 9:15 am on Sundays. Consult the weekly bulletin for the most current information. See complete Holy Week Schedule in weekly bulletin for Hosanna Sunday. | | |