

March 8, 9, 2014
Healing of the Leper



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 8, 2014

5:00 pm

Charles Boackle (anniv) req. by the Family

Sunday, March 9, 2014

8:00 am

Peggy Antoun req. by Norman and Lisa Bolus

10:30am

For All Parishioners

Liturgy Schedule and Intentions

(Daily Liturgy – 8:00 am except Monday and Tuesday)

Monday- No Liturgy here today

Tuesday- No 8am liturgy today

5:30 pm Deceased of Cedars Club - 2013

Wednesday- 8am For a blessed Lent

5:30pm Montevallo Liturgy

Thursday- Hikel Boohaker req. by the Family

Friday – Mike Mizerany req. by Hixie and Karen Stephens

Saturday, March 15, 2014

5:00 pm

Mike and Penny Boackle (anniv.) req by the Family

Sunday, March 16, 2014

8:00 am

Suzan Marinelli (anniv.) req. by the Family

10:30 am

For All Parishioners

Today at St. Elias

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

10:10 am Rosary

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!**

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

Don't forget to set your clocks AHEAD one hour this Saturday night!

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

The cement has been laid for the foundations of the rectory steps, the south church steps and the lower steps from the parking lot. The outline of the new steps from the parking lot is now visible. There will be cement poured, which will hold our new limestone steps.

This was a good week as we saw the steel outline of the covered walkway from the Rectory to the south of the Church 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 continues on Fridays at 4:30 pm through grade 8. 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.

Our next cooking session will be this Saturday, March 15 and we will be making meat pies. 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!
Bishop Elias to visit us! Bishop Elias will make his first visit to St. Elias on the weekend of March 28-30, 2014. See schedule on back page. **Tickets** will be required for some events and will be on sale this weekend. \$50 for both Saturday night and Sunday lunch. Separate price is \$30 for each event.

This week at St. Elias:

Tuesday, March 11-7:30pm Men's Softball at Spain Park Field #3

Thursday, March 12 – 5:30pm- Joint Meeting of Pastoral Council and Stewardship Committee
Friday, March 14- Stations and Procession of the Cross

Tickets are on sale this weekend for the 2 parish meals with Bishop Zaidan. For **both** the Saturday night banquet and the Sunday Lebanese Lunch, the cost is \$50 per person. **Separate tickets** to each event are \$30 apiece. Let's have a great turnout!

Announcements

Catholic Information classes will be held on Thursdays. Next class: March 13 TBA. 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 those who came Sunday.

MYO: Thanks for the great Breakfast that you make for the parish on Sundays.

MYA: Thanks for the great Ash Monday Lenten dinner. Meeting & meal this Monday 6:30pm.

STEWARDSHIP

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

CONTRIBUTIONS:

March 1, 2014: \$5,149.15

Eparchial Appeal \$262.00

Caritas Lebanon \$581.00

Capital Campaign update: Pledges: \$2,998,204;
Received: \$2,645,054; Outstanding: \$353,150

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 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 donations at Wells Fargo. Gifts of other appreciated assets such as land, antiques, and homes can be, 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. Flowers last weekend were donated by the Stephens Family in memory of Bob and Gloria Stephens. There will be no more flower donations until Holy Thursday and Easter.

Altar Servers' Schedule

Saturday, March 15, 2014

5:00 pm Anthony Bostany and Jack Dahle

Sunday, March 16, 2014

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

10:30 am William Chamoun and Griffin Green

Altar Servers' practice Saturday at 10:00 am

Pope's Prayer Intention for March

Respect for Women. That all cultures may respect the rights and dignity of women.

Vocations. That many young people may accept the Lord's invitation to consecrate their lives to proclaiming the Gospel

Library Exhibit....Lent and Blessed Mother Feast

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

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

A prayer for the 2nd^T Week of Great Lent:

O, Lord, during this holy Lent may we quell the inclinations and passions of the body, purify our hearts of hate, jealousy, pride and anger, arm ourselves with justice and holiness, and proceed on the way to perfection. Then we will raise to you a hymn of pure praise and angelic songs, now and forever. Amen (Lenten Morning Saffro)



Lenten Eparchial Appeal

The Lenten Appeal for the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon is now taking place. A copy of a letter from Bishop Elias Zaidan will be sent to every family in the mail. The Eparchy relies upon you to keep open our Maronite parishes, like this one, and train our future Maronite priests. Every family is asked to participate in the Appeal at a level which is meaningful for them and to be generous. This year you also have the option to make a pledge payable over 10 months and to donate using your credit card. You will find a special envelope in your parish contribution envelopes for the Appeal. Please be generous and support the Eparchy. Thank you.

Schedule for Bishop Elias Zaidan's visit to St. Elias Birmingham

We are thrilled to welcome Bishop Elias to Birmingham for his first visit as bishop. We have planned a full schedule of events so that all will have a chance to meet and visit with the bishop. Please participate as much as you can in this historic event for our parish.

Friday, March 28, 2014

Welcome

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross; Procession and Blessing with the Cross

7:00 pm Dinner at The Club with Pastoral Council, Stewardship Committee, Parish Organization Presidents

Saturday, March 29, 2014

10:00 am Ordination Practice

11:00 am Visit to St. Paul's Cathedral and Bishop

12:00 pm Lenten Prayer at St. Elias

12:10 pm Lunch with Bishops and Diocesan Priests (eat, meet and greet)

4:00 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Liturgy and Ordination of Subdeacons Mark Ferris and Jimmy Wehby

7:30 pm Catered Banquet in church hall; Blessing of kitchen (**ticket required**)

Sunday, March 30, 2014

8:30 am Breakfast with MYO in the rectory

9:15 am Visit with MCF Classes

9:45 am MCF presentation of Life of St. Elias in new hall

10:30 am Pontifical Liturgy; Installation of 6 Order of St. Sharbel members

12:00 Noon Family Lebanese Luncheon in church hall (**ticket required**)

