

December 28, 29, 2013  
Sunday After Christmas



# 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, December 28, 2013**

**5:00 pm**

Norman Habshey req. by Sidney and Denise Wehby

### **Sunday, December 29, 2013**

**8:00 am**

Sam and Lily Boackle req. by the Family  
Norman Azar (40<sup>th</sup> Day) req. by the Family

**10:30am**

Nazha S. Boohaker (anniv.) req. by Joseph and Paulette Boohaker

## Liturgy Schedule and Intentions

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

Monday- Marguerite Panopoulos req. by Izas and Renee Bahakel

Tuesday- **5pm** Mary Boackle (anniv.) req. by the Family

Wednesday-**10:30 am** For All Parishioners

Thursday- Peggy Antoun req. by Mabel Zeheni

Friday – **1<sup>st</sup> Friday** For the Seminarians

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:45 am-4:00pm; Men's Hour 11:45am – 1:00pm

**Saturday, January 4, 2014**

**5:00 pm**

Saloie Wehby req. by George and Ann Stephen

**Sunday, January 5, 2014**

**8:00 am**

For Peace

**10:30 am**

Saidie B. Egeland (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.) req. by the Family

**Today at St. Elias**

**10:10am 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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. All of our new and old kitchen equipment has been placed by Bresco, Stephens' Plumbing and Canterbury Electric. All of the new equipment is electric.
2. The final step to use the new kitchen will be a punch list that the contractor and architect (Joe Aboujouade) will review.
3. It will take some time to learn how to use the new equipment and treat the new floor.
4. Much of the old equipment is still there, but in a different place
5. The dedication of the new kitchen will follow when Bishop Elias comes in March
6. The dumpster is gone and we have been cleaning the whole areas where the workers inside and out.

**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 back of the church. If you were missed, there are more available in the church office. Maronite calendars are also available – please, one per family. **Attention: All young adults** who are working and on your own – we would love for you to get your own parish contribution envelopes from the church office and start contributing to your parish.

Many thanks to all children and parents who put on the **Christmas pageant**. Special thanks to Natalie Easterling and Nicole Shirah who directed the play and to the MYO who prepared the luncheon. It truly put us in the real Christmas spirit!



## Announcements

**YOUTH CORNER:** Check out our web site at [www.maroniteyouth.com](http://www.maroniteyouth.com)

Check out the Pope's website: [Pope2you.net](http://Pope2you.net).

**Jr. MYO:** Thanks to the Henleys for the after-Christmas party.

**MYO:** Thanks for coming to the retreat. Progressive dinner January 19.

**MYA:** Thanks for coming to the retreat. Next meeting January 14 at 7:00 pm.

## STEWARDSHIP

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

## CONTRIBUTIONS:

**December 22, 2013: \$5,629.50.00**

Capital Campaign update: Pledges: \$2,978,954;  
Received: \$2,619,031; Outstanding: \$359,923

**School Subsidy** Reminder to parents of children who are subsidized to pay at least 1/2 of subsidy for your children before December. **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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Food and Cultural Festival** is set for April 25-26, 2014. Mark your calendars now. Cooking dates will be announced soon.

**MYO Breakfasts and Maronite Christian Formation Classes** will resume on **January 12, 2014**. It is especially important for all 2<sup>nd</sup> graders to be attending to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion.

## Altar Servers' Schedule

### Saturday, January 4, 2014

5:00 pm Anthony Bostany and Jack Dahle

### Sunday, January 5, 2014

8:00 am John Resha and Justin Rice

10:30 am Griffin Green and William Chbeir

**No Altar Servers' practice Saturday at 10:00 am**

## Pope's Prayer Intention for December:

**Prepare the Savior's Coming.** That Christians, enlightened by the Word Incarnate, may prepare humanity for the Savior's coming.

**Library Exhibit....**Christmas books to be read in the library: Bishop Elias ordination & installation.

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.

**Christmas Message from Most Reverend A. Elias Zaidan, Bishop of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon**

The genuine joy of the holy day of Christmas is the eternal love of Christ. Wishing you a most joy-filled Christmas and blessings for the coming New Year. May you experience the peace, love, and joy of the Lord.

## Pastor's Corner

I hope that many parishioners have met Seminarian Paul Massoud from the Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary in Washington, D.C.. It was a privilege to have Paul to help me personally and our church community, especially the MYO and MYA retreat.

As we enter into the new year of 2014, declared by the pope as the Year of Hope, we should all pray for vocations to the religious life and priesthood.

I would like to thank all those who helped at Christmas time, without mentioning names- all the decorators, servers at the altar, the voices of the choir, those who attended the Novena and Liturgies.

Personally, I thank you for my gifts of seasonal sweets. The Pastor's collection at Christmas will be used for my charities and the church kitchen.

**P.S.**

**We thank you ahead of time for your year-end Church donations.**

# ~ January 2014 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Daily Liturgy at 8 am unless noted in bulletin. Rosary prayed at 10:10 am on Sundays for peace and for the sick.</b> <b>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.</b>			<b>1 The Circumcision of Jesus (Holyday)</b>  <b>(Vigil Liturgy Dec.31-5pm)</b> <b>Liturgy 10:30 Am</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 1st Friday- Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:45 am-4:00pm; Men's Hour 11:45am – 1:00pm	<b>4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</b>  4:00 Confessions
<b>5</b> The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple  2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection for Catholic Communications	<b>6 Feast of the Glorious Epiphany (Holy Day of Obligation)</b>  <b>8:00am Liturgy (with Zaleybee after)</b> <b>5:00 pm Liturgy (no Zaleybee)</b>	<b>7</b> Praises to John the Baptist, Martyr	<b>8</b> Ladies Altar Society 10:00 am Liturgy followed by Installation of Officers and Lunch  5:30 pm Pastoral Council	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  10:00 Altar Servers 4:00 Confessions
<b>12</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  9:00 MYO Breakfast 9:15 MCF Classes Resume 10:10 Rosary	<b>13</b> St. Jacob of Nisibis, Confessor	<b>14</b>  5:30 pm Stewardship Committee	<b>15</b> Our Lady of the Sowing St. John Calybytes, C	<b>16</b> In Honor of St. Peter in Chains	<b>17</b> St. Anthony the Great, Confessor	<b>18</b> Establishment of the Chair of Peter in Rome  10:00 Altar Servers 4:00 Confessions
<b>19</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 NAM Breakfast 9:15 MCF Classes 10:10 Rosary  3:00 pm Annual Parish Meeting	<b>20</b> St. Euthymius the Great, Confessor	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> St. Timothy, Disciple of St. Paul, Apostle	<b>23</b> Pope St. Sergius, I, Confessor	<b>24</b> St. Francis de Sales, Dr. of the Church, C	<b>25</b> The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle  10:00 Altar Servers 4:00 Confessions
<b>26</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  9:00 MYO Breakfast 9:15 MCF Classes 10:10 Rosary	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> St. Ephrem the Syriani, Dr. of the Church, Confessor	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	