

October 19, 20, 2013  
Respect Life Month  
Month of the Holy Rosary  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Holy Cross



# ST. ELIAS MARONITE CHURCH

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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, October 19, 2013**

**5:00 pm**

For All Parishioners

### **Sunday, October 20, 2013**

**8:00 am**

Louis A. Boohaker (anniv.) req. by the Family

**10:30am**

John Sherman, Sr. (anniv.) req. by the Family

## **Liturgy Schedule & Intentions**

(Daily Liturgy at 8:00 am)

Monday- Special Intention

Tuesday- Saloie Wehby (9<sup>th</sup> day) req.by Fr.  
Richard

Wednesday-Friday No Liturgy here

**Saturday, October 26, 2013**

**5:00 pm**

For our Children on Halloween

For our Newlyweds and Those to be Married

For our New Parents and Those Expecting

**Sunday, October 27, 2013**

**8:00 am**

Mary H. Zyne (anniv.) req. by the Family

**10:30 am**

Saidie B. Egeland req. by Tim and Deanna Davis

**Today at St. Elias**

**10:10am Rosary**

**9:00 MYO Breakfast; 9:15 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.

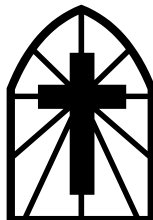
Join the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** group for knitting, crocheting, and praying. Planned meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month after the Altar Society luncheon. Call Pat Numnum (408-7411) or Renee Ritchey (942-2202) for more info.

**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!**

**Eternal rest grant unto her...**

parish sympathy to the family  
of Saloie Wehby of St. Elias  
who died this past week...and let  
**perpetual light shine upon her and  
all souls of the faithful departed.**



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.

## ***October – Respect Life Month***

The U.S. bishops have approved a pastoral strategy to advance a Movement for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty. It is essentially a call to prayer, penance, and sacrifice for the sake of renewing a culture of life, marriage, and religious liberty in our country

**Why:** The well-being of society requires that life, marriage, and religious liberty are promoted and protected. Serious threats to each of these goods, however, have raised unprecedented challenges to the Church and to the nation. Two immediate flashpoints are the following:

**First is the HHS Mandate**, which requires almost all employers, including Catholic employers, to pay for employees' contraception, sterilization, and abortifacient drugs regardless of conscientious objections. This is a clear affront to America's first freedom, religious liberty, as well as to the inherent dignity of every human person.

**Second, current trends** in both government and culture **are moving toward redefining marriage as the union of any two persons**, ignoring marriage's fundamental meaning and purpose as the universal institution that unites a man and a woman with each other and with the children born from their union. These challenges call for increased awareness and formation, as well as spiritual stamina and fortitude among the faithful, so that we may all be effective and joyful witnesses of faith, hope and charity.

**When:** In this Year of Faith

**Who:** All of the Catholic faithful are encouraged to participate

**Where:** Throughout the entire country; at your local parish, cathedral, school or home

## **Kitchen Renovation Update**

1. Painting of the ceiling has been done. It is 9 inches higher than the previous ceiling.
2. The whole kitchen has been clad with beautiful ceramic tile and it has multiple electrical outlets.
3. Both side porches have been completely protected for water resistance and to protect people from slipping.
4. Matching bricks have been installed on the Southside, and the Northside is covered with cement that matches the wall. The 2 sides are enclosed and ready for use.
5. Proper lighting and air conditioning with 2 new units has been installed in both areas.
6. We are waiting for the WIFI to be replaced in the hall and kitchen.
7. The roofs over the kitchen have been repaired with new downspouts.

## **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:** Sunday MCF class 9:125am

**MYO:** Breakfast & Class; No 5-7 this Sunday.

**MYA:** October 24 –work with St. George to feed the poor; Sun. October 27- special breakfast

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## **STEWARDSHIP**

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

### **CONTRIBUTIONS:**

**October 13: \$6,095.44**

**World Mission Sunday \$398.08**

Capital Campaign update: Pledges: \$2,956,301;

Received: \$2,574,602; Outstanding: \$381,699

**School Subsidy** Parents are reminded to finish their commitment for every child whose tuition has been subsidized by St. Elias for 2012-2013 school year.

**You are now overdue because we are now paying for 2013-2014 year.**

### **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 here!** You may purchase them from the church office. Inserts only are \$5. A new binder with an insert is \$10. Please be sure to check all of your information to see if it is correct. Please call Mary Milton at 823-2022 for any changes or corrections. A big thanks to Mary for coordinating this project!

**Weekend retreat** at Blessed Trinity Shrine Nov.8-10  
**"Called to Live in Joy-Filled Hope."** Call 334 855-4474 for registration information.

**St. Bernard** Preparation School 7-12 in Cullman. More information contact admissions or call 1800 722-0999.

## **Altar Servers' Schedule**

### **Saturday, October 26, 2013**

5:00 pm Daniel Bolus and Frank Money

### **Sunday, October 27, 2013**

8:00 am John Paul Butrus and John Resha

10:30 am George Chamoun and William Chamoun

**No Altar Servers' practice this Saturday!**

### **Pope Francis' October Prayer Intention:**

**World Mission Day.** That the celebration of World Mission Day may help all Christians realize that we are not only receivers but proclaimers of God's word.

**Check out our library:** October: Respect Life Month

**Sunday, October 27...Traditional Halloween**

**Lebanese Breakfast** sponsored by the MYA.

Amah (boiled wheat), fruits, zahtah, coffee, juice, cereal and milk for the children.

All are invited - \$4.00

There is a new **Maronite Online Radio Station**

located at Our Lady Star of the East Maronite Mission in Pleasantville, NJ. Listen on your computer at [www.staroftheeast.org](http://www.staroftheeast.org) or download application on Iphone or Ipad "Star of the East Radio App".

### **Pastor's Corner**

This week we will see our new Bishop, Most Reverend Elias A. Zaidan, enthroned in the St. Louis Maronite Cathedral on Wednesday, October 23. Please pray for him as he takes over the reigns of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon, U.S.A.!

On Friday, we will have a Thanksgiving Liturgy for the 12 years of Most Reverend Robert J. Shaheen as our bishop. Many parishioners are planning to attend this week and all are invited. Bishop Robert will stay active, living in St. Louis where he has served for 47+ years.

# CALL TO PRAYER

## FOR LIFE, MARRIAGE AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

### FAITH, WORSHIP, WITNESS JOURNEY WITH CHRIST

In this year of faith, the Catholic Bishops of the United States have called for a nationwide effort to advance a movement for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty through prayer, penance, and sacrifice. Catholics across the nation are being encouraged to pray for rebuilding a culture favorable to life and marriage and for increased protection of religious liberty.

This call to prayer is prompted by unprecedented challenges to the Church and the nation, particularly the HHS Mandate and current trends in government and culture toward redefining marriage.

The goal of this call to prayer is twofold:

1. To increase awareness of these challenges
2. To build spiritual stamina and fortitude among the faithful so that we can be effective and joyful witnesses of faith, hope, and charity and agents of the New Evangelization.

Beginning on the Sunday after Christmas, the Feast of the Holy Family, the *Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty* has these components:

- Monthly Eucharistic Holy Hours in cathedrals and parishes
- Daily Rosary by families and individuals
- Special Prayers of the Faithful at all Masses

*Join the movement!*

Pray for our nation. Pray for life, marriage and religious liberty.

[www.usccb.org/life-marriage-liberty](http://www.usccb.org/life-marriage-liberty)