

September 21, 22, 2013
2nd Sunday after Holy Cross



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, September 21, 2013

5:00 pm

Harriet Bostany (1st anniv.) req. by the Family

Sunday, September 22, 2013

8:00 am

Kevin Butrus (anniv.)

10:30am

Rose B. Zyne (anniv.) req. by the Family

Faride Harika (anniv.) req by the Family

Liturgy Schedule & Intentions

(Daily Liturgy at 8:00 am Monday, 7am Tuesday here-
other Liturgies will be celebrated in Lebanon)

Monday –Annette Miller req. by the Joseph Family

Tuesday- Fr. Andy Sullivan req. by Fr. Richard

Wednesday- Carl and Katherine Gray and Carl A.
Gray req. by Tufi J. Petro (in Lebanon)

Thursday- No Liturgy

Friday- No Liturgy

September 28, 2013

5:00 pm

Widia and Cy Bahakel (anniv.) req. by the Family

Sunday, September 29, 2013

8:00 am

Mitchell and Omra Joseph (anniv.) req. by the
Family

10:30 am

Estr Harika (40th day) req. by Elias Bou-Akar and
Family and the Harika cousins and Family

Today at St. Elias

10:10am Rosary for the sick and for peace

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, Joe Mizerany, 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.

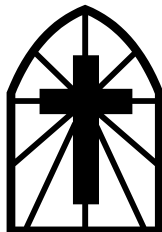
Join the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** group for knitting,
crocheting, and praying. Planned meetings are the 1st
Wednesday of the month after the Altar Society
luncheon. Call Pat Numnum (408-7411) or Renee
Ritchey (942-2202) for more info.

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!**

Eternal rest grant unto

her...parish sympathy is
extended to the family of Roger
Egeland whose mother, Ruth
Egeland, was buried this past
week...**and let perpetual light
shine upon her and all the
souls of the faithful departed.**



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.

Upcoming Eparchial Events

*The Parish of Our Lady of Lebanon in Washington,
D.C. invites you to a celebration in honor of its former
pastor, **Chorbishop Seely Beggiani** on the occasion
of his **Retirement as Rector of the Seminary.**
Friday, October 4, 2013 – 6:00 pm- Divine Liturgy
Dinner to follow at 7:30 pm in the Social Hall
Our prayers are with Chorbishop Beggiani as we
thank him for his many years of faithful service.*

*The Consultors and the Protopresbytors of the
Diocese of Our Lady of Lebanon invite you to a
celebration of the Priesthood of Our Lord Jesus
Christ on the occasion of the*

Retirement of Bishop Robert J. Shaheen

*St. Raymond's Complex, St. Louis, MO Friday,
October 25th, 2013*

Mass at 6:00 pm; Cocktails 7:15 pm; Dinner 8:00pm

*Let us join in prayer and thank God for Bishop
Shaheen's years of faithful service.*

Kitchen Renovation Update

You have already seen much progress in our kitchen
project of renewal and extension. The steps in the
kitchen are down and the 4 ramps are up. We have
already used them for this past week's cooking at the
Bingo Luncheon.

The excitement of the new extensions on either side
of the main kitchen means more work room and
space for storage of kitchen items.

The closing of the left and right sides of the main
kitchen will also keep unwanted bugs, etc. out.

New steel doors have been put in the North side for
deliveries. The outstanding windows of the South
side will be new and welcomed during large
functions. The windows and the new doors entering
the kitchen are LED lit up and have electrical plug
outlets which will help with the Festival tents.

This is a further look at the latest progress on the
kitchen project. Things are going very well. The
letters that were sent were to thank those who have
given and encourage those who have not. Finally,
we would like to thank the Ladies Altar Society for
their work for the Bingo Luncheon, all who helped
and all who came to benefit the orphans in Lebanon.

Announcements

Next class Thursday, Oct. 10, at 6:00pm for those who are interested in the Catholic faith. Call the Church 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 and the parent helpers last Sunday.

MYO: Breakfast, 9:30am Class, 5-7pm Workshop in MYO room- adult parents needed.

MYA: Thanks to those who came to the last meeting! Sept. 24 3:30pm—Cooking for the poor at St. George and then the Greek Festival.

STEWARDSHIP

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

CONTRIBUTIONS:

September 16: \$5,031.00

Capital Campaign update: Pledges: \$2,954,985;
Received: \$2,570,231; Outstanding: \$384,754

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 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 this weekend are donated in memory of Faride Harika by the family. 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!

