

February 8, 9, 2014
Feast of St. Maron
Sunday of the Priests



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, February 8, 2014

5:00 pm

A.A. Mathis (anniv.) req. by the Family

Sunday, February 9, 2014

8:00 am

Hikel Boohaker (anniv.) req. by Mrs. Hikel Boohaker and Family

10:30am

For All Parishioners

Liturgy Schedule and Intentions

(Daily Liturgy – 8:00 am)

Monday- Edward Dennis req. by Father Richard
Tuesday- Barbara Terch req. by the Anthony Fam.
Wednesday- Mike Mizerany req. by Elaine and
Omra Kassouf and Janice Toner
Thursday- Rita Tidwell Aucoin, req. by Hixie &
Karen Stephens
Friday – Mary Boackle req. by the Family

Saturday, February 15, 2014

5:00 pm

Charles G. Zyne req. by the Family
George Bostany (anniv.) req. by the Family

Sunday, February 16, 2014

8:00 am

Jack Kammerer (anniv.) req. by the Family

10:30 am

Helen and Nolan Harika (anniv.) and Chehade and
Hanna Wehby Harika (anniv.) req. by Michel and
Susan Wehby and Family

Today at St. Elias

9:00 am Continental Breakfast

9:15 am MCF Classes

10:10 am Rosary

Noon: St. Maron Feastday Banquet

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 28-30, 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.

New Construction has begun on the **Deacon Joe Stephens Memorial** on the rectory side of the church. **The rectory and church steps on the Southside are gone - WOW!**

During this time there will be limited access to parking in the small lot by the rectory. All are encouraged to park on the north side of the church and enter the hall and/or church from that direction. Johnson Kreis is the construction company. We will keep you updated as work continues. Thank you for your cooperation....sorry for any inconvenience. It's another construction job!!! It will be beautiful!

Parish contribution envelopes are available in the church office now.

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.

Festival Dance Practice continues on Fridays at 4:30 pm for all grades except college students. Call Theresa Garnem at 967-9299.

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.

NAM Scholarship applications are now available online. The deadline is May 15, 2014.

This week at St. Elias:

Tuesday, 4:00 pm - Stewardship Committee

Wednesday, 5:30 pm Pastoral Council

Father Richard is looking for the person who borrowed the **film of St. Rita** to return it.

First Cooking Session: We need you. Please come this **Saturday, February 15** and help us cook spinach pies. We will start around 9 and will try to finish by 3. Do not feel like you have to come the whole time. We could use your help even for an hour or two. No experience needed. We will train you and there are plenty of chores from filling cups with spinach to packaging the food once it is cooled. We even need dough runners, etc.. Lunch will be provided for workers. Please come and help us start out our first cooking session with plenty of help. Thanks much

Sayedna Robert Shaheen sent his thanks to the parish for our expression of sympathy on the death of his Aunt and Godmother, Edna Michael.

First Confession (Reconciliation) this Friday, February 14 at 4:00pm.

All parishioners are invited.

Announcements

Catholic Information classes will be held on Thursdays at 5:30pm. Next class: February 13. Call the church office if you are interested 251-5057.

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

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

Jr. MYO: 8th graders will help at the banquet.

MYO: Continental Breakfast; Plan to serve lunch!

MYA: 6:30pm Monday Dinner & meeting

STEWARDSHIP

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

CONTRIBUTIONS:

February 2, 2014: \$5,431.00

Catholic Home Missions \$407.00

Capital Campaign update: Pledges: \$2,997,482;

Received: \$2,643,807; Outstanding: \$353,675

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 in the Eparchy as a beneficiary in a will or estate plan. Please remember your Eparchy and parish.

Endowment Fund 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.

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.

Altar Servers' Schedule

Saturday, February 15, 2014

5:00 pm Anthony Wehby and Joe Wehby

Sunday, February 16, 2014

8:00 am Daniel Boackle and Justin Rice

10:30 am Ben Farris and Harris Bolus

Altar Servers' practice Saturday at 10:00 am

Pope's Prayer Intention for February

Universal: That the church and society may respect the wisdom and experience of older people.

Library Exhibit....In honor of the saints

The St. Elias Sixteenth Annual Food and Cultural Festival silent auction committee needs the help of all parishioners in obtaining items for our silent auction. All donations are appreciated. The rectory is our collection area for the donations. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Wanda Elkourie (987-7567, welkourie@charter.net) or Paul Bolus (967-0776, pbolus@babco.com). Please use your network to help us out. Thank you!

Pastor's Corner

During the recent eparchial retreat it was announced that I would be the Vicar General for the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon.

Education #2 Canon 249

The need for a unified leadership of the eparchy is the basis of the canon. In the appointment of a protosyncellus or syncellus, the eparchial bishop is not multiplying the centers of authority in the eparchy nor is he creating a collegial body responsible for the governance of the eparchy. Rather, he is extending his own authority permitting another to act in his name. (TBC)

From our Eparchial Statutes:

What does a Vicar General do?

- He executes policies established by the Bishop
- He oversees operations of the pastoral offices and commissions of the Eparchy
- He cares for the priests of the Eparchy, especially during any difficulties
- He prepares the annual clergy meetings.

Feast of St. Maron



St. Maron is considered the Father of the spiritual and monastic movement now called the Maronite Church. He lived from 350-410 A.D. He was known for his missionary work, miraculous healing and teachings of Christian monotheism. His life of sanctity and miracles attracted many followers and drew attention throughout the Mediterranean empire.

There are 2 Maronite Eparchies in the United States – the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon (to which we belong) and the Eparchy of St. Maron. There are almost 90 parishes and missions in the United States.

PARISH CELEBRATION

LITURGY IN HONOR OF ST. MARON

PARISH FEASTDAY BANQUET AT NOON ON SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 9, 2014

ST. MARON, PRAY FOR US!

Deceased Priests who have served at St. Elias



Reverend Mobarak Bellama

Reverend Joseph Koury

Reverend George Aziz

Reverend Joseph Ghanem (Elmwood Lot 490, Block 29)

Chorbishop Joseph Shebayah

Reverend Joseph Shaboth

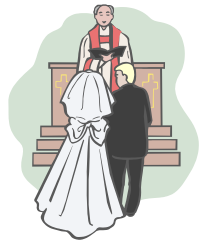
Reverend Paul Rizk

Reverend Joseph Yazbak

Chorbishop Joseph F. Abi-Chedid

Reverend Maron R. Abi-Nader

Chorbishop John Trad



“May the priests who have served you in your holy temple, Lord, enter heaven in glory on the day the just shall rise.” (from the liturgy of the Commemoration of the Priests)