

November 23, 24, 2013
Announcement to the Virgin Mary



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, November 23, 2013

5:00 pm

Akl Harika(9th day), req. by Julianna Harika Wehby

Sunday, November 24, 2013

8:00 am

Charles and Barbara Boohaker (anniv.) req. by the Family

10:30am

In Thanksgiving for 50 Years req. by John and Georgia Shalhoop

Liturgy Schedule and Intentions

(Daily Liturgy at 8:00 am except Tues., Wed., Thurs. and Fri.)

Monday-Carl & Katherine Gray, Carl A. Gray req.
by Tufi J. Petro

Tuesday- **6:00am** Joseph Karem req. by Fr.
Richard

Wednesday- Friday – No Morning Liturgy

Saturday, November 30, 2013

5:00 pm

Kowkeb Mizerany (anniv.) req. by the Family

Sunday, December 1, 2013

8:00 am

Louis Milton req. by the Family

10:30 am

Louis A. Boohaker req. by Joseph and Maggie
Boohaker

Today at St. Elias

9:00 MYO Breakfast; 9:15 MCF Classes

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 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!**

Advent Retreat is being offered at Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat on Dec. 2-5, 2013. For registration call 334 855-4474.

Two Spring Hill fully online courses beginning Nov. 30... *Introduction to Theological Learning* and *Reformation*..call 838-8300 for more info.

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.

It's time for the Angel Tree!

Beginning this weekend (Nov. 23, 24) you'll have the opportunity to provide Christmas for someone who is very deserving. It's simple- take an Angel and follow the directions bringing your gift or donation **NO LATER THAN 10:30** Liturgy on Sunday, Dec. 15.

Here's who you can help:

- Orphans in Lebanon with a donation
- At-Risk children here in town
- Mary's House – Catholic Worker House of Hospitality in Ensley
- Catholic Center of Concern

There will be 100 Angels on the tree. The St. Elias family has always given graciously. Thanks in advance for your kind support. The Jr. MYO

St. Peter's Christmas Bazaar Sunday, November 24 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Crafts and vendors!

Baptized and confirmed at St.

Elias...Mallory Aeron Brett, daughter of Ryan and Leila (Zaidan)

Brett....Prayers and best wishes for a long and blessed life in the Lord.



Kitchen Renovation Update

1. Glass windows on the South extension have been installed with granite window sills.
2. The new glass door which is the entrance to the kitchen from the outside has been installed.
3. Painters are finishing up the kitchen interior and all of the outdoor painting on doors and porches.
4. Beautiful outside lights, brighten the darkness in front of our new kitchen.
5. The new floor covering has been put in place this week in the kitchen.
6. After the floor covering is installed, then all of our new and old kitchen equipment will be placed.

Congratulations to John and Georgia Shalhoop on the occasion of their 50th anniversary of their marriage.

Prayers from us all for many more years together!!!



Announcements

YOUTH CORNER: Check out our web site at www.maroniteyouth.com

Check out the Pope's website: Pope2you.net.

Jr. MYO: Giving Tree is now up!!

MYO: Breakfast & Class; Hay Ride TODAY 4pm-8pm

MYA: Good meeting last week; help at St. George and Firehouse this week.

STEWARDSHIP

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

CONTRIBUTIONS:

November 17: \$4,541.85

Second Collection next weekend for Eparchial Christmas Appeal

Capital Campaign update: Pledges: \$2,970,992;
Received: \$2,610,384; Outstanding: \$360,608

School Subsidy Reminder to parents of children who are subsidized to pay at least ½ 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 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 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!

Pew book racks update Thanks to Nasri Akl and his helpers, the aisle book racks in the church will now hold the new Book of Offering comfortably. The center racks will be done soon. Helpers are still needed!

Altar Servers' Schedule

Saturday, November 30, 2013

5:00 pm Anthony Wehby and Joe Wehby

Sunday, December 1, 2013

8:00 am Justin Rice and Daniel Boackle

10:30 am Ben Farris and Andrew Spray

Thanksgiving Holiday

No Altar Servers' practice Saturday

Pope Francis' November Prayer Intention:

Suffering Priests. That priests who experience difficulties may find comfort in their suffering, support in their doubts, and confirmation in their fidelity.

Check out our library: November: New Bishop's display and Alzheimer's Disease Month

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 or download application on Iphone or Ipad "Star of the East Radio App". We are looking for more people to help with Project Roots. People wanting to work can call Michel Wehby or Chorbishop Richard. Volunteers can be paid by the Project Roots program for each family.

Pastor's Corner

Kitchen donations received are \$232,005 plus \$15,000 from the Altar Society. Many thanks! We will need more donations by the end of the month. Kitchen is due to be open in December.

I would like to announce the beginning of our 6th construction project in 4 years. Starting in late November, a garden and new steps from the rectory side of the church to the side door will be completely rebuilt. A copper canopy will be put up from the rectory to the side door, new sidewalks, new steps, and a garden. All will be done in memory of Deacon Joe Stephens, all funds provided by Deacon Joe's family. It will be a quiet place and an easier access to and from the church on the southside entrance.

Welcome to the Season of Announcements that will lead us to the Birth of Our Lord.

Gabriel said: "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you...Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God....Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." ... Mary said "Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done to me according to your word."

Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus....

Make this season count for your spiritual life.



Psalm 100

A psalm of thanksgiving

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all you lands;
Worship the Lord with cries of gladness;
Come before Him with joyful song.

Know that the Lord is God,
Our Maker to Whom we belong,
Whose people we are, God's well-tended flock.
Enter the temple gates with praise, its courts with
thanksgiving.

Give thanks to God, bless His name,
Good indeed is the Lord,
Whose love endures forever,
Whose faithfulness lasts through every age.