Altar Servers' Schedule

Saturday, September 28, 2013

5:00 pm Frank Money and Joe Wehby

Sunday, September 29, 2013

8:00 am John Resha and John Paul Butrus

10:30 am George Chamoun and Nichols Somers

Altar Servers' practice Saturday at 10:00 am.

St. Theresa begins Monday, September 23 at 7:00pm and will be prayed every evening at 7:00 pm except for Saturday at 6:00pm. The St. Theresa Novena will end on Tuesday, October 1.

Pastor's Corner

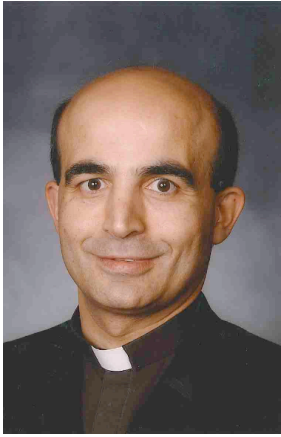
On Saturday this week, the 28th of September, our new bishop, Most Reverend Abdallah Elias Zaidan, will be ordained as Bishop of our Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon.

Please pray for our new bishop who takes the name Elias (his middle name). Bishop Elias was ordained a priest on July 20, 1986. He has served in many capacities in our Eparchy, including pastor, Superior of his order, MLM, and on many committees and commissions appointed by the bishop.

With great thanksgiving for our retiring bishop of 12 years, Most Reverend Robert J. Shaheen, we must pray for our new bishop, for his health and wisdom in his care for our priests, religious, and the faithful.

Finally, pray for a safe trip for many clergy, religious, and laity that will join Bishop Elias Zaidan in Lebanon for his ordination.

Installation of Bishop-Elect Elias Zaidan to occur on September 28, 2013 in Harissa, Lebanon



“On July 10, 2013, the Feast of the Blessed Massabki Brothers in our Maronite Liturgical calendar, I was appointed by His Holiness Pope Francis to succeed His Excellency Robert Shaheen as the third bishop of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles.

I am humbled by this appointment and by the trust of His Holiness. This appointment came following the recommendation of the Synod of our Maronite Bishops presided by His Beatitude and Eminence Bechara Peter Cardinal Rai, Patriarch of Antioch and all the East.

Therefore, I want to express the following words in my message today:

1. A word of thanks to the Almighty God, who has called me to the order of the priesthood years back and now to the fullness of the priesthood as bishop.

My gratitude to His Holiness Pope Francis, who is stressing the need for bishops to be true pastors, compassionate and caring like the Divine Master.

My gratitude to His Eminence Cardinal Rai, our Patriarch and to the Synod of Bishops, who have chosen me for this task. My gratitude to His Eminence Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, Prefect and to the staff at the Congregation of the Eastern Churches. My thanks to my brother priests, my collaborators and to the laity at large.

Nevertheless, my deep gratitude goes to Sayedna, His Excellency Robert Shaheen, who shepherded our Eparchy for the last 12 and a half years. During that time, I have learned a lot from him, and I have witnessed his love and care for the flock entrusted to him. I appreciate your love for me and trust in me, Sayedna. I want to thank the Congregation of Maronite Lebanese Missionaries, who formed me all of these years.

2. A word of promise to all, I will strive to the best of my abilities to be the good shepherd following the example of Christ, the Good Shepherd. I promise to lay myself down at the service of the Church and even place my human weakness into His hands to remind myself of the need to be humble.

I promise to work hard, to reach out to all, to strengthen the weak and encourage the faithful, to move forward the message of the New Evangelization, the message of love that is much needed in today's world. I promise to strive to do God's will in my life. “Thy will be done” will be my motto in my Episcopal ministry.

3. A word of appeal. I would first like to ask for your prayers for me. I am overwhelmed these days with the outpouring of love from the clergy and laity. Pray to God to keep me focused on the ministry and on the people. Pray for me that I may hold strong against all errors and scandals. Pray for me that I may remain faithful every step of the way.

I would also like to ask for your collaboration with me so that we can work together to showcase the beauty of our Maronite Church, to keep it a haven to all who search for God and to make it a sanctuary of holiness.

As I start my Episcopal ministry, I will rely on the grace of our Loving God, on the intercession of the Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Lebanon, the Patroness of our diocese, and the intercession of our Maronite Saints: Maron, John Maron, Rafka, Sharbel, Nemetallah, the Blessed Massabki brothers, the Blessed Estephan Nehme and the multitude of all the righteous and just.

May God lead my path every step of the way. Thanks and God Bless.”

As a parish family let us pray for Bishop Zaidan as he assumes the leadership of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon and for those who will travel to his installation. We hope to have a visit from Bishop Zaidan to St. Elias soon.