

April 5, 6, 2014
Healing of the Blind Man



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, 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

10:30am

Suzan Marinelli req. by the Family

Liturgy Schedule and Intentions

(Daily Liturgy –8 am)

Monday- Saloie Wehby req. by Hixie and Karen Stephens

Tuesday- Thanksgiving for the Health of Danny Bostany req. by Yvonne Boehme and Family

Wednesday- Stephen Walker req. by Fr. Richard

Thursday- Special Intention

Friday – Peggy Antoun req. by Hixie and Karen Stephens

Saturday, April 12, 2014

Hosanna (Palm) Sunday

5:00 pm

Abie and Juliet Milton (anniv.) req. by the Family

Sunday, April 13, 2014

8:00 am

Nassif and Mary Milton (anniv.) req. by the Family

10:30 am (Shanini)

Children of St. Elias

Elizabeth A. Boohaker (anniv.) req. by Joseph and Paulette Boohaker and Family

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, Frances David 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!**

This week at St. Elias:

Tuesday, April 8- 4:00pm Stewardship Committee

Tues. April 8- 8:30pm Men's Softball Spain Park #3

Wednesday, April 9- 5:30 pm Pastoral Council

Friday April 11- 7:00pm Stations/Procession

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

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!

SIGN UP WEEKEND!

Put Signs Up: As our Festival is three weeks away it is time to begin promotion of the Festival. Signs are in the back of the church for you to place in the yard of your house or at your place of business. If you kept your sign from last year, we have stickers for you to take to put over last year's date. Remember you will need two stickers per sign. We also have flyers promoting the Festival in the back of the church. Please be sure to take some and give them to your friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc. Please encourage people to come Friday for lunch. It is actually our slowest time inside the hall.

Sign Up to Work the Festival: We are looking for you. If you can volunteer to work the Festival please call or email Paul Bolus. He will put you to work! Phone: 205 967 0776 or email: pbolus@babco.com. You can also sign up online this year by going to: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0948ADAC29A31-saint3

Cooking Session: Next Cooking Session is

Saturday, April 12 from 9 until about 2. We will be setting up the hall, measuring rice and noodles and numbering containers. Lunch will be served.

Gift certificates, in \$20.00 denominations, are now available in the church office or at a cooking session.

Also, be sure to sign up to run in the Cedar run 5k or the Cedar Shake Fun Run. Forms will be available in the back of the church or you may go online at www.cedarrun5k.com and sign up.

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 the beautiful presentation of the life of St. Elias and helping to serve.

MYO: Thanks for serving on Sunday.

MYA: Thanks for serving Saturday night.

STEWARDSHIP

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

CONTRIBUTIONS:

March 30, 2014: \$3,372.00

Eparchial Appeal \$2512.00

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 12, 2014

5:00 pm Joe Wehby and Anthony Wehby

Sunday, April 13, 2014

8:00 am Tommy Butrus and Justin Rice

10:30 am Harris Bolus and Griffin Green

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!

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....Thanks to all....see back page.

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."
6. "Go your way; your faith has saved you."

Bishop Elias' Visit to St. Elias

With great thanksgiving to Almighty God allow me, your pastor, to thank all of you who made this past weekend a joy of prayer and work for all who gave their best, from young to old.

It was our new bishop's first visit to St. Elias and we hope there will be many more visits. He was very impressed with the spirit he found here.

Many people worked long hours behind the scenes to make each event successful. It is impossible to thank all by name, but your work is appreciated more than you can know. Seeing everyone working together so beautifully is what makes our parish special.

Certainly a highlight of the weekend was the ordination of two Subdeacons and the Installation of six new members of the Order of St. Sharbel. Thanks to the choir and altar servers for their help.

Congratulations to our new Subdeacons Mark Ferris and Jimmy Wehby! We rejoice with you and look forward to many years of your service at our altar.