

January 11, 12, 2014
1st 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 11, 2014

5:00 pm

Jean Wehby (anniv.) req. by the Family

Sunday, January 12, 2014

8:00 am

Norman J. Azar req. by Norman and Lisa Bolus

10:30am

Saide Akl (anniv.) req. by the Family

Liturgy Schedule and Intentions

(Daily Liturgy – 8:00 am)

Monday- Elizabeth Griffith, sister of Father Louis Giardino, req. by Father Richard and Parish
Tuesday- Msgr. sharbel Maroun- 25th anniv.
Wednesday- Antwan and Zmorrod Garnem req. by Joey and Mirna Chbeir
Thursday- Fr. Milad Yaghi – 25th anniv.
Friday –For an end to abortion

Saturday, January 18, 2014

5:00 pm

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

Sunday, January 19, 2014

8:00 am

Peggy Z. Antoun req. by Mabel Zeheeni

10:30 am

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

Today at St. Elias

10:10am Rosary

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

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 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.

This week at St. Elias:

Tuesday: 5:30 pm Stewardship Committee

Third Banns of Marriage are announced for John Gerard Joseph, Jr. of St. Elias and Marie Victoria George of St. Bede's in Montgomery.

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.

The Birmingham **March for Life** is Saturday, January 18, 2014. Respect Life Mass is 9:00 am at St. Paul's Cathedral, the Rally/March is at 10:45 at Brother Bryan Park, 22nd Street and 10th Avenue South.

Interested in serving on the Parish Pastoral Council for 3 year term? Please call Fr. Richard A.S.A.P. 251-5057!

Announcements

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 last Sunday!

MYO: Breakfast starts today. Progressive dinner January 19.

MYA: Next meeting January 14 at 7:00 pm.

STEWARDSHIP

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

CONTRIBUTIONS:

January 5, 2014: \$10,915.00

New Year's Day \$1,443.00

Catholic Communications \$263.00

Initial Offering \$215.00

Maronite Voice \$199.00

Capital Campaign update: Pledges: \$2,981,954;
Received: \$2,623,266; Outstanding: \$358,688

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 18, 2014

5:00 pm Daniel Bolus and Frank Money

Sunday, January 19, 2014

8:00 am John Paul Butrus and Tommy Butrus

10:30 am George Chamoun and William Chamoun

Altar Servers' practice Saturday at 10:00 am, then leaving for March for Life in 5 Points.

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 next Sunday, 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 provided!

Pastor's Corner

Many thanks to all who participated in all of the Christmas festivities. Just remember, the Baby Jesus led us to the solemn, yet joyous, season. I was also led by our parish children in the great program they presented before Christmas and their wide open eyes at all of our Divine Liturgies.

Let us enjoy the Season of Epiphany when Jesus was baptized by John. Epiphany means a "manifestation" or an "apparition". Let it be a constant reminder of our promises that were made for us by our godparents. We must live by them in every part of our lives.

1. Renunciation of sin and Satan.
2. Profession of faith in God and the Trinity and all the teachings of the holy apostolic church.

*"Eternal God and Son of the Eternal Father, you became incarnate and were baptized to give us the inheritance of sons and daughters which makes us call your Father, "our Father". Enlighten us, then, O God, with the light of your baptism, that we may praise you on this **feast of lights**. For you are **Light from Light**, and have come to enlighten all who come into the world. May we glorify you, your Father, and your Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.* (Second Prayer from Epiphany Ramsho)

The Epiphany tradition of Zlaibeh will be served during the January 19th Annual Parish Meeting. All are invited. Thank You Ladies' Altar Society!



NATIONAL APOSTOLATE OF MARONITES
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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.

TOP TEN REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD BE A NAM MEMBER!!

10. To receive the various members' benefits such as discounts at conventions and eligibility for awards, etc.
9. To meet new friends and relatives at NAM 's gatherings and through its communication network.
8. To become eligible to serve as an official NAM delegate, representing your parish at Maronite conventions and other gatherings.
7. To be "in tune", "on line", and, in general, be kept informed on the apostolate and the "Maronite Environment" in the USA .
6. To offer your financial support to the Apostolate's programs of service to the Maronite Church .
5. To be a part of NAM 's "unifying force" which creates a bridge between the Eparchies, across the entire USA from coast to coast, and between the USA and our spiritual home, Lebanon.
4. To confirm your commitment to NAM's apostolic mission and acknowledge your support of its programs of service.
3. Because NAM is the largest Maronite organization in the world, serving the Maronites of the USA since 1964, and because it's time you became an official member!
2. Because it's your apostolic duty as a Maronite Catholic to help serve and build up the church, especially the church of *Beit Maroon*.
1. Because you're proud of your Syriac-Maronite heritage and want to help NAM foster and preserve it for future generations.